

IN TOUCH WOMEN'S MINISTRIES— BETHANY

SPRING 2009



In Touch Prayer / Bible Study Every Tuesday morning; @ 9 & 10 respectively. (*Get Out of That Pit* - Beth Moore) Also @ 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room with Pat Adams. Books available. New study begins Tuesday July 7.

Gifts and Good Taste - We are a busy ministry year-round with Hospitality, Fellowship and Crafting. You may not be a crafter but have the desire to serve in the area of food preparation, decorating, setting up or cleaning up for Bethany events. We invite you to check us out. Jewelry making is scheduled each week on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and crafting is twice a month (2nd and 4th Monday) at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. These efforts result in fund-raising for Missions. We will help you learn in any of these areas. Besides, fellowship is a joy for all. If you have any questions please call the church office and someone will get back to you.

Spring is finally here and seems long overdue!

I recently spent ten days with my 81 year old mother in South Carolina. She is definitely in the "winter" of her life and doesn't seem to mind. She tires easily, does not want anything new and enjoys spending her days in bed reading the daily newspaper or a long novel. Once a day she goes downstairs to the dining room to eat a nice hot meal, faithfully carrying her plastic containers for leftovers. Three times a week she goes downstairs to an exercise class. She is living in a very gracious type of retirement home where everyone speaks with a southern drawl and politely says hello with a "Miss" or "Mister". I am glad to see her coming to a place of contentment in her mind and in her place of abode. While I was visiting, we went out for a day of shopping. Mom bought a few new clothes and a beautiful orange and yellow canary—we promptly named "Beautiful Bobby". "Call me when he starts singing, Mom", I told her as I got back on a plane to come home. She called me yesterday, with so much joy and delight in her voice that "Bobby" had begun to sing. I put the phone down with the start of a quiet joy, building in my soul—a peaceful delight that mom was not alone in her small apartment anymore. She now had one of God's beautiful creations to share her quiet days and to hear his songs of delight in her company!

I suppose my point is: Enjoy even the smallest of delights; life is too short! Blessings + Pat Adams

DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 18, Friday, 7–9 p.m. - Ladies Laugh Out Loud Video Night
- November 19-21 SNED Women's Retreat - Sturbridge with guest speaker and author Carol Kent