

W4C NEWS

Women 4 Christ Newsletter

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W4C at Crosswater Community Church

Welcome to the first Women 4 Christ (W4C) newsletter! W4C at Crosswater Community Church is dedicated to leading women to become fully devoted followers of Christ. Our purpose is to provide a network specifically designed for the needs of women, providing opportunities for women to connect and grow in their relationship with God, other women, the church and

community. W4C is deliberate and focused on equipping women for spiritual growth and service through intentional discipleship, leadership training, fellowship and services. The W4C leadership team is busy planning upcoming events. For more information or to get involved, please contact the church at 904-824-9800.

W4C has a leadership team comprised of the following people:

Abby Carter – *Director of W4C*

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| Geraldine Carter | JoAnn Dekrell |
| Misty Dosio | Karyn Garcia |
| Sherry Lifka | Sandy Johnson |
| Ann Millwood | Beth Newell |
| Jennifer Perry | Laura Smith |
| Lezlee Thaeler | Audra Young |
| Kim Zoon | |



Pictured above some members from the W4C leadership team and volunteers from the Kick-off Brunch.

**Blessed is she who has
believed that the Lord would
fulfill His promises to her!
Luke 1:45**



Come to the Table Kick-off Event

W4C held their kick-off event in September 2019 in the form of a brunch. We were so excited to have over 120 women attend to share the vision for W4C and fellowship with one another. The event was opened by a greeting and pray from Ann Millwood and worship by Lindsay Bryant singing "Come to the Table" by Sidewalk Prophets. Numerous door prizes were given to attendees throughout the event.

Abby Carter, Director of W4C, shared her testimony, introduced the leadership team, the vision for women's ministry at Crosswater, and shared the video and the meaning behind the Turquoise Table; which can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EITq8PTm7rc&feature=youtu.be>
This video shares one woman's story and her mission to bring her neighbors together. After watching the video, Abby challenged each of us, as women, to figure out our own turquoise table. As you may have noticed, W4C has a turquoise table which can be found on the Crosswater campus.



Feel free to sit and share with others at our turquoise



Ministry Spotlight – Crosswater Knitters

This month's ministry spotlight is a new ministry, Crosswater Knitters. This new ministry for Crosswater was initiated by Tamara Wilhite. Tamara was also instrumental in starting the ministry that makes the portable mats for the homeless which will continue in March under the leadership of Sunny Barnard. The Crosswater Knitters will be knitting and crocheting baby beanies, booties and blankets. The items will be donated to the Pregnancy Centers in the Jacksonville area for mothers in need. The Crosswater Knitters will meet beginning February 4, 2020 on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00pm in the Green Room at Crosswater. There are currently five knitters but they are looking for more and the best part is that no experience is necessary. Our knitters are ready and willing to teach you how to knit or crochet. If you can't make it to knit or crochet, you can donate supplies such as knitting and crochet needles, yarn and/or gift



Ladies Small Groups & Bible Studies

Did you know that Crosswater currently has three small groups dedicated to women?

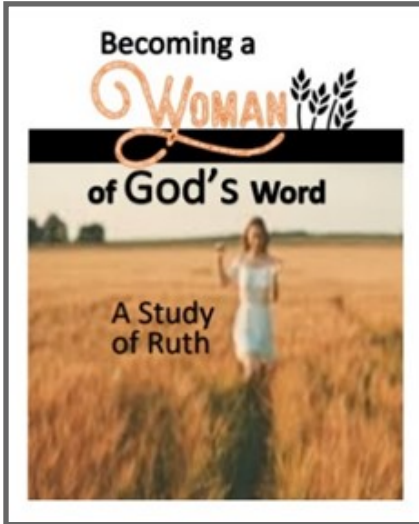
- ◆ **Mondays: 10:00am-12:00pm Bible Study with Debi Dalton**
- ◆ **Tuesdays: 10:00am-12:00pm (Lead by JoAnn Dekrell & Jill Jensen)**
- ◆ **Thursdays: 6:00pm-8:30pm (Lead by Robin Cowan & Beth Newell)**

These small groups follow the church's "small group" schedule and meet in the Hub. However, during the intermissions they continue to meet with special activities.

For additional information, please contact the church office at 904-824-9800.



Upcoming Bible Study – The Book of Ruth



In January, Sue Siegrist and Abby Carter will be leading a Bible study on the Book of Ruth. The Bible study is entitled “**Becoming A Woman of God's Word A Study of Ruth**” and was written by Crosswater member Sue Siegrist. This Bible study will be taught in both of the Ladies Small Groups starting the week of January 5, 2020...

- ◆ **Tuesdays: 10:00am-12:00pm** (Lead by Sue Siegrist)
- ◆ **Thursdays: 6:00pm-8:30pm** (Lead by Abby Carter)

The Inspiration...

Sue got her inspiration for the Bible study this past summer as she was studying the Book of Judges. She began writing poems for the women in Judges, and as she was writing she realized that the poems were not the product; the method was the product. Her plan was to write a poem for each of the women and finish with a poem on Ruth. She wrote four poems while on vacation and finished two more poems

when she returned home.

Shortly after vacation, she was having lunch with friends, Carolyn Bovard & Jack and Ann Millwood. Carolyn mentioned that Sue knew how to do a Bible study so Jack suggested she call Abby Carter. While speaking with Abby, Sue contemplated preparing the Bible study in a manner similar to Crosswater’s Class, 201 Maturity, which teaches about getting a grasp on the Bible and spending daily time with God. The book of Ruth seemed like a good choice and Abby loved the idea. Sue began writing the study in June 2019.

Sue completed the study in eight weeks. She approached writing the study as if she were a student doing the study herself. After Sue had completed the Bible study she sent the manuscript to her niece, Ruth McCormick from Clover, SC. Ruth worked on the cover design, page design, and the layout to format it as workbook. This was important because Sue viewed the study as two parts, 1) what’s written on the page and 2) the presentation of the material.

When asked what the most inspiring or interesting thing she learned while doing the Bible study Sue said, “While the book of Ruth was familiar, the characters in the story really came to life. What I discovered was that each of them experienced a spiritual breakthrough...and so did I. As it turned out, what I learned from the book of Ruth became more meaningful because of what I learned in doing the study. What I learned was the faithfulness of the Lord, his leading through the Spirit, his guiding through Scripture and prayer and commentaries. He was always there. It was always His study.”

After attending several churches in the area, Sue and her husband Tom were drawn to Crosswater by the music and the gospel driven message. They became members in 2016.



For more information on any of these programs, please contact the church office at 904- 824-9800

Upcoming Events

- December 9.....Crafting with Ann Millwood
- December 15Voices of Mobile—all Sunday services
- December 16... ..Crafting with Ann Millwood
- Jan 7-Feb 4.....Tuesday Morning Ladies Small Group
- Jan 9-Feb 6.....Thursday Evening Ladies Small Group
- January 11.....Franklin Graham Sunshine State Tour
- Jan 13-Mar 9.....Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study