

# women THRIVE

April/May 2011  
newsletter



Take time this summer to read through these two books along with your Bible.

*Abiding in Christ* by Andrew Murray  
*The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer

This is a wonderful opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to teach you and bring you into a more intimate relationship with God. Continue to make it a daily standing appointment with our great God.

## All Church Passover Event

**Passover Seder**  
**Monday, April 11, 2011**  
**Cost: \$5.00 6:45 – 8:30 PM**  
**In the High School Room**

**Passover** is a Jewish holy day and festival commemorating God sparing the Jews when He killed the first born of Egypt. Followed by the seven day Feast of the Unleavened Bread commemorating the Exodus from Egypt and the of the Israelites from slavery. Prophetically this feast commemorates the substitutionary death of Yeshua/Jesus as the Passover Lamb.

Jewish Voice Ministries International Staff Evangelist, Jack Zimmerman, is an Ordained Christian Pastor and a Messianic

Jewish Rabbi. He is a former stand-up comedian and has an engaging wit and dynamic speaking style. His deep understanding of the Hebrew roots of the Christian faith makes him a valuable teacher of the Word. He is an award winning reporter, radio host, and television host and has taught Bible classes throughout the United States and at theological universities in Russia and Ukraine.



Get your tickets at the Women's Ministry Table in the church lobby, Cost: \$5.00

### The Highlands Cancer Care Women's Group

meets on the 1st and 3rd of each month in the church office conference room from 10:00-11:00 AM. It is a time of sharing strength, hope and encouragement as each faces her own unique experience on a cancer journey. Even if you haven't come before, please consider giving it a try.

Contact Sharon Smith for information at [sharon14495@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon14495@yahoo.com) (480-284-4943) or Lorene Doukas at [Ldoukas@cox.net](mailto:Ldoukas@cox.net) (480-310-4463)

## Late Spring Bible Studies

### **On Earth As It Is in Heaven,**

How the Lord's Prayer Teaches Us to Pray More Effectively  
**Tuesdays AM,**  
**April 5-May 10, 2011**  
6:30-7:30 AM In the church Café  
Cost: \$10 Led by Joan Lazear

### **We Are Because He Is** **Wednesdays,**

**April 6-May 11, 2011**  
9:30-11:00 AM in the High School Room,  
**Wednesdays**  
**April 6-May 11, 2011**  
7:00-8:30 PM in the Church Conference Room  
Cost: Free Teaching Leader will be Suzi Kuenster

## From My Heart to Yours



Change. Change is something that we all know very well. It can be a minor, insignificant matter or a life-changing one. Change came barging into my life when I heard the words, "Your son, Stephen, has brain damage and he will require total care 24/7." Another jolting happened when the doctor

reported, "You have breast cancer and here is the name of an oncology surgeon." More recently, the message of change came through a phone call. "Hello. This is the Scottsdale Fire Department. Dan has been in an accident and we're taking him to Osborn."

What do you do when changes knock at the door of your life, whether it is a gentle knock or it sounds like the pounding knock will become a very dangerous and traumatic intrusion?

Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher (500 B.C.), said: There is nothing permanent except change. In modern terms, I guess we could say, in unison, of course, "So, get used to it!"

Life changes manifested themselves at the beginning of human history, in the Garden of Eden. A deliberate action brought about changes in Adam and Eve's lives that affected all of life ever since. Some changes are a result of our own doing.

Joseph (Genesis 37-50) lived through many changes in his life, even though many were brought upon him by the actions of other people. Seems unfair, doesn't it? Especially if those imposed changes are painful and leave multiple wounds in various forms. On the flip side, wonderful changes and rewards also come into our lives by the action of others.

It is agreed then that changes are inevitable. So how do we handle or manage them?

In a world that is highly insecure, chaotic, with the constant mantra of "up is down and down is up", there is only One whom we must cling to: The God who never changes.

We read of the changelessness of Christ in Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ *is the same* yesterday and today and forever.

James 1:17: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, *who does not change* like shifting shadows.

Thank you, dear God, for being our steadfast Rock.

Joan Lazear, Director of Women's Ministries

## Highlands Book Worms



Read different genres of books and have coffee with other women. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the church café.

Tuesday, April 5 *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton

## Come enjoy 'Cream Tea'

at the English Rose Tea Room in Cave Creek.

May 10, 2011

Bring your summer reading recommendation with you.

Cost is \$9.95 per person. Tea, scones, girlfriends and good summer reading suggestions, what a great way to get summer started!

Contact Bambi Riesen at [Bam11blue@aol.com](mailto:Bam11blue@aol.com)

## Knit Witters



Women of all ages, come and join our fun group that involves knitting, crocheting and making new friendships! Bring your own projects. Don't know how to knit or crochet...we'll teach you!

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 pm to

8:30 pm

Church Offices Conference Area

Contact: Margaret Ford [MargaretFord@dcranch.com](mailto:MargaretFord@dcranch.com)

## Ladies Prayer Luncheon

You are invited to an

## English Tea Luncheon

A blessed opportunity to pray together for the Ladies Ministries

Wednesday, May 11

Church Café

11:15 to 1:00

\$5.00 Ticket

(only sold after Sunday services

April 17, May 1 & 8)

**Sorry No Childcare**

Tea for You and Tea for Me And Pray for us, too. Colossians 4:3



## Get connected:

<http://www.highlandswomen.net> for information on all our programs.