

Glad Tidings

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things. Rom.10:15

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Women's Ministry Invites You to Coffee & Chat



Let's meet for coffee & treats. Get to know FPCC Ladies.

Come & bring a friend.

March 22, 9:45 - 10:45 AM

Fellowship Hall

Indescribable:

HIS GRACE, OUR GROWTH

WORSHIP AND STORY OF RESCUE WITH SINGER-SONGWRITER

Laura Story

Saturday, April 18, 2015

10:00 AM - BRUNCH (\$5)

11:15 AM - CONCERT (\$10)

COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE FREE

Tickets are required

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 13

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About Laura Story

Laura Story is a songwriter, worship leader, artist, wife, and mother. Her Grammy-winning songs, including "Blessings" and "Indescribable," have brought hope to millions around the world—but she would never tell you that. Traveling for solo concerts and with groups such as Casting Crowns, leading worship at Perimeter Church, and loving life with husband Martin, daughter Josie, and twin sons Griffin and Benjamin in Atlanta, Georgia, are everyday gifts of mercy in her life.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What began as an ordinary day, March 3, 1960, quickly evolved into a day to remember for many Chattanoogaans. That day, March came in like a lion. As weather conditions worsened, my dad picked me up from school downtown, and the journey began. Reaching the top of Signal Mountain was only the beginning. Every road on the way home was at some point blocked by ice-covered trees sprawling across the road. Trying this way and that, hours passed as darkness began to surround us. Finally realizing the attempt to move the car any farther was hopeless, my dad decided, even in the midst of the chaos around us, we would walk the last few miles. We prayed that we could find our way in the dark through the blinding, blowing snow, with huge trees snapping like Pik-Up Sticks all around us. The sudden storm found me with no boots, gloves, or hat; my hair was a fringe of icicles dangling around my shoulders. Trudging through the eerie maze that night, alone with my dad, one frightening episode closely barked at the heels of another. Even now, it is difficult to describe the feelings of relief, when after five hours we could see a flickering glimmer of hope at the end of our street: a tiny candle glowing in the window of our home. A frightened wife and mother waited in the dark, praying, watching at the window, pacing the cold floor. Fear came in like a lion, but that small candle was the lamb, the gift that drove away the fear.



So why do experiences come to us in waves? Sometimes they roar in like a blustery, stormy March day, yet at other times they roll in gently, springtime warm. I have come to believe that some of the answer may be found in 1 Peter 1:6-7 (ESV)—“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

In *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* from C.S. Lewis’s *Chronicles of Narnia* series, Aslan says,

“But there I have another name. You must learn to know me by that name. This was the very reason why you were brought to Narnia, that by knowing me here for a little, you may know me better there.”

Whether the month of March 2015 comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb, or vice-versa, the One symbolized by Aslan knows we need to experience Him in both situations in order that we would “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” Romans 12:2 ESV.

And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered . . .”

– Revelation 5:5a ESV

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

– Revelation 5:12b ESV

Anne Rankin

It's a Wonderful Life!
Senior Adult Fellowship
Thursday, March 12, 10:30 AM
Wings to Soar – Birds of Prey



Wings to Soar is a non-profit environmental organization that cares for non-releasable birds of prey. Their presentation will feature a variety of birds, some of which will be free-flying for an unforgettable “close encounter”!

Our day begins with fellowship at 10:30 AM followed by the program at 11:00 AM and a delicious lunch at a cost of \$6. Please contact Janette Barnes (706-820-9029) or Rosa Wrenn (423-886-6349) for reservations.

First Friends
Spring Celebration
Friday, March 20, 6:30 PM



Celebrate our Lord’s infinite blessings on this First Day of Spring with **First Friends**. Join American church members and international college students for an “indoor picnic” and guest speaker beginning at 6:30 PM on Friday evening, March 20, in our Student Center. After our speaker, we’ll have our usual sports, games, and friendship-forming conversations. Chicken will be provided, but it will help if you can bring a side picnic dish. Please let Karen Payne (706-891-6772) know if you have questions and if you and your family will attend.



