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Redemption Bible Chapel Women's Ministry



Psalm 118:28-29

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Random Historical Fall Facts

Fall was originally called "Harvest." The roots of the word are from German origin, with the idea of "picking" or "plucking."

Bobbing for apples was a British courting invention. Men were assigned an apple and women would bob, hopefully grabbing the apple for the man she wanted!

Candy corn was once called "chicken feed," manufactured in 1898 for the masses of American farm children.

Frozen dinners originated from Swanson when 260 tons of frozen turkey, left over from Thanksgiving, were stored in ten refrigerated rail cars.

The first pumpkin pies had no crust. They involved filling a hollowed-out pumpkin with spice and sweetened milk, then cooking it over an open fire.

Welcome Fall!

I say it every year. "I can't believe how quickly the summer has flown by!" As we round the corner to September, it can often be a time of both nostalgia and anticipation. Who doesn't miss the lazy days of summer? Yet hopefully we are also excited about all that God has in store for the remainder of 2024.

In many ways, September can be viewed as a fresh start. It's the start of a new season as leaves change colours, students return to school, and vacation time comes to an end. For many of us, the fall can be the start of new routines and a recommitment to some important habits that have gone by the wayside.

As children of God, this is a good time of year to evaluate how we have been growing in our spiritual lives. In Philippians 3:13-14, the Apostle Paul says this: But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. In other words, Paul doesn't spend a lot of time thinking about how he has possibly fallen short as a believer; instead, he claims the grace and mercy of God as He continues in His pursuit of Christ.

At Redemption, our mission is to encourage one another in the pursuit of Christ through the following: abide, connect, and share. So how does our women's ministry align with all of this?

- Abide Bible study is a great way to remain diligent in studying God's Word and cultivate a prayer life. We meet weekly to grow in our understanding of the scripture, to flourish in its application to our lives, and to pray for the spiritual maturity of one another. We also strive to hold one another accountable for our day-to-day time with God.
- Connect Along with Bible study, we offer various events and classes to
 encourage fellowship, serve one another, and build up one another up in the
 faith. These things are all vital to caring for one another as sisters in Christ.
- Share Our prayer for Redemption Women is that we will help one another
 grow in faith, wisdom, and courage, through the power of the Holy Spirit. As
 this happens, we will become better equipped to boldly share the Gospel
 and disciple others within the contexts of our homes, workplaces, and
 communities. Women's ministry is also an avenue to introduce others to
 what the Church is all about. Friends are always welcome!

So, this fall, commit again to your pursuit of Christ. Just like Paul, keep looking ahead and pressing on. It's truly the only way to live!

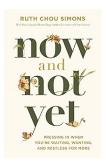
Linda Seabrook, Director of Women's Ministry

Resource Recommendations:

Secrets of the Secret Place By Bob Sorge



Now and Not Yet By Ruth Simons Chou



Transforming Culture By Muskoka Bible Centre



What's happening in Women's Ministry this fall?



Join us for our fall session of Bible Study on the book of Esther. We will meet every Tuesday morning or evening from September 17th to December 3rd. (Childcare available in the morning session only). Cost of the book is \$ 20.

For more details and to register, go to: https://www.rbclondon.ca/women/

More Ways to Get Involved . . .

The Story of the Bible

Have you ever wondered how the Bible fits together from Genesis to Revelation? Do you know certain Bible stories but are unsure where they fit into the entirety of God's Word? Do you want to learn how to study the Bible for yourself? Join us over four Saturday mornings (Oct. 19th, Nov. 9th, Jan. 18th, Feb. 22nd) to find the answers to these questions and a whole lot more! Materials provided will be a great resource for years to come. Registration opens September 19th.

Mom's Night Out

Moms of all ages and seasons are invited to join us for "Mom's Night Out: Preparing for the Season" on Friday, October 25th at 7 pm. Be encouraged by both practical and spiritual insight on how to prepare your family for a Christcentered Christmas. Registration opens September 27th.

Christmas Event

This is the event of the year for women's ministry! "Awake to the Wonder" will be an evening of celebration of our Saviour's coming to earth. On Friday,

December 6th, join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Most importantly, come to be reminded of the true story of Christmas.

Registration opens October 24th.

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