Christmas at the Caroline House Recap

This year’s Christmas at the Caroline House (CCH) outreach event was such a wonderful time! Thank you to the 70+ volunteers and staff members who served as House Hostesses, Greeters, Servers, Ticket-takers, Clean-Up Crew, Drivers, and Centerpiece makers! This event would not have been possible without your service. I also wanted to say a huge thank you to the Women who decorated the Caroline House. You used your talents and time to create a beautifully decorated Caroline House. Without you, we could not host this outreach event. You provided the home that gives us access to the hearts of our non-believing friends. Thank you house decorators: Beth Jordan, Susan Huff, Elizabeth Jordan, Catherine Godwin, Susan Maxey, Susie Schor, Summer Schor, Jenny Allen, Lydia Duncan, Katie Duffey, Allison Barton, Ann Potter, Sara Newdome, Kellie Stewart, Jill White, Lyndsey Holcomb, Emily Ness, the Growing in Grace Class, Abby Leib, Charlie Splawn, Jackie Landerfelt, Marion Petty, and Christian Terrell!

Holly Mackle did a wonderful job of reminding us of our great Savior. She pointed out how desperate our need is and then she pointed us to the great Hope we have in Christ! We all enjoyed delicious food provided by Sherri Smith and her team. In fact, the breakfast casserole was such a hit, we asked Sherri to share her recipe. It is located on page 9 of this newsletter.
We all had the opportunity to relax with friends and do a bit of early Christmas shopping at the Briarwood Bookstore table, the WellHouse table and Ornaments for Orphans table. Then the evening was topped off by touring the beautifully decorated Caroline House.

Most of you know, this was only my second CCH so I am still learning as it relates to attendance, program, decorations and the large volume of volunteers. Needless to say – I was overwhelmed at the generosity of our women in giving of their time and talents. I was once again thrilled at our turnout for this event. We had over 600 women attend during the three sessions!!!! As I looked through the cards that each guest filled out for the door prizes, about 60% of those who attended were guests and visitors to Briarwood. While most of these guests were members of sister churches in the area, close to 50 cards were filled out that did not list any church affiliation. Please join me in praying for these women that the Lord would be pleased to bring them to Himself during this Christmas season. Let us also pray for the Briarwood women who brought these individuals to the event – that they may have opportunities for further gospel conversations.

Again, Thank you to everyone involved in serving and thank you to everyone who came to the event. I pray you were blessed by the fellowship, food, focused message, and beautifully decorated show house! To see more pictures from the event, checkout our Facebook and Instagram pages.
Spring Studies 2020

Below is a list of all the studies we will be offering this upcoming Spring.

**TUESDAYS: The Promised One**

**Study Overview:** The Promised One provides a fresh look at the book of Genesis, leading readers in discovering how its stories, symbols, people, and promises point to Christ. Over ten weeks of study, participants will see Christ as the agent of creation, the offspring who will crush the head of the serpent, the ark of salvation, the source of the righteousness credited to Abraham, the substitutionary sacrifice provided by God, the Savior to whom the whole world must come for life, and much more.

**Study Leaders:** Mary Anne Turnbull and Karen Duffey

**Start Date:** January 7

**Meetings:** Tuesdays at 9:30 am

**Location:** G-101

**Cost:** Books can be purchased in the bookstore for $13

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**TUESDAYS: Pilgrim’s Progress Pt. 2**

**Study Overview:** Join us as we continue in our study of Christian’s progress through salvation and sanctification. We will move into the second part of the book, which includes his wife and family’s pilgrimage. In our time together, Pilgrim’s Progress will be a beautiful backdrop for deeper discussions on salvation, sanctification and holiness. New people who’d like to jump in this semester are more than welcome!

**Study Leader:** Cindy Reeder

**Start Date:** January 14

**Meetings:** Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

**Location:** FH-A

**Additional Information:** You may purchase Pilgrim’s Progress in the bookstore. Make sure you purchase the edition listed:

ISBN#: 978-0-88270-757-0; Library of Congress#: 98-72704
Spring Studies 2020 continued..

**TUESDAYS:  Caroline Circle**

**Study Overview:** Make time, once a month to meet with other women, study the Word, and enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer. We will study about heaven: what it is and how to get there. Learn to joyfully anticipate both heaven and the promised resurrection.

**Study Leaders:** Jan Clark and Nancy Mansfield

**Start Date:** January 14

**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month - fellowship at 10:00 a.m. and study at 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Caroline House

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**WEDNESDAYS:  Romans: The Gospel and Doctrines of Grace**

**Study Overview:** Our Romans study is entitled: "Romans: The Gospel and Doctrines of Grace." Paul's letter to the Romans is a kind of Christian manifesto. "It is the fullest, plainest, and grandest statement of the gospel in the New Testament," writes author John Stott. Romans is a written systematized presentation of the doctrine of justification by faith. For our ten week study of Romans 1-8, we will be using the ROMANS acronym as our GPS guide:

- **R**uin
- **O**ffer
- **M**odel
- **A**ccess
- **N**ew
- **M**an
- **S**anctification

Along the way, we will look at essential Christian doctrines such as the grammar of grace, identity, and union in Christ.