March Calendar



Each Sunday	D-Groups, except March 29	5:30 PM for groups at church	
Each Monday	Women's Prayer Time	10:00 AM	Session Room
	Exception: 9:30 AM on March 9 Men of the City	12:00 NOON	Student Center
Each Tuesday	Precept Bible Study, ends March 3	9:30 AM	Tower 403
	GaP Bible Study, ends March 17	9:45 AM	SS Top Floor
	Beatitude Living	12:00 NOON	Tower 404
	Fireside Study & Dinner	5:45 PM	Nell Davis Room
Each Wednesday	Prayer for World Missions	5:00 PM	Tower 302
Each Thursday	Women of the Covenant	9:30 AM	Tower 403
Each Friday	FATHERS	6:15 AM	Fellowship Hall
	Card-E-ology	10:00 AM	Tower 10 th Floor
Friday, February 27, NOON	DEADLINE for April <i>Glad Tidings</i> Please send contribution to BOTH cparkhurst708@bellsouth.net AND jhbostick64@gmail.com .		
Monday, March 2	Circle Leaders	10:00 AM	Tower 258
	Circle Bible Leaders	11:00 AM	Tower 404
Wednesday, March 4	MOPS Outing	10:00 AM	TBA
Monday, March 9	Day Circle Meetings	10:30 AM	
	Women's Luncheon	12:00 NOON	Fellowship Hall
	Women's Ministry Council	1:00 pm	Poindexter Room
Wednesday, March 11	Prayer Walk for UTC	5:00 PM	Meet in Connector
Thursday, March 12	It's a Wonderful Life!	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 17	Evening Circle & Dinner	5:45 PM	Nell Davis Room
Wednesday, March 18	MOPS	9:15 AM	Nell Davis Room
Friday, March 20	First Friends	6:30 PM	Student Center
Sunday, March 22	Women's Ministry Coffee & Chat	9:45 AM	Fellowship Hall

Coming Events

Wednesday, April 1 Deadline for May *Glad Tidings*
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Thursday, April 2	Fellowship Dinner	5:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 18	Women's Brunch	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
	"Indescribable" with Laura Story	11:15 AM	Sanctuary

JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR FOR THE EASTER SEASON!

Singers (aged 14 and up) are invited to sing with the adult choir for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday morning. Rehearsals are underway each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM.



Maundy Thursday, April 2

Church Dinner at 5:30 PM
Worship with Communion at 6:30 PM
Adult Choir, Strings, Solos, with special prelude



Easter Sunday, April 5

"Behold the Lamb" is a pre-service program at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, presented by the Adult Choir, Orchestra, and Soloists. Both morning services will feature the Adult Choir and Orchestra.

MARCH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Study 7 in *Women of the New Testament*:
"Sapphira" on Acts 4:32—5:11

FLOWER ARRANGING & DELIVERY

March 1 & 8: Precept Bible Study
March 15, 22, 29: Adult Choir

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March 2015

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

HONOR ROLL BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Dot Sertel (Circle 3)
Life Care of Hixson, # 233A
5798 Hixson Homeplace
Hixson, TN 37343

March 4 Donna Durand (Circle 3)
Lenbrook Senior Living, #305
3747 Peachtree Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30319

March 16 Nancy Tatum (Circle 1)
Hickory Valley Retirement Center, #243
6705 Ballard Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421

March 21 Jason Belcher
101 Joyce Avenue, #1E
Red Bank, TN 37415

March 21 Lora Canter (Circle 1)
1907 Belleau Village Lane
Chattanooga, TN 37421

March 24 Dot Banks (Circle 1)
204 Young Road
Ringgold, GA 30736



March 26 Millie Gilley (Circle 2)
304 Gilley Lane
Chickamauga, GA 30707

March 27 Ben Jackson
The Terrace, #308
1005 Mountain Creek Road
Chattanooga, TN 37405

April 2 Sue Shipp (Circle 1)
Life Care of East Ridge, #306A
1500 Fincher Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37412

April 6 Sue Harrison (Circle 3)
Life Care of Hixson, #204
5798 Hixson Homeplace
Hixson, TN 37343

April 6 Helen McRee (Circle 3)
Soddy Daisy Healthcare Center, # 125B
701 Sequoyah Access Road
Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

April 8 Lillian Barnett (Circle 2)
1414 Continental Drive, #805
Chattanooga, TN 37405

