

## What's Happening for Women

### October

27th– Journey to Joy Fall Festival Service Day, 10-12  
 29th– Journey to Joy Fall Festival Service Day, 9:45-12  
 31st- UBC Fall Festival, 4pm– 7pm

### November

5th– Tapestry Dinner: Speaker Mary Jo Sharp, 6:30pm  
 12th– Weekday Christmas Mini Bazaar

### December

3rd– Lighthouse of Hope  
 13th– Glory to the King, Contemporary Christmas Music Program, 11:00am  
 20th– Savior, Traditional Christmas Music Program, 9:30am and 11:00am  
 24th– Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service, 5:30pm  
 24th- Candlelight/ Lord's Supper Service, 11:00pm

### UBC Groups for Women

Tuesdays, 7pm  
 EB 101 - led by Karol Peters

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

Thursdays  
 Precepts- 9:45am– 12pm, EB226  
 Crossing Cultures– 9:45am– 12pm, EB222  
 Sermon on the Mount– 9:45am– 12pm, EB210

Sundays  
 9:30am, EB 202 -Second Wind led by Pamm Muzsly  
 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  
 5 pm– 7pm, East Foyer - Book Club for Women; Gospel Treason led by Jennifer Broddle

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Want to contribute to future newsletters? Let us know!

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## Reaching our Dominican

By Kimberlee Allen



The Word

The Dominican Republic is an absolutely beautiful place. Beaches, mountains, rivers, and waterfalls surround an incredibly loving, humble, and hospitable people. The times I've spent in that country have been some of the best times in my life. I've learned more about God and myself while serving there than I have anywhere else. Many of the Dominicans I've met demonstrate a faith in God that is so profound, so complete that it is impossible not to be inspired and encouraged to trust God with everything you are and everything you have. During college, I spent my last semester in the Dominican Republic teaching at a Christian school and living with a Dominican family. Since then, I've returned four times with our church to train Dominican teachers. I'm so thankful that God continues to take me back to such a beautiful place to remind me of who He is and how much He loves His people.

This year I was asked to lead our teacher team. It was extremely challenging, but I had an incredible team willing to do anything that I asked. God taught me to depend on Him, have patience, be flexible, and find joy in all circumstances, just as His Dominican people do. We put on two conferences in two different cities and served about one hundred teachers from twenty different schools. The Dominican teachers were split into three groups according to the grade level they teach. The teachers on our team prepared professional development sessions on biblical integration, learning theory, classroom management, engagement, hands-on activities, music, and art. Teachers in the Dominican Republic rarely receive professional development, and most haven't had any formal training to be a teacher. They soaked up what we had to show them and expressed sincere gratitude for our willingness to leave our homes and families to spend time with them. Thanks to the generosity of the people in our church and community, each teacher was also given a bag of school supplies to help them start the year.

It was truly wonderful trip. God impacted countless lives through our team. I'm thankful for my team who was willing to follow God's call to the Dominican Republic, South Texas Children's Home Ministry for the incredible work they are doing around the world, Iglesia Bautista Quisqueyana for being such gracious hosts, and our church family for supporting us and praying for us. I can't wait to see what God has in store for next year's trip!

If you are interested in joining next summer's Dominican Teacher's trip contact [lora.doremus@ubc.org](mailto:lora.doremus@ubc.org) for more info.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and Love your neighbor as yourself.  
 (Luke 10:27)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.  
 (Matthew 28:19-20)

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
 (Galatians 3:28)

**Chili for When It's Chilly! ~ Feeds a Crowd!**

If you've lived in Houston for any length of time you know that by the time Fall rolls around we're all wishing for the cold weather. Of course the best way to speed that process along is to start making all that good, hot comfort food that you can. Makes sense, right?

- \*1 lb. ground beef
- \*1 onion, chopped
- \*1 green pepper, chopped
- \*2 cloves garlic, peeled & minced
- \*2 cans stewed tomatoes, drained & rinsed
- \*1 can tomato sauce
- \*4 Tbls chili powder
- \*2 tsp cumin
- \*1 tsp coriander
- \*2 cans beef broth
- \*1 can pinto beans, drained & rinsed
- \*1 can black beans, drained & rinsed
- \*12 oz. frozen corn
- \*Salt & pepper to taste

Brown the meat with the onion, pepper, & garlic in a large stock pot or Dutch oven, drain the fat. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, broth, and spices and bring to a boil then turn down to simmer for 1-2 hours. Add beans and corn for the last 20-30 minutes. Serve hot with your favorite chili toppings, our favorite is to serve it over cornbread. Enjoy while you pray for the cooler weather, it's bound to get here sooner or later!

**Easy Decorative Pumpkins ~\$10**

If you're looking for a quick and easy way to brighten your home this fall these pumpkins are a great way to start!

