



Women in God's Service

**"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:10**

Our new Women's Ministry, WinGS, is here! BACOC women are excited about this newly, revamped ministry. Although it is still in its infancy, signs of growth are being seen everywhere you look. Joining the many existing efforts within WinGS are several others in the early stages of development.

The first big thing on the WinGS agenda is the Ladies' Retreat for 2009. The retreat will be held at the Warren Place Doubletree Hotel (61st & Yale) on April 24 and 25. One of the most exciting things about the retreat is it will be conducted by women of the Young Families Class from our own congregation. It is also exciting that the focus of the retreat is "Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts". It is the retreat planning committee's desire that each and every one attending the retreat goes home ready to "plug in" and use their gift/gifts to further God's kingdom. More details will be provided as the time of the retreat draws nearer. Mark your calendars **RIGHT NOW** and let nothing interfere with your attending because you would be missed.

During the retreat, other WinGS agenda items will be "kicked off".

- A new mentoring program within WinGS. Mentoring will involve women of all ages, professions, and interests.
- Likewise, Secret Sisters will involve all women.
- Etc.

Hopefully, your interest has been piqued to the point you cannot wait until April 24, mine has.

NEED! NEED! For the retreat Laura Copeland needs generic gift bags (not holiday) and door prizes. (Ex. gift cards, homemade jewelry, picture frames, handmade bookmarkers, homemade items, no white elephant gifts.) See Laura if you can help her collect these items. Turn items into the church office.

DID YOU KNOW? Some of us have been rather slow on the draw and are just beginning to realize we have one of our own back. Ashley Robinson (Sharon Hamilton's daughter) and her family are worshipping with us now. Everyone is elated they have returned home and are eagerly awaiting the new member to their family. Welcome, Ashley and family.

Keep your eyes and ears open. There are new projects being discussed amongst the BACOC women. If you have an idea of something you would like to see WinGS initiate, please notify one of the women on the WinGS Coordinating Committee (Laura Copeland, Edwina Lyle, Darla Lynn, Elaine Maynard, and Linda Wells).

Be sure to check out the BACOC web site www.bacoc.org. Within the next month or two the Women's area should have a fresh look. Don't miss it!