

Ministry Changes

It is with mixed emotions that I am sharing the news of a ministry change. As I follow God's leading, I will be stepping down as women's ministry director as of December 31, 2024. I have greatly



enjoyed serving here at Concord Baptist Church, first as the director of children's ministry and then as women's director. Mike and I have been here since July of 2019. I have cherished getting to know so many of you personally as we served the Lord together.

I will truly miss not working with the staff every day. I have formed some close, lifelong friendships here. Though I will no longer be a member of the church staff, I will continue to serve as a volunteer. I plan to work closely alongside Mike as Concord launches its Freeway Ministry in January. I also plan to continue leading women's Bible studies from time to time.

As further confirmation, the day I decided to resign, I received a call that afternoon from a Capitol office asking if I would interview for a legislative assistant position. I begin in January and will work during the legislative session. I'm excited to start this new chapter of ministry opportunity. (Anywhere a Christian works is a mission field where the Lord of the harvest needs His workers.)

Please pray with me about all these new ministry endeavors, especially the Freeway Ministry. How exciting to be involved where God can powerfully and radically transform lives for His glory.

Blessings!
Becky Quinn



Off to one side sits a group of shepherds. They sit silently on the floor, perhaps perplexed, perhaps in awe, no doubt in amazement. Their night watch had been interrupted by an explosion of light from heaven and a symphony of angels. *God goes to those who have time to hear him*—and so on this cloudless night he went to simple shepherds.

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*All the Christmas presents in the world
are worth nothing without the presence of
Christ.*

David Jeremiah

Studies & Events Coming Up

- ♥ January 11 @ 10am, Annex D - Joy Comes in the Morning. Widows' ministry that meets each month on 2nd Saturday
- ♥ January 15 @ 6pm - 40 Days Through Revelation by Ron Rhodes led by Becky Quinn
- ♥ January 15 @ 6pm - 1st Corinthians by Jennie Allen for 12 weeks led by Sandy Steenbergen (room limit 15)

♥ ~~February 22, 2025 Women's Conference - Cancelled~~



Director's Corner

Dietrich Bonhoeffer has always been a favorite hero of the faith. If you get a chance to watch the movie, I encourage you to do so. It is a powerful message about a courageous man who took a stand against a demonic evil unleashed on the world.

Pastor Bonhoeffer was executed just three weeks before Hitler's defeat and suicide. Showing this scene at the end brought such a hush over the theatre you could hear a pin drop.

In spite of all the unfathomable circumstances Bonhoeffer faced, he penned these words: *"...And then, just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives."*

Not everyone and not every Christmas is filled with happiness because that depends on our circumstances. But all of us who know the Lord can be filled with joy as we look at our troubles through the biblical lens of eternity.

As many of you know, our grandson suffers from severe mental illness. We love him fiercely, and he is the most compassionate and considerate young man you would ever meet when he is mentally well. We are heartbroken over the horrific results of one of his breaks from reality. Broken, yes, but our hearts have never been closer and in tune with the sufficiency of Christ. God can use our brokenness as we lean heavily into Him.

May God in His mercy lead us through these times; but above all, may He lead us to Himself.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When everything seems well in our world, we have a tendency to become near-sighted. When the troubles of life come, they can direct us to see things from an eternal perspective.

I recently wrote and had a book published about the circumstances we are facing. It's called *Turning the Tables on Tragedy*. Romans 8:28 and Genesis 50:20 are reality! God can take what Satan means for evil and turn it good. We can hope in God because He always has the power to turn tables. In transparently sharing our story, many doors have opened for ministering to those who are also hurting.

If you are going through difficult times this Christmas, don't let the enemy convince you that God doesn't love you and care about you. Take this opportunity to use the pain of your situation to draw closer to God. He will mercifully respond and gift you with an intimacy and strength like you have never known. He will comfort you like no other, and then you'll be available to comfort others with the comfort you receive from God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

Becky Quinn

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.

Luke 2:14