

Women's Discipleship Spring Newsletter

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Bits by Betty

**“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”
Psalm 51:10**

Spring is one of my favorite seasons. This is the time of year I am reminded of the greatness of our Heavenly Father. I love to wake up to birds chirping; singing praises to their Maker, and then looking outside my kitchen window, I see new life and new hope He has given us everywhere. The birds are making their nests for their eggs, the trees have fresh green leaves budding, the grass begins to show life again, and the flowers beautifully bursting forth in color all around the parsonage.

As I look outside, the new life inspires me to bring that newness into my home. So, I usually end up turning my house upside down as I clean out closets, take things apart, clean and sew. I reach into every dark corner

closets, take things apart, clean and scour. I reach into every dark corner of my home in order to make it presentable, fresh, and new.

Sometimes we need to do the same thing with our spiritual houses. We need to take stock and clean up and give them a good strong scrubbing. Things always get tucked back in the recesses of our spiritual closets that aren't needed. We accumulate grime and dirt on our spiritual floors and walls. From time to time we need to turn our spiritual homes upside down and clean them inside and out.

Let me encourage you to ask the Lord to daily renew a right spirit within your spiritual house!



Upcoming Events

Girl's Jamboree
(Roanoke Ministry Center) May 15-16

State Camp Meeting
(Richmond- Victory Tabernacle) June 16-19

Extreme Camp
(Roanoke Ministry Center) June 22-26

Velocity Camp
(Roanoke Ministry Center) June 29- July 3

Adventure Camp
(Roanoke Ministry Center) July 6-10

Discovery Camp
(Roanoke Ministry Center) July 13-16



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Mothers Day Ideas for your Church

- **MOM & ME VIDEO** Ask the tech team to interview children and prepare a montage of testimony clips explaining why "My Mom's the Best!"
- Invite the youth group to prepare a short video to honor their mothers.
- Gather dozens of photos of church members with their mothers for a slide show set to music.
- Use the video for pre-service viewing or play it along with an appropriate music special.

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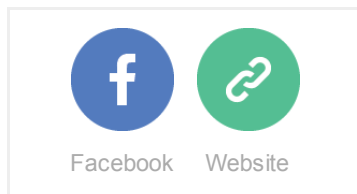
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HERE'S YOUR DAISY

If your church presents gifts on Mother's Day, it's a good idea to give one to each woman present. (Many childless women have been like a mother to other children.) Each year's gift can be unique and meaningful, such as:

- a single flower, a book, a CD, a pin, a pen
- Multi-ribbon bookmarks for her Bible
- A corsage made by children in your church
- Laminated copy of an original Mother's Day poem
- A scripture bookmark with original art by a church youth
- Recruit a different group of people to present the gift each year, i.e. teen boys, deacons, fifth-grade girls, new members, elderly men or church staff. I WAS BORN One pastor announced a special prayer time for mothers, asking everyone in the congregation who had been born to a mother to stand. That's everyone! PRESCHOOL PARADE Prepare signs for all preschoolers, such as, "I thank God for my mom," "Honor your

mother and father," or giant MOM letters. While worshippers sing a chorus, the joyful Mother's Day parade of preschoolers marches in one door and exits another. Delightful! SENIOR ADULT BY KISS If it fits your church, plan "Bring Your Kid to Sunday School" for senior adults. The oldest adult Bible class invites their adult offspring to join them for class, arriving early for snacks and studying God's Word together.



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