

WELCOME TO OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Welcome to September! As summer begins to fade and a new season unfolds, we're reminded that God is always at work—bringing fresh opportunities, renewed purpose, and deeper faith. Whether you're settling into a new routine, beginning a new Bible study, or simply seeking to draw closer to the Lord, September is a wonderful time to embrace all that He has planned.

This month, we encourage you to pause and thank God for His faithfulness through every season. He has carried us through the joys and challenges of the past months and promises to continue guiding each step ahead. As Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He shall direct your paths."



Inside this newsletter you'll find opportunities to grow, serve, connect, and encourage one another. We pray each article, announcement, and testimony points you closer to Christ and reminds you that you are deeply loved, wonderfully gifted, and an important part of our Women's Ministry family.

May September be a month of renewed hope, intentional faith, and joyful anticipation as we continue serving Him together.

With love in Christ,

*Women's Ministry
Leadership Team*





Ronaele's Corner

Director of Women's Ministry

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17



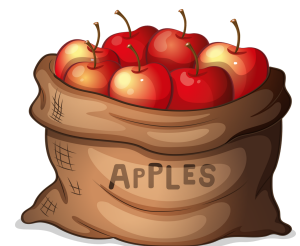
Sunday mornings this summer have been exciting. Each week I really look forward to what the next Essential Woman will do in God's story. It's been a great series. The feedback from other women about how encouraged and challenged they have been has sparked a thought. "Do you know that you are Essential in God's story?" No matter what your background is- I mean, Rahab was super important and is known by both her first name and last name throughout history. Ruth was rather destitute when she determined to make Naomi's God her God. Their circumstances didn't matter, only their availability and then their obedience. God didn't only choose the 'Got it All Together' women. He chose women like us. He had a purpose for each one. He loved each one equally, and in turn, these women did some amazing and super difficult things that He had planned before the foundation of the earth for their lives.

This year in Women's Ministry, my prayer is that each one of us would embrace His call on our lives as we commit to living like the Essential Women we are to God's story. We will weave 2 Corinthians 5:17 into everything we do, living as a New Creation; we will be challenged to know God deeply and be transformed by His Word. We will have opportunities to love people well while building community and unity. We will have many ways to share truth with those God brings into our story, so they become part of His story too.

May the 2026-2027 Ministry Year unfold another beautiful part of God's Story through CrossWinds Women's Ministry.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Ministry Fair - September 6
- (bring your own bible & food)
- Tues, September 8
- Ladies' Bible Study - Sept. 9 & 15
- Leadership Pathway - September 19
- Pop-Up Gathering - October 24
- Ladies' Christmas Luncheon - Dec. 5



Explore our website for the latest news and upcoming events.
Women's Ministry

Love in Action

DEVELOPING MINISTRIES

Care Ministry

Every season of life brings moments when we need a loving community to come alongside us with a little extra care and encouragement.

We are developing a ministry dedicated to caring for women who are homebound, sick, hospitalized, recovering, or welcoming a new baby. Whether it's organizing a meal train, helping with light housekeeping, offering practical support, or simply checking in, we want our sisters to know they are seen, loved, and cared for.

If you have a heart for serving and encouraging others, we would love for you to be part of this growing ministry. Sign up and help us put God's love into action—one sister at a time.



Meal Train

Sometimes a simple meal can be a beautiful way to show someone they are loved and cared for. Sign up to be part of our Meal Train team and help provide meals when a sister or family in our church is going through a time of need. There's no regular commitment—we'll simply reach out when a need arises, and you can help whenever you're available!

Meal Train



Missions & Outreach

As we research more mission opportunities, let us know if you have ideas for the future

BABR - Broken Arrow Bible Ranch

Every two years in the spring, CrossWinds Women's Ministry takes a team to New Mexico to host a retreat for Native American women. It's a special opportunity to serve, encourage, worship, and build relationships with our sisters in Christ.

Plan to join us and experience God moving in powerful ways—you'll go to be a blessing and come home blessed!



Life Choice - Moreno Valley

The new pregnancy center is being established on Frederick Street. Would you pray about how we can encourage and partner with them? Would you consider volunteering as they express their needs?