- \*6 Bunches of Fall colored fake flowers
- \*4 Pumpkins
- \*Optional- Tape, Hot glue gun



These came together in about 15 minutes. I purchased the flowers and 3 of the pumpkins from Dollar Tree, and the wire pumpkin from Target. The pumpkins were styrofoam and so I simply pulled the blooms off the stems and stuck them into the large pumpkin all around. Depending on the type of pumpkins you buy you may need to attach the blooms with tape or a hot glue gun. With the leftover blooms I embellished the two small pumpkins, and pushed them inside the wire pumpkin.

**UBC Fall Festival  
Saturday October 31st 4-7pm**

Break out your costumes and candy, it's that time of year again! Our annual Fall Festival at UBC is one of our highest attended events and a huge community outreach event with about 1800 people attending last year. This year we are planning for at least the same amount of people to come and play all the fun games, participate in our door prizes, grab some good candy, and have a great time with their families. As with years past, games appropriate for preschool age children will be located in the chapel, and games appropriate for elementary age children and up will be outside in the parking lot. We will also have a prayer tent set up outside made available to anyone who is in need of prayer. In addition to all the fun we have, we also have a booth set up to receive canned good donations that benefit Clear Lake Food Pantry.

We would be absolutely lost without our army of volunteers that help make Fall Festival possible every year. If you have never volunteered and are looking for a way to jump in, or if you are a return volunteer, first thank you so much for being such a blessing to our community! You can help by volunteering to direct traffic, man an indoor or outdoor game or inflatable, donate candy for the event, sort candy for the event, donate items for the door prizes, or put a yard sign in your yard advertising the festival. Our yard signs are new this year since we are starting at a new time, so make sure to grab a new sign from the Fellowship Hall on the 18th or 25th.

To volunteer you can sign up at the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, sign up with your WBS class, or you can contact Janet Kuhlman at [281-488-8517](tel:281-488-8517) or [janet.kuhlman@ubc.org](mailto:janet.kuhlman@ubc.org).



**Mary Jo Sharp to Speak at the  
2015 Tapestry Dinner**



Mary Jo Sharp is a former atheist from the Pacific Northwest who thought religion was for the weak-minded. She now holds a Masters in Christian Apologetics from Biola University and is the first woman to become a Certified Apologetics Instructor through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mary Jo is an Assistant Professor at Houston Baptist University, on faculty with Summit Ministries, an author with Kregel Publications and B&H Publications, author of the top-selling Bible study, "Why Do You Believe That?" and has recently produced a new DVD Bible Study with LifeWay Resources. A clear communicator with a heart for people, she finds great joy in sharing the deep truths of her Lord and Savior.

The UBC Women's Tapestry Dinner is November 5th at 6:30. Women are invited to enjoy a catered meal and fellowship around tables beautifully decorated by table hostesses. Mary Jo Sharp will speak during the special program following dinner.

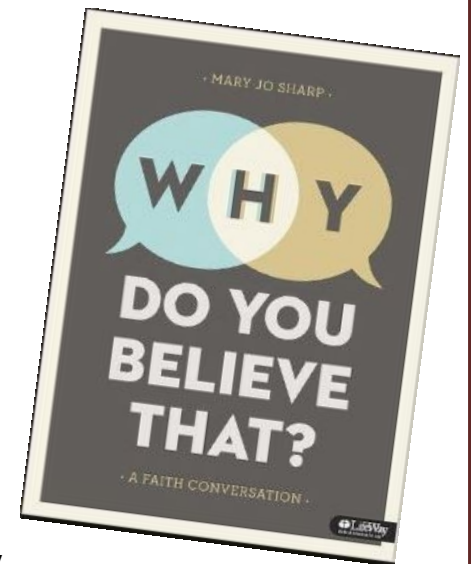
The cost is \$15 per person or \$105 per table of eight. Registration coming soon online, in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, and during Journey to Joy Bible Studies.

Invite your friends for this exciting night of fun and transformation. Be ready for a change!

**Bible Study Testimony: Jennifer Pearce**

This past spring women's Bible study offered Why Do You Believe That by Mary Jo Sharp. Check out these words from Jennifer Pearce:

I studied Mary Jo Sharp's book "Why Do You Believe That" in Journey to Joy last Spring. Her message is really a big sigh of relief. I have been a believer for a while and have done several studies on how to share my faith. I have learned acronyms, Roman roads, spiritual laws, used hand gestures, and even finger puppets. But in all that studying, I had actually missed the point: I had put "an inordinate amount of emphasis on conversion rather than love and compassion for God's creation." The primary force behind sharing the gospel should be my love for others. And what is more loving than really listening, and then asking questions to find out what answers they need in their life. It is not one size fits all. And I am not going to have all the answers to their hard questions. But He does, and I can build trust and a relationship that may ultimately lead to faith.



Do you want to hear more from Mary Jo Sharp? Join us at the Tapestry Dinner on November 5th. We would love to see you there!