

# GPC Women's Connection

September & October 2011



We rejoice with what God is doing in, around and through us here at Gathering Place Church. God is a relational God and He has created us to love Him, love one another and reach out to the world.

There are lots of opportunities to get to know one another. Our Connect Groups are wonderful places to grow and stay connected. So many people describe their groups as a family and they don't have to look far for prayer support!

There is still time to sign up for our women's retreat. Paula Friedrichsen is our speaker with worship led by Heather Nunn and her sister Bethany Hicks. The planning team is excited. You can find out more about the retreat on the church web site or ask at the information table.

We have made it easy to contact any GPC member through our private members page. This is a great way to connect and even post some of your thoughts. We are extra special women at GPC. Did you know one of our church photographers, Pam Hodge is studying to be a lawyer? Did you know Kiersten Clegg will be home schooling this year? Go to the church website, <http://gatheringplacechurch.org>, and click member login at the bottom of the page. Discover more about your sisters and have fun!

In Him, **Shell Cowper-Smith and the Women's Team**

*Do you enjoy writing and sharing what God is showing you? Would you like to contribute to our blog?*

*We have a Gathering Place blog for women called **Gathering at the Well***

*<http://gpcwomen.wordpress.com>*

*We would love to hear from you. Contact Bonita at [perrbunny@cox.net](mailto:perrbunny@cox.net)*

## Save the Dates!

**Oct 7, 8 Women's Retreat** Friday afternoon—Sat 4pm

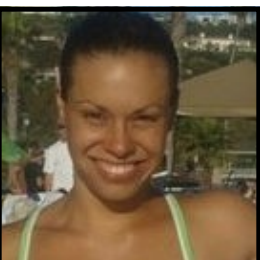
**Dec 3 Women's Christmas lunch** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

For more information on any of the above events;

visit church website upcoming events or

Contact: [info@gatheringplacechurch.org](mailto:info@gatheringplacechurch.org) (760) 740 1755

## Personal Note... Shells Lesher



Through my connect group I have gained brothers and sisters in Christ as well as a father and mother figure. This is so important to me as I have a very small family and most members are estranged. My CG has helped me build lasting friendships and to get to know the rest of the congregation. When I first began attending I didn't know many people from GPC and those I did know were more like Sunday acquaintances. My connect group makes me feel like I truly have a family in the Gathering Place Church. I used to look forward to the meetings each week. I really miss them and can't wait for them to resume. I remember how much fun they were and how the message from Sunday's sermon always gained greater meaning and depth. There were even times I could not recall the message when my leader prompted the discussion, but as each member added their perspective found that I had my own revelations to share. My CG helps me to fully partake in the spiritual feast that GPC offers to its members.

## Getting to Know... Val Higgins



**My family:** Husband: Ric  
Step-daughter: Stephane, 18 years  
Son: James, 11 years  
Daughter: Hope, 8 months

**What Made Me Want to Follow Jesus:** I had parents that instilled faith in me as a child but had stopped going to church in Jr. High & never really felt the desire to return until I gave birth to James. I had such a

strong desire to re-connect with the Lord and it was important to me to give James the examples my parents gave me. [P.S.] I had stopped going in Jr. High because the church

my parents went to had a lousy youth program but lucky for me my parents modeled great faith & faithfulness and I am grateful for their example!

**What do I do for fun?** I really like hanging out with my Mom. She's a cool chick!!

**Where did I grow up:** Born and bred in San Diego

**Favorite Verse:** Psalm 23:1-6. This passage is the first time that I got to see the power of God's word in action.

**Food I Can't Live Without:** I love to eat so this is a difficult question to answer! I would have to say I would get down right cranky if I couldn't have chocolate!!

## Get Connected... here's how

### **WOMEN'S CONNECT GROUP - MONDAY, NOON—1:00 PM RANCHO BERNARDO**

Great fellowship and discussion of Sunday's sermon. You are welcome to stay after 1:00pm for more fellowship.

CONTACT RAYNI PEAVY - (858) 829 6535 - RAYNIPEAVY@GMAIL.COM

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM NORTH ESCONDIDO - STARTING SEPTEMBER 26**

Nine week study using Beth Moore's "The Inheritance" DVD series.

CONTACT BONITA PERREAULT (760) 500 7804 PERRBUNNY@COX.NET

### **WOMEN'S CONNECT GROUP - THURSDAYS, 9:30 AM - NOON RANCHO BERNARDO**

Discussion of Sunday's sermon, growing in our love for God and one another. 11847 Timaru Way San Diego, CA 92128

CONTACT ROXANNE MATSUKADO (858) 613-1242

### **WOMEN'S CONNECT GROUP - THURSDAYS, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM SOUTH ESCONDIDO**

Exciting study, fellowship and fun! Please call for location.

CONTACT SHELL COWPER-SMITH (760) 740-1755 scs4000@GMAIL.COM

### **MOM AND CHILD PLAYGROUP - FRIDAYS, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - VARIETY OF LOCATIONS**

A fun time for all women and toddlers to meet together. Please call for location.

CONTACT RACHEL CANNON (858) 397-1174 OR MICHELLE HOYT MRS.HOYT@GMAIL.COM

**CHECK OUT OUR NETWORKING BLOG AND FIND OUT WHO ELSE SHARES YOUR HOBBIES.**

**[HTTP://GPCWOMENCREATE.WORDPRESS.COM](http://GPCWOMENCREATE.WORDPRESS.COM)**



### **GPC Christmas Women's Lunch December 3, 2011 12:00-2:30pm**

You won't want to miss this year's GPC Women's Christmas lunch. Mary Pulpava will be hosting this fun event in her home. Mary does a spectacular job of decorating for the season and wants to share it with the women of GPC. We will all bring our favorite finger food to the buffet and enjoy a good time of fellowship. Heather Nunn, Kiersten Clegg and some of the women from GPC worship team will lead us in singing a few carols. Save the date now and think about who you will bring with you.