Leadership Pathway

A big shout-out to Dr. Tanya Carcamo for doing a fabulous job leading our Small Group Leader Training! Thank you, Tanya, for sharing your time, wisdom, and encouragement as you helped equip the women of our church to grow in leadership.

If you're signed up for Leadership Pathway, we look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM!**

Let's continue growing, learning, and becoming the leaders God has called us to be!



Women's Prayer

NEED PRAYER? WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

Whatever season you're walking through, you don't have to face it alone. Maybe you're carrying a burden, waiting for an answer, needing direction, praying for someone you love, or simply wanting to thank God for His goodness. We would be honored to stand with you in prayer.

Our Women's Ministry Prayer Team believes in the power of women coming alongside one another and lifting each other before the Lord. Share your prayer request with us, knowing we'll pray over it faithfully, confidentially, and with compassion.

"Call to me, and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." — Jeremiah 33:3
We're here to pray with you. Our Prayer Team is available every Sunday after service at the front of the sanctuary. Come as you are—we would love to pray with you.

Helpful Hint

Homemade Furniture Dusting Spray

This homemade furniture dusting spray is a simple, frugal alternative you can make with pantry ingredients.

Materials:

Spray bottle of at least a 16 oz size

1-3/4 cups Water

1/4 cup White Vinegar

2 tsp Olive Oil

10 drops Lemon or Lemongrass Essential Oil (optional)

Instructions:

Combine all the ingredients in a 16 oz spray bottle.

To use: Spray on furniture and wipe with a soft cloth.



BYOBF

When: Tuesday, Sept. 8
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Place: CrossWinds Church

Bring your bible, notebook, and Food!

This is the Last One!

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LAUGHING PLACE



Two ladies walked into church late, and the usher pointed to the only two seats left...

Front row. Dead center.

One whispered, "Absolutely not. I have sins that require balcony seating."

Her friend grabbed her arm and said, "Keep walking. Jesus already knows."

They sat down, and the pastor immediately said, "The Lord brought some of you here today because you need to hear this."

She slowly turned to her friend and whispered...
"I KNEW we should've watched online!"



Women's Ministry

“PoP-Up Gatherings”

October Pop-Up Gathering — Fall Fun Night!

It's simple—just a little time set aside to connect, build friendships, encourage one another, and have some fun! Pop-Up Gatherings are a relaxed, easy way to meet other ladies and enjoy great fellowship together.

Saturday, October 24, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM | At the Church

October is all about FALL!  And this Pop-Up night will be filled with fall-inspired fun! Think homemade pies, caramel apples, warm apple cider, crafts, games, or another favorite fall activity. The possibilities are endless!

We need ladies to host a room that night at the church! Choose a fall activity you'd enjoy sharing, and we'll provide the space and help promote the evening and sign-ups. Each room can offer something different, giving ladies the opportunity to choose an activity and enjoy time together.

You don't have to be an experienced hostess—just bring an idea and a heart for connecting with other women. Sometimes the sweetest friendships begin with a simple invitation: “Come join us!”



LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Ladies, you're invited to a beautiful afternoon filled with Christmas cheer, delicious food, sweet fellowship, and the joy of celebrating the season together!

Saturday, December 5th

Noon – 2:00 PM

Donation Only

Sign-ups begin in September



Dress in your favorite holiday attire!

Whether festive, elegant, sparkly, or simply Christmas-inspired, come ready to enjoy a wonderful afternoon with friends—old and new.



TABLE HOSTESSES NEEDED!

Would you enjoy decorating and hosting a table for our luncheon? We are looking for ladies who would love to help make this Christmas gathering extra special.

For more information about becoming a Table Hostess, please contact Koleen Medina at (951) 230-1550 or email: koleen.medina@cwcmv.org.



Come Celebrate With Us!

Invite a friend and join us as we slow down during this busy season to laugh, connect, celebrate, and remember the true joy of Christmas together.

Save the Date — We Can't Wait to Celebrate With You!





