

Pastors and Leaders Wives Appreciation Dinner

What can we do to show appreciation for those who serve us week in and week out and get little recognition? This was the question presented to the PresWIC council while discussing our annual function for the spouse of those in leadership roles within our churches.

After much discussion and brain storming the decision was made

to host a dinner. In years past a church within our Presbytery would host the event but this year the decision was made to go all out and take the ladies to a restaurant. The location and date were determined and the excitement mounted! The theme was set, invites were sent out and we were all ready for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and, of course, laughter.

Our Prayer Assignment: Covenant Seminary

The Southeast Region WIC prayer assignment for 2012 is Covenant Seminary. We prayerfully encourage you all to uplift the school, students, faculty and staff daily.

Institutional

- Pray that God will **bring the students He has selected to attend Covenant.**
- Pray that the Lord will multiply the effort of this year's Love Gift as we use it to **build community at the Seminary.**
- Pray for **alumni who are in the first five years of ministry.**

The Council decided to hold the dinner at The Olive Tree, a quaint, family-owned, Italian restaurant in Hiram. Prior to the dinner, PresWIC sent out a request to each of the churches asking for a letter expressing their feelings and uplifting words about each of the ladies that would be attending the dinner. We received such wonderful letters and we thank each of you for your responses. Listening to the words being read and watching the face of each lady being told of the love and admiration that was held for them was such a moving experience.

One message remained after the dinner was over and it was that we should tell those that serve in the forefront and behind the scenes of our love and appreciation for them often and remember to lift them up to our Heavenly Father in prayer daily.

Dr. Bryan Chapell

- "My **parents are aging**, as are many of yours, and that brings concern for their care. Please pray particularly for my father who has lung cancer."
- "**Katie**, our last child in the "nest," is a junior in high school. We are facing all the questions about which **college** to attend and the paper work associated with applications. Please pray for wisdom for Katie and for Kathy and I as we guide her."

Join PresWIC

We can use a few more members at large to participate on the PresWIC council. Do you have questions about PresWIC? Comments to share with the council? Please feel free to contact your church's representative or any council officer listed below.

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Northwest Georgia PresWIC

Connections

Summer 2012

The purpose of the PresWIC is to encourage the women of the Northwest Georgia Presbytery to think biblically, live covenantally—fully equipped and serving Christ in their home, church community and the world.

Fall 2012 PresWIC Meeting and Brunch Biblical Womanhood— Generation to Generation

Is your Women's Ministry task-driven or Word-driven? Is the culture or the church teaching the women and girls in your church what it means to be a woman? How are you obeying the Titus mandate for women to train women?

Join us as we explore the Biblical principles that should guide us as we minister to and disciple women in our churches.

Susan is the wife of retired PCA Minister Gene Hunt. She is the former Director of Women's Ministry for the PCA. She is a member of Grace Covenant Church in Dallas, Georgia.

Susan is the Women's Ministry Consultant for the PCA's Christian Education and Publications. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has authored numerous books and travels extensively—speaking to various women's groups. Her desire to help women have a heart for each other, for the church, and for the Reformed faith is unparalleled. Some of Susan's many books include: *Spiritual Mothering*, *By Design*, *True Woman*, *Heirs of the Covenant*, the *Biblical Foundations for Womanhood* Bible study series, and the new three-year Bible study series for teen girls.



You are invited to
PresWIC's

**Biblical
Womanhood
Brunch**
featuring author
Susan Hunt

September 15th
9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Grace Covenant
36 Coach Bobby Dodd Rd.
Dallas, Georgia

Please sign up by
Sunday, September 2nd

Bring your favorite
brunch food to share.

Child care will not be
provided for this event.



2012 Women in the Church Love Gift Gonaives Children's Home

This year's love gift will support the creation of a children's home to serve as a ministry of redemption for the children and families of Gonaives, Haiti. It is a big dream of a children's home. And its goal is to change lives, families, culture—and one day to change a nation. With your help, we can begin to make this dream a reality.

Please consider giving to this kingdom dream for a new Haiti. Your gift will be used for land acquisition, construction, staff recruitment and training.

