



TEMPLE BIBLE CHURCH
3205 Oakview Drive
Temple, Texas 76502

Service Times:
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

"Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples." John 15:8



March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Out to Lunch First Wednesday 12-1:30 p.m.	5	6 Women's Retreat Fredericksburg, TX March 6-8	7
8	9 "Apples of Gold" Introduction 9:30-12:30	10	11	12	13 Scrap n Chat 6:30-11:30 pm Psalm 34:8	14
15	SPRING BREAK-NO STUDIES					
22	23 "Apples of Gold" Lesson 1 9:30-12:30	24 RSVP for "Hearts Cry"	25	26 "Hearts Cry" 11 am-Noon Chapel	27	28
29	30	31				

Blessings from Beth...

Ladies, the next 2 months we will be blessed to hear from Sarah Nass. Sarah is preparing for the mission field and I've asked her to share her 'heart'...

It's March already, and by this time most of us have given up on our New Years "resolutions." The gym membership in your wallet is dusty, and all of our high hopes for changing have dwindled. To be honest, I gave up on resolutions a long time ago! In their place, my very wise sister once suggested that I ask the Lord what the lessons are that He wants to teach me this year; a spiritual "theme," so to speak, to keep me focused on what He wants to do in my life. This year, He has challenged me to "check my appetites."

What do I hunger and thirst after?

Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for *righteousness*, for they will be satisfied" (Matt. 5:6). This world calls out for us to hunger after it: its possessions, passions, wealth, praise, power, busyness, and comfort. I admit, often times my heart is bent toward the comforts and possessions this world has to offer. It's often easier to "thirst" after those things rather than after righteousness.

Beth Moore once said, "Satan knows that we all long for passion [or fulfillment]. If we are not given to godly passion, we will be tempted by counterfeit" (*Why Godly People Do Ungodly Things*, 35).

Notice that Jesus said satisfaction only comes when we hunger and thirst for the right things! Pursuing fulfillment from the things of the world will only leave us empty in the long run; but hungering after righteousness and godly passion will *always* satisfy - it's a promise! When we long for and seek Him with all of our hearts, He promises that we *will* find Him, and He *will* draw near to us (Jer. 29:13).

I believe it's wise for us to check our appetites often. Ask the Lord to search you, to point out what parts of you may be longing for the world, instead of for Him. My prayer for all of us this year is that we could say with the Psalmist, "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!" (Psalm 42:2a).

Melodious Moments...

Our study this year of Women of the Bible has been such a surprise and a blessing. Honestly, I wasn't sure how the study would be received by our women. Many, like me, felt like it was material we had studied numerous times . . . could there really be anything new? We asked God to make it fresh . . . remind us of something we have forgotten or teach us something new, and week after week He has proved faithful.

It seems like each week there is an 'aha' verse that makes me stop and ponder what He was saying to these women . . . and what He is saying to this woman (me).

As we studied Hagar, in Genesis 16:8, God says to her, "Hagar, where have you come from and where are you going?" It's a little like Genesis 1:8 when God called out to Adam saying, "Where are you?" Our God who knows all things . . . who judges the very thoughts and attitudes of the heart . . . knew the answers to both of these questions. So why does He ask Hagar this question?

It was for her protection. Kind of like a parent who tells his child to look both ways before they cross the street. God wanted Hagar to slow down and consider her decision to flee not only in terms of where she was running to, but what she was leaving behind. Too many times we react without considering the big picture. We are so eager for a change that we take matters into our own hands instead of seeing what God is working out on our behalf.

Our study continues this month on Thursdays. Each lesson stands alone, so come join us and hear what God wants to say to you through the lives of these women.

And don't forget to look both ways . . .

Melody

Apples of Gold study to begin Monday, March 9
Registration forms available on Women's table
For more information call Debbie, 778-3233

Praying God's Word

1. Kim Johnson-Fresh Elastic Study Leader
2. Anne Graham Lotz & "Just Give Me Jesus" Revival
3. Cindy Young-Out To Lunch Coordinator
4. Nancey Ingram-Widow's Study Leader
5. Elaine Fish "Satisfy My Thirsty Soul" Study Leader
6. Women's Bible Studies
7. Colleen Palmer-Apples of Gold Co-Leader
8. Pastoral Staff
9. Linda Myers-Apples of Gold Co-Leader
10. Beth Mackey-WM Director
11. Giving Thanks Morning and Night-Psalm 92:1-4
12. Carol Lynch-CTL Food Pantry Coordinator
13. Gayle Verheyden & Shirley Crosby-5 Aspects Study Leaders
14. Elaine Fish-Scrap 'N Chat Coordinator
15. Deployed Troops/Families
16. Gary & Bev DeSalvo-our Pastor & his wife
17. Anne Graham Lotz & "Just Give Me Jesus" Revival
18. Administrative Staff
19. Delight in God's Love-Psalm 36:5-8
20. Jamie Coffield-Mercy Team Coordinator
21. TBC Missionaries
22. Debbie Rodriguez-WM Administrative Asst.
23. Families of Pastoral Staff
24. Grace Bible Church-Sister Church in Harker Heights
25. Melody Euler-WM Asst. Director
26. Those in our church who formally counsel others
27. TBC Mission's Committee
28. Anne Graham Lotz & "Just Give Me Jesus" Revival
29. April Smith-King's Kids Coordinator
30. Those serving in other ministries
31. Prayer for Spiritual wisdom-Eph. 1:16-17