

Greetings Ladies of Countryside Bible Church,

Today I'm enjoying the sights and sounds of Spring. On one hand Spring is fresh and everything seems new and exciting. I wonder what will bloom next? How will everything end up looking in a few weeks? On the other hand Spring is familiar and well known. The bulbs that came up last year are coming up this year; the trees that were full and beautiful are now growing a new batch of beautiful leaves.

Those thoughts lead me to think about friendships, new and exciting but also familiar and well known. Here's the basic meaning of friendship – a deep, mutual bond built on support, trust and loyalty, where individuals genuinely care for each other's well-being, offer honest feedback, and provide a sense of belonging through good times and bad. That sounds GREAT! Most of us want one or more friends in our lives!

The Bible has much to say about the qualities of friendship:

Proverbs 17:17 – A friend loves at all times

John 15:13 – a friend's love is sacrificial

Romans 12:10 - be devoted to each other

Proverbs 27:17 – help each other grow in Christ likeness

Proverbs 27:9 – godly friends give wise counsel

Galatians 6:2 – bear one another's burdens

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 -A friend helps you when you stumble (we all stumble)

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – encourage one another, build up one another

Hebrews 10:24-25 – stimulate one another to love and good deeds, worship together

1 Peter 4:8 – Love one another because love covers a multitude of sins

Let me encourage you to make friends, love them, be devoted to them, pray for them, encourage them, help them and at times forgive them. What better place to develop friendships than at Countryside Bible Church Women's events? Below you will see a list of opportunities to meet new friends, worship, pray, have fun and learn with likeminded women. We hope to see

you at these events throughout the year!

**EVENTS:**

~ **Titus 2 Bible Study** - Lesson day March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. Small groups will meet the week of April 6-10<sup>th</sup>.

~ **Spring Fellowship** – Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm in the Chapel. Registration is open now on the [CBC Women's website](#) and will close on April 13<sup>th</sup> **OR** when full. Cost is \$10.

**\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR\*\*\***

~ Summer Workshop – Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Chapel.

~ Bunco and Bites – Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, in the Chapel.

~ Fall Conference – Friday & Saturday, October 16-17, in the Worship Center.

~ Christmas Banquet – Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Countryside Bible Church

Blessings,

Carolyn Nye

Women's Leadership Team