Inspirational Message

Rahab

**Chose Faith, Showed Courage,
Changed Her Future**

Joshua 2; Joshua 6:22-25 & Hebrews 11:31

For the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath." — Joshua 2:11 (NKJV)

Every journey of faith begins with a seed. Rahab's seed was simple—she heard about God. Though she lived in Jericho among people who rejected Him, the stories of God's mighty works reached her heart (Joshua 2). That tiny seed of faith took root, even in the most unlikely place.

Like weeds that grow in broken ground, Rahab's past was marked by shame. She lived among sinful people, and her life seemed far from God's plans. Yet God saw beyond her past and looked at her faith. He has always been in the business of redeeming what others overlook.

When the season came to grow, Rahab acted on her faith. She hid the Israelite spies and tied the scarlet cord in her window as a sign of trust and obedience. Because she believed God, He spared her entire household when Jericho fell (Joshua 6:22-25). Hebrews 11:31 reminds us that Rahab was remembered not for her past, but for her faith.

Then came the bloom. Rahab and her family were saved, welcomed among God's people, and her story became one of redemption instead of regret. The woman once known for shame became part of God's eternal plan.

From Rahab to Jesus runs a beautiful line of grace—a reminder that faith can transform any life and that no past is too broken for God's redeeming love.



Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Rahab's story that reminds us no life is beyond Your redeeming grace. Plant the seed of faith deep within our hearts, help us leave behind the weeds of our past, and give us the courage to trust and obey You, even when it is difficult. May our lives bloom with faith, hope, and obedience, bringing glory to You.

Lord, thank You that through Jesus, Your grace is available to everyone who believes. Help us remember that our past does not define us—Your love does. Use our lives to point others to the same hope and redemption that Rahab found. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Recipe

Crock Pot Barbacoa

- 3 pounds beef chuck roast (fat trimmed), cut into 2-inch chunks
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 chipotles in adobo sauce, chopped
- 1 (4-ounce) can diced green chiles
- 1 small white onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dried Mexican oregano (or standard dried oregano)
- 2 teaspoons fine sea salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 cup beef stock or water

- Slow cook. Combine all ingredients in the bowl of a slow cooker. Toss gently to combine. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours, or on high for 3-4 hours, or until the beef is tender and falls apart easily when shredded with a fork.
- Shred and toss. Using two forks, shred the beef into bite-sized pieces inside of the slow cooker. Toss the beef with the juices, then cover and let the barbacoa beef soak up the juices for an extra 10 minutes. Remove the bay leaves.
- Serve. Use a pair of tongs or a slotted spoon to serve the barbacoa beef and enjoy



Reflection

from the Editor

Every Season has a Purpose

There are so many beautiful stages of womanhood. As young girls, we can hardly wait to turn 18—to drive, make our own decisions, and enjoy the freedom of adulthood. Some of us begin dating, some find the man we will marry, and others are still waiting for God's perfect timing. No matter where we find ourselves, God is already directing our steps. "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps" (Proverbs 16:9).

Then comes 21, the age many consider the official entrance into adulthood. Before we know it, we're celebrating 25 and dreaming about the future. For many women, this season includes marriage, raising children, and building a home. Others long for a husband or pray for children that have not yet come. These seasons can look very different, but God's plans are never delayed or forgotten. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

As the years pass into our 30s, 40s, and beyond, life seems to move at lightning speed. We juggle family, careers, ministry, and countless responsibilities. At times, we're simply trying to keep our heads above water. Yet God gently reminds us that His strength is enough for every season.

"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31), and "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Then one day, our children have families of their own, and we find ourselves embracing the role of grandmother. What a sweet gift it is to see pieces of our own children reflected in the next generation—their smiles, laughter, sparkling eyes, and even a little mischievousness! These moments remind us that God is faithful from one generation to the next. "One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4).

Dear sisters, if life feels like it has rushed by, don't lose heart. God is not finished with you. Every season has purpose, and every chapter offers new opportunities to grow, love, serve, and reflect Christ. Whether you are just beginning adulthood, raising children, enjoying an empty nest, or celebrating grandchildren, the Lord is still writing your story. "Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). Keep trusting Him, because "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

