



LOOKING BACK

They say "a picture is worth a thousand words" because pictures are powerful communicators-- often communicating something that seems hard (or maybe impossible) to put into words. As I look around at the pictures surrounding this page, it feels like no truer statement has ever been made. There seems to be no way to adequately convey all that God has done over the past ministry year...no way to fully put into words the connection, the worship, the fellowship, the joy, the gratitude, the life that is captured in these pictures. It has been a year of so much energy and momentum in the Women's Ministry and I couldn't be more grateful for the way I have seen God move & work among the lives of you, precious women!

So, today, as I look back on the goodness & faithfulness of God, **I give thanks! I give thanks to God** for all the various connection groups and Bible studies, prayer groups & mission groups, that have faithfully met & pushed each other toward Christ week after week, month after month, all year long. **I give thanks to God** for the ways He met us individually on Days Away practicing silence & solitude and collectively, at events like our Summer Study on Jonah, our first annual "Advent Night" at the church & a "Christmas Connection" at Backroads Market. **I give thanks to God** for the ways He drew almost 300 of us closer to Himself & to one another at our Welcome Home weekend!

I give thanks to God for the ways He has gone before us & led the way in our new mentoring program- Cultivate- where close to 120 women showed up to interest meetings to hear more about how they might grow and learn from one another in an intentional life-on-life relationship. **I give thanks to God** for electives on How to Read the Bible, a beautiful Mission brunch, coffee chats, walks in the sun, on and on I could go.

It has been a full & fabulous year and I couldn't be more excited to see all that God has in store for us in the years to come! But for now, I pause simply to **give thanks** and to praise His name. As Psalm 100 says: "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." We, in Women's Ministry, know it full well.

Thanks for being a part of all that God has been up to in 2022-2023 ministry year. We love you dearly and hope to see you this summer for Summer Study 2023: The I AM statements of Jesus!

Steph

Past Year Photos



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for your calendar

You Asked For It Sermon Series - May 7, 14, 21. Sermon series where we will discuss questions the congregation sent in.

Summer Study - Begins Wednesday, June 14 with AM and PM option available. Register [here](#).

did you know

Did you know we have a support Group for Caregivers of Special Needs Children?! We do!

This group meets monthly on the last Friday of each month. We welcome our community to be a part of this group and everything we do at Cedar Springs. Contact Niki Walden with questions at 865-621-0236.

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Summer Study 2023 registration is open! Men's and Women's Ministries are excited to invite you to join us as we spend 6 weeks looking at the "I AM" statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. In a world where so many people are saying so many different things about Jesus, we are excited to take a good, long look at what Jesus said about Himself and consider what that means for us as His people today. We would love to have you join us!

The Women's study will meet on Wednesdays in the chapel beginning on June 14. We will have a morning option from 10-11:30 and an evening option from 6-7:30. Childcare will be provided for both gatherings. Registration for childcare is required! You can register by clicking on the link below. Be sure to follow the instructions at the top of the registration page.

We will meet in a large group format for worship and teaching followed by a time of small group discussion. We will conclude the summer with our men and women's studies coming together to look at the final "I AM" statement on July 19.

We really hope you will join us! It's gonna be a GREAT summer!

register here

STAY CONNECTED!

