

What's Happening for Women

June

6-7 - Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference
10 - Summer Bible Study Starts, 10am, EB226 (see below)

UBC Groups for Women

Tuesdays, 7pm

EB 228 - led by Karol Peters

Wednesdays

Right at Home Moms - 9:30am-11:45am, 3rd Floor Lounge

New for the Summer!

Children of the Day: 1 & 2 Thessalonians by Beth Moore - 10am-12pm, EB226

Class begins June 10th

Sundays

9:30am, EB 202 - Second Wind led by Pamm Muzlay

11 am, EB 209 - The Lydia Group for Working Women led by Angie Reeves

11 am, EB 102 - Journey to Joy led by Debbie Hampton

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Anything This Summer

By Lora Doremus

Grab your sunscreen! It's time to head to the beach to soak in the sunshine, relax in the cool salt breezes, and splash in the waves. Or maybe head to the Texas hill country, go tubing, cook over a camp fire, and roast marshmallows. Or take a cruise. Or head to the Colorado mountains.

Every summer while my kids were growing up we took them camping. We camped by the cold Texas rivers, we drove to Yellowstone National Park or the Rocky Mountains or Padre Island. And believe me, camping is definitely a family bonding activity. I remember one morning when I woke up and realized that my youngest daughter had thrown up in my hair during the night. Another summer, the tooth fairy came to our tent for all three children during our two week trip. On another soggy day, my husband and I spent the evening sitting on top of the picnic table taking turns squashing scorpions while enjoying a cold beverage. Don't get me wrong. We LOVED it! Little kids sleep great on camping trips!

Sometimes I think that I would give anything to have those days back, and then I think about what else I would give anything for. Anything. Would I give anything to have a closer and deeper relationship with God? I already feel pretty close to Him, but would I give anything to go even deeper?

I've been asking myself that question a lot lately because I have begun praying this prayer: God, ANYTHING you want me to do, I'll do it. Anything. Whatever you ask of me, I'll do it, or at least I want to do it. Or at least I *want to want* to do it.

There's a certain peace that comes from turning the reigns over to Jesus. To abandoning yourself to whatever He wants. I've been experimenting with that lately and I have to say, it's great. It's not easy. I have to die to myself a little more each time God tells me that He wants me to *not* retaliate, to go ahead and do that yucky chore even though I don't feel like it but it will make my husband happy. To give up some leisure time after a hard day because someone needs me. To do without.

As you think about the coming months ask God, "What would it take to get closer to You this summer? I'll do ANYTHING." As He shows you, just do it. The peace is amazing. And you might end up being a happy camper all summer!



The Word

"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."
(Matthew 5:16)

"Taste and see that the Lord is good."
(Psalm 34:8)

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."
(Psalm 119:105)

"For in him we live and move and exist."
(Acts 17:28)

Summer Listening List

Plug in to enrich and inspire. Try these podcasts and music recommendations from the UBC Women's Leadership Team.



Apologetics in a call in question/answer format.

<http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/bible-answer-man/>



You may not always have the time to sit down and study the scripture daily, but you can usually find time, either while cooking dinner or running errands, to listen. Each day there is some passage to hear in a new way, or that you've never heard before, that can make you stop to consider, repent, or worship.

dailyaudiobible.com



RZIM (Ravi Zacharias International Ministries) – Ravi tackles the tough questions and has such an intelligent and compassionate heart for the lost.

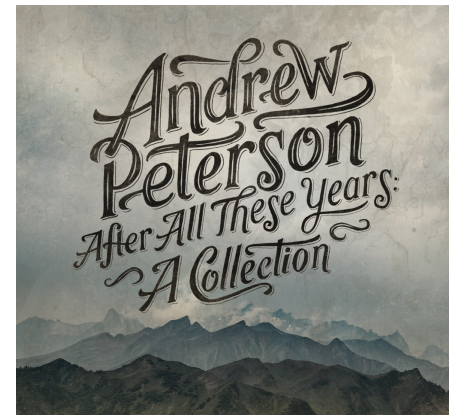
<http://rzim.org/media/listen>



Tullian Tchividjian's series on Romans is especially recommended. It's all about grace!
<http://www.crpc.org/media/preacher/u/2/tullian-tchividjian>



Several musicians have teamed up to put scripture to music, and it's available for free download at theversesproject.com. It's a great way to write His word on our hearts.



Andrew Peterson is a storyteller. His songs have a way of putting into words things that we think, sense, and feel in a beautiful way. Lot's of beautiful acoustic guitar.



Dr. Evans gives great visual pictures to make the word come alive. He is very animated as is his congregation. Fun to hear! <http://tonyevans.org/category/tony-evans-radio-broadcast-the-alternative/>

Serving the Church Through VBS

by Jennifer Simmons



Vacation Bible School is one of my favorite times of the year! My VBS partner in crime, Laura Davis, and I start preparing for this week in January, even though the kids don't get to experience it until June. This will be my 4th year serving as one of the directors of VBS. I absolutely love being a part of putting together the fabulous team of adults and teens who make this week happen.

We have teams of leaders for worship, missions, snacks, games, science experiments, and actors who keep the kids engaged all morning long. I believe the workers get at least as much out of the week as the kids do. My 5-year old daughter loves singing the songs from the CDs and shouting out the Bible points from each day's lesson. It's truly amazing to see the excitement of God alive in the kids each day.

This year our theme is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. We'll explore God through His power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive, and love us forever. We would LOVE for you to join us in the excitement of sharing Christ with our kids!

Come be a Crew Guide, help decorate the week before, or provide snacks for our MANY adult workers. We'll be at the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can contact me at jsimmonstx@att.net for more information.

Join in the fun and share the power of God with the children of UBC!

How well do you know these songs of summer?

Can you guess the song and artists of these summer songs?

1. "And I can't wait to see what my buddies all think of me
Just imagine how much cooler I'll be
In summer"
2. "They're anglin' in Laguna in Cerro Azul
They're kicking out in Dohini too
I tell you surfing's mighty wild
It's getting bigger every day
From Hawaii to the shores of Peru "
3. "I'm gonna take two weeks, gonna have a fine vacation
I'm gonna take my problem to the United Nations
Well I called my congressman and he said quote:
'I'd like to help you son but you're too young to vote' "
4. "It turned colder, that's where it ends
So I told her we'd still be friends
Then we made our true love vow
Wonder what she's doing now"