**Study Leader:** Donna Evans

**Start Date:** January 8

**Meetings:** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**Location:** M202

**Cost:** $10 for material (available at the study)

**Additional Information:** Medium Homework
**WEDNESDAYS: Colossians**

**Study Overview:** Another new year!? Start it by looking at the all sufficiency of the Lord Jesus, for every step of this year. We need nothing beyond Him, but we do need him. Come join us as we dive into the book of Colossians.

**Study Leader:** Dr. Susan McCollum

**Start Date:** January 8

**Meetings:** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**Location:** M210

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**WEDNESDAYS: Studying the Bible/Teaching the Bible**

**Study Overview:** A workshop aimed at equipping you to rightly understand and handle the Word of God using expositional study principles. This series is open to any woman who wants to become a better student or teacher of the Bible.

**Study Leader:** Joy Moore & Team

**Start Date:** January 8

**Meetings:** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**Location:** G103
Spring Studies 2020 continued..

**THURSDAYS: Precept: 1 Samuel**

**Study Overview:** As I Samuel begins the nation of Israel is at a low point spiritually. The priesthood is corrupt, idolatry is being practiced, and the nation’s judges are dishonest. We will study the lives of three notable men in God’s chosen nation of Israel at this time: Samuel, Saul and David. As we examine the lives of these three individuals, we will see the workings of God’s sovereignty in each of their lives. We will observe how their response to God’s calling on their lives impacts not only their lives personally, but it also has an impact on the nation of Israel as a whole.

**Study Leader:** Windsu Kelly, Bingham Carlson, and Cassandra Bullington

**Start Date:** January 9 (we will finish Romans Pt. 4); February 6 (we will begin 1 Samuel)

**Meetings:** Thursdays at 9:30 am

**Location:** FH-A

**Cost:** $20

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**THURSDAYS: Worship**

**Study Overview:** Worship at its simplest is to give worth to something, to show forth its worthiness or worth-ship. Join us as we dive into the what the Word says about worship. With Isaiah 6 and Romans 12 as the backdrop we will explore both theological and practical aspects of Worship as we seek to be women who engage in a lifestyle of worship.

**Study Leader:** Kristie Harrick

**Start Date:** January 9

**Meetings:** Thursdays at 9:30 am

**Location:** G101
A Special Thank You!

I wanted to share with you a “thank you” note that I received from one of the mothers who we celebrated at the Sav-A-Life Baby Shower on October 1st. Please continue to pray for the mothers and fathers and their new little ones that we celebrated at the shower.

FRIDAYS: Joshua

Study Overview: Join us as we dive into the book of Joshua. This is a book of faithfulness. Faithfulness demonstrated by the various men and women highlighted in the 25 years covered in the book. More importantly it is a book whose great theme is that none of God’s promises fail. As Chuck Swindoll states regarding the book of Joshua, “That which Moses began and endured in the wilderness, Joshua was able to claim victoriously in the land. God’s promises through the ages were being fulfilled before the people’s eyes. ‘Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass’ (Joshua 21:45).” This semester we will be encouraged by our God’s faithfulness and challenged to respond in faithfulness as well.

Study Leaders: Elizabeth Bondurant & Kristie Harrick
Start Date: January 10
Meetings: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
Location: G-101
Saturday, February 1, 2020

Over three energetic and interactive sessions, discover how tracing the Bible’s major themes helps us to grasp its important message.

For more information or to register go to briarwood.org/women

**Tickets are $30 through January 25th**

THE BOOK OF JAMES

STEADFAST

FAITHFULLY LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

JUNE 11-13, 2020 / INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Mark your calendars and Register Now!

The Gospel Coalition Women’s Conference will be held on June 11-13, 2020 in Indianapolis, IN. This year’s focus will be on the book of James. We will not coordinate travel or housing arrangements. However, we would like to have a list of everyone going so that we can coordinate times to meet as a group at the event.

*Please use code BRIARWOOD to receive a discount at checkout.*
HAM & EGG STRATA RECIPE

At the request of so many of our ladies who attended Christmas at the Caroline House, we have included Sherri’s recipe for Ham & Egg Strata below.

**Ingredients:**

1 large loaf day-old French bread
6 tablespoons butter, melted
Ham slices (to cover two 9 x 13 in casserole)
1/2 cup chopped green onion
8 ounces grated Swiss cheese
8 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, grated
16 eggs
3 1/4 cups of milk
1/2 cup cooking wine
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
1 1/2 cup sour cream
2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

**Instructions:**

Cut bread into 1/2-inch slices. Arrange bread on the bottom of two 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dishes. Drizzle evenly with melted butter.

Layer ham, green onions, and cheeses. Combine eggs, milk, wine, mustard, and peppers. Pour over cheese. Spread sour cream over top. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Uncover and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 10 additional minutes.

*Makes 2 (13 x 9 x 2-inch) Casseroles*