

LORD, HELP ME TO SEE ME AS YOU SEE ME!

Concord Women's Ministry Newsletter

How does God see me?



Often times the media, life's experiences, others' expectations, career choices and even our own ideas of who we should be shapes how we see ourselves. We run self-assessments through many channels in our quest of finding "Who Am I?". But how often do we allow for God's word to dictate the standard of who we strive to be. As a daughter of the King, we must find our identity in Christ. As a daughter of the King, we must recognize that our spiritual blessings make us different so therefore we show up different no matter where we are. My dear sister, do you know that you are the offspring of deity, you have inherited godly attributes and potential? You are precious and honored in His sight (Isaiah 43:4). You are loved with life-saving love. As a daughter of God, you have a new identity and name. Whatever you may have done in your past, whatever standards this world may try to set as "goals" remember that YOU ARE an heir to the Kingdom of God. God sees our weakness, but He carries us in His strength. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10). While this world may try to remind us of our past, tell us who we are and should be and if we fall short of that standard will tell us that we are not enough, remember God calls us His own and forgives us. It is because of the cross of Christ and His transforming love that we can boldly walk in newness of life and see ourselves as Christ sees us by living out the standard, He has set for all of our lives through His word.

~Kimberly Fisher

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Bucky Quinn



I am so blessed to know I have a Master Designer. He watched as I was being formed physically in my mother's womb (Psalm 139). Through the Holy Spirit, He called me spiritually to be born again. He continues His designer work in my life now and will continue until I meet Him face to face. He's still working on me, and I'm so thankful.

It is wonderful to know Him as my Creator, my Savior, my Teacher, and my Deliverer. Life has dealt our family some difficult times in the last few years. If it were not for but God, I don't know where I would be. I have learned to trust Jesus and lean into Him like never before. He truly never leaves or forsakes.

But God . . . says He will have the last word, no matter the insurmountable circumstances we find ourselves in.

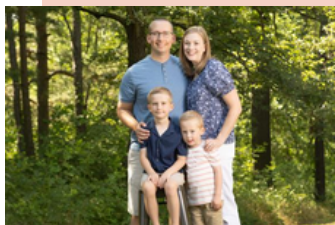
"I walked a mile with Pleasure, she chatted all the way, but left me none the wiser all she had to say. I walked a mile with Sorrow, and not a word said she, but oh the things I learned from her when Sorrow walked with me." (Robert Browning Hamilton)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).
Blessings!

"BLESSED BE THE GOD
AND FATHER OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST,
WHO HAS BLESSED US IN
CHRIST WITH EVERY
SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN
THE HEAVENLY PLACES,
EVEN AS HE CHOSE US IN
HIM BEFORE THE
FOUNDATION OF THE
WORLD, THAT WE
SHOULD BE HOLY AND
BLAMELESS BEFORE HIM.
IN LOVE HE
PREDESTINED US FOR
ADOPTION AS SONS
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
ACCORDING TO THE
PURPOSE OF HIS WILL,
TO THE PRAISE OF HIS
GLORIOUS GRACE, WITH
WHICH HE HAS BLESSED
US IN THE BELOVED." ~
EPHESIANS 1:3-6

FEATURED WOMAN OF CONCORD

LAUREN
NOVAK



Lauren Novak has been serving as our church's nursery coordinator for the past several years. She is an outstanding organizer who makes sure our church babies are well-loved and safe.

Concord BC is so blessed to have her in this position. Her passion for working with children also carries over to her vocation as a Parents as Teacher Educator.

Lauren was blessed to have a family who brought her to church as a child. When she was a young girl of eight, she began to ask questions and to understand she needed forgiveness for sin. She made a decision at that time to accept Jesus into her heart.

Lauren met her husband, Mike, while they were both attending SBU. As a freshman Lauren had to make curfew. Mike worked the check-in desk for curfew. She started spending some time at the desk, and they began a friendship. After enjoying each other's company in group activities, they began to date. After a two-year dating relationship, and after graduation, they were married. They will celebrate 15 years of marriage this June. They have two boys: Benjamin who is six, and Samuel who is five. They keep their home fun, adventurous, and noisy.

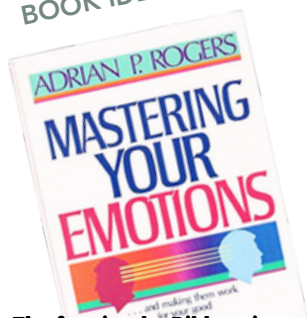
Thank you, Lauren, for all that you do for Concord. Your service to this body is noteworthy and very much appreciated!!

"REMEMBER NOT THE FORMER THINGS, NOR
CONSIDER THE THINGS OF OLD. BEHOLD, I AM
DOING A NEW THING; NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO
YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? I WILL MAKE A WAY IN THE
WILDERNESS AND RIVERS IN THE DESERT."

~ISAIAH 43:18-19

***We would love to feature your recipes as well as different women of Concord in our featured woman of Concord section. Please send all submissions to Kimberly Fisher at kfisher@concordjc.org or you may leave your submissions in the drop box located at the Information Desk in the foyer.

BOOK IDEA...



The fact is: the Bible paints a candid picture of its greatest men and women and all they suffered as flesh-and-blood human beings. They contended with and grappled with all kinds of emotions, healthy and unhealthy. And all of us do to one degree or another. Aware persons will realize that negative emotions plague them. Rogers delves into guilt, fear, insecurity, frustration, bewilderment, doubt, inferiority, loneliness, stress, bitterness, and depression. Using case studies from the Bible and sound principles of psychology, Dr. Rogers explains how we can master these emotions and turn them around for our benefit.



There's still time to register for the Women's Conference. Registration closes on March 11th so please visit the website to register at concordjc.org or you may stop by the church office for assistance with registering. See ya there!!

Get Involved!

Boundaries Bible Study for Women

This is a 10-week study that will be facilitated by Tricia Kellerman and will take place on Sundays from 4pm-5:30pm. Study begins March 24th and the price for books is \$14. You can sign up on our website at concordjc.org.

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Unstuffed Egg Roll Stir Fry Submitted by Diana Rutledge

- 1.5-2 lbs ground beef
- 16 oz. bag of broccoli slaw (broccoli, carrots, cabbage) or a mix of your choice
- 4-5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp grated or ground ginger
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce, liquid aminos or coconut aminos
- 2 Tbsp toasted sesame seeds or taco seasoning

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a small bowl, whisk garlic, ginger, sesame oil and soy sauce. Sit aside.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat, add in the ground beef. Cook and brown beef into small chunks.
3. Stir in the broccoli slaw and continue stirring for about 3 minutes.
4. Drizzle soy sauce mixture into the skillet and continue stir fry cooking for about 4 minutes or just until all of your vegetables are crisp-tender.
5. Sprinkle each serving with sesame seeds or taco seasoning.

Notes:

- Makes about 4-5 servings.
- Stores in fridge for 4-5 days.