Bulletin inserts and an informative, eight-minute DVD to show at your church are available free of charge at the PCA Christian Education and Publications bookstore: www.cepbookstore.com.



Our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.

Psalm 144:12



Attending the leadership conference from our presbytery were Shari Hawley, Margo Foster, Judy Creamer and Betty Jo Dillingham. Not pictured: Jeri Spec and Susan Hunt.

2012 Leadership Training Conference Leading with Grace, Called to Serve, Equipped to Lead

by Margo Foster, member at large

Six women from our Presbytery joined with many women from all over the U.S. for the 2012 WIC Leadership training conference. The yearly denomination-wide conference is a time of teaching, fellowship, and connecting with others in the body of Christ. Its purpose is to equip women for leadership in women's ministry, provide teaching tools for growing and strengthening leadership in discipling and ministering to others, as well as building community, wisdom in evaluation of curricula, and problem solving.

There was time to meet with others attending from our region, as well as general sessions taught by Connie Miller, Tasha Chapman and Karen Hodge. There were also other short seminars on women's ministry, transforming grace that equips us to serve, resolving conflict, multicultural ministry, small groups, and ministry to hurting wives. Central to the message was the transforming power of the gospel in the ministry of our church.

The conference targets WIC officers, and bible study leaders, but is open to any woman who desires to be involved in a women's ministry in their local church.

Please encourage women from your church to plan to attend in February, 2013. It will be held here in Atlanta. More information will be available soon at wicleadership.pacep.org.

From the Treasurer's Desk

by Mary Judy, PresWIC treasurer

Appreciation is extended to each local WIC that supported the Northwest Georgia PresWIC with a donation in 2011. God richly provides for our PresWIC through your donations so that we may in turn reach out and minister to you and others. Our bylaws state that "every local WIC shall be requested to allocate money in their budget each year for the operation of the PresWIC organization with a suggested donation of one dollar per woman in the church." A hearty thank you is extended to the churches who have contributed in 2012. For those who have not done so, checks should be made payable to Northwest Georgia PresWIC and mailed to:

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In His service, Mary Judy



Women in the Church: Grace Covenant Church

by Lisa Taylor, member at large

WIC can play such an important part in the life of a church. At Grace, the WIC Council assists in organizing events that the women take part in or events that include the entire church. Organization and delegation are so important to remember so that the gifts of each woman are used. We are very blessed to have so many women of all ages ready and willing to help.

Grace Covenant WIC has hosted many events, however our main event each year is our Spring Fling. For the Spring Fling we invite a speaker and WIC hosts a dinner. There are times that we have the dinner catered or WIC provides the main meal with each lady attending bringing a dessert. For decor we usually have a theme that is presented to the ladies of our congregation and then the door is open for those who would like participate in decorating a table before the night of the event. This has been a highlight for years now as the ladies mingle and look at the tables that are so beautifully decorated.

Fun is one aspect of WIC. However, we do stay in touch with our community and reach out in many areas. WIC provides canned and dry goods for our local food bank. We assist our local women's shelter. And we stay in close communication with our deacons and elders as to families that may need assistance, and organize help when and where needed. WIC meetings are a great place to have speakers come in for areas of concern. For instance, one month we invited a speaker to talk to the ladies about abuse, how to recognize it and how to help.

Council Member Spotlight PresWIC president, Peggy Wills

Peggy is a life long resident of Dallas, Georgia, in Paulding County. She lives with her husband Loran, a ruling elder of Grace Covenant PCA Church in Dallas, on Westminster Way. She and Loran celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 17, 2012. When asked the secret of her long marriage, she said, "Put Christ at the center of your marriage. And make your husband your best friend." They are the godparents to thirteen godchildren.



She serves on the WIC Council at Grace Covenant, along with many other opportunities for service at the church.

Peggy's hobbies are crocheting, knitting and any kind of needlework.

She retired from Georgia Power Company in April of 1992, having worked there for 30 years. Peggy has been chairman of the Paulding County board of elections for the past four-and-a half years, and was just recently reappointed for another four year term.

She loves people and being involved in their lives, loves her family and friends. "I was raised in a Christian home where my parents taught by example. I am so thankful for Godly parents," said Peggy.