

What's Happening for Women

May

8 - UBC Date Night
 16 - Run4Rand benefitting Student Ministry Missions to Africa
 28 - Popsicles on the Playground, 9am @UBC
 31 - Senior Graduation Sunday

June

6-7 - Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

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

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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Want to contribute to future newsletters? Let us know!

Joy



Joy:

A UBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY MAGAZINE

It's Service, Not Status

We live in an area where status is praised. Where do you live? Where do your kids go to school? What do you do for a living? What kind of car do you drive? Where do you shop? Where do you go to church?

If you live in the greater Bay Area, it is easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of status. Competition is the name of the game in our affluent, educated corner of the world.

Yet, the Lord commands us to have the heart of a servant. How is it possible to balance the impossible scale of status and service? When is the last time you really served on the level that the Lord commands us to serve? It is easy to become complacent and unintentionally overlook the needs that surround us every day. As a quick frame of reference, take a moment to ask yourself the following questions and answer honestly from the stillness of your heart:

When was the last time you...

- Spoke a kind word to the checker at your grocery store?
- Asked a server how their life was going?
- Stopped to see if you could bring food to someone who was hungry?
- Visited a person who was lonely and in need of a hug or a word of encouragement?
- Looked around you to see if there was someone sitting alone in your Bible Study or the worship service and invite them to sit with you?
- Share clothing, shoes, or school supplies with children who are in need?
- Offered to cut someone's yard or feed their animals when while they out of town?

In a world where status counts and schedules are simply spinning out of control, sometimes we just need to take a break and read what God says about servanthood.

"But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45 ESV

Jesus was the son of God and the Savior of the world. Talk about status! However, he was never proud, boastful or judgmental. He epitomized love and servanthood. He came as a servant for everyone, regardless of status, culture, or sins committed. Nothing could dictate the amount of love lavished on His people.



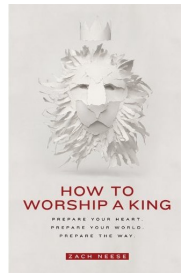
The Word

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

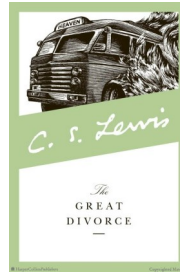
- Galatians 5:13 ESV

Summer Reading List

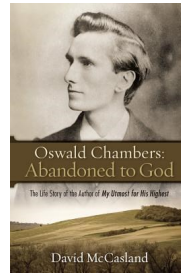
Curl up with a book this summer to enrich your mind or escape with these books recommended by the UBC Women's Leadership Team.



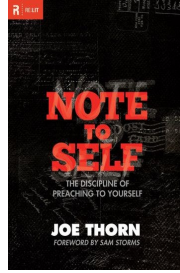
I love how in this book explains the significance of the structure and design of the tabernacle in the Old Testament, and relates it to how we are to enter into worship of God today.



Lewis wonderfully depicts the everyday behaviors we have are rooted in our thinking and their are good and bad consequences. *Mere Christianity* by Lewis is also highly recommended.



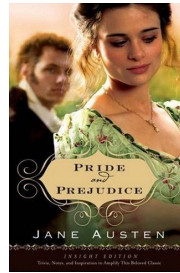
The way Oswald Chambers expressed his spiritual understanding in the letters included in this book are so fresh and clear - even though he lived from 1874-1917. I think I'll read it



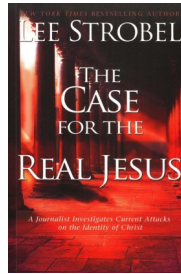
A practical introduction to the daily discipline of preaching the gospel to yourself every day and applying it to your life.



Bigney helps us to identify our idols, understand how they lead us to commit treason against the gospel--and finally repent of them and root them out forever.



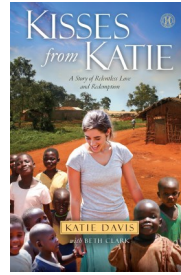
There is a reason why this book is a classic and Austen's witty dialog is only one of them. This is in my top five books of all time favorites.



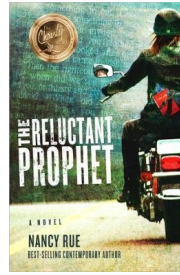
Strobel evaluates and examines controversial questions about Jesus including alternative gospels, efficacy of Biblical texts, the historical discussions of the resurrection, and Jesus as Messiah.



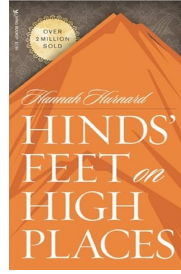
The story of how a friendship can bring healing and redemption. A beautiful book portraying the ability of love to break down the walls people build in their lives.



Precious story of how a girl gives up her life in the States to live her dream in Africa and learns what it means to really love and serve others for Jesus.



The first in a brave trilogy from seasoned writer Nancy Rue, *The Reluctant Prophet* shows how one person's response to God's call can change a community forever.



Love, love this book! Much-Afraid desires to follow the Good Shepherd but is tormented. She journeys through difficult places with her companions, Sorrow and Suffering, as she learns to trust the Good Shepherd and follow Him.



This story follows the life of a man as he goes from poor child, to wealthy son, to slave, to gladiator. It is a story of betrayal, redemption, and love. Written by a native Houstonian.

Walking on the Faith Path

My child, listen and be wise.
Keep your heart on the right path.
-Proverbs 23:19

This month, UBC launches Faith Path a program meant to walk with parents through every step of their child's spiritual development from birth to age 18. Because these are foundational issues, many of the topic of Faith Path are applicable to adult new believers as well. The yearly themes include topics like worship, the Bible, blessings, purity, prayer, and giving. Every year on their child's birthday, a family will receive a kit that includes training, resources and ideas to help you guide your child along the path to Christ.

University Baptist Church is passionate about helping families incorporate faith into everyday life. And God gave parents the privilege of nurturing faith in the next generation. That's why the Faith Path was created, as a step-by-step plan to help you be intentional as you prepare for key faith milestones and foster spiritual disciplines in your child's faith journey.

You can start today regardless of your child's age or stage of development. Don't worry if you miss a step or if you start the process with an older child. You can always go back and emphasize earlier steps. We also encourage you to reinforce these practices as your child matures rather than view them as a one-time emphasis. You'll find recommended resources and ideas for beginning each step in your child's life and continuing as he or she matures.

Every step along the Faith Path is intended to guide and direct your child toward becoming a fully developing follower of Jesus Christ. At some point along the way, your child will be mature enough to make a clear decision to trust Christ as his or her Savior and then follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

To find more out more about this program, please visit www.ubc.org/faithpath or visit The Porch in the Fellowship Hall.

One Star Book Reviews for Famous Books

Grimm's Complete Fairy Tales by The Brothers Grimm

★ "as pointless and random as a dream told to you by force by a co-worker you have no personal interest in."

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaked Hosseini

★ "I only finished it because it's my new book club's book this month. Next month better be an improvement. Like a novelization of a Kevin Costner movie, say, or an instructional manual on bathroom tiling."

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

★ "Story has good twists, but there are too many French places and people..."

Divine Comedy by Dante

★ "The most worrisome part of this book is that Dante left out one circle of Hell... The one where you are forced to read this book."

Treasure Island by Robert Lois Stevenson

★ "It was too 'pirate-y'."

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch

★ "I know if I was a kid and woke up in the middle of the night to see my mom peeking at me over the edge of the bed like Gollum at his precious, I would still be telling my therapist about it to this very day."