

# "Women in Community"

We hope that this brochure answers most of your questions regarding why you should be involved in the Women's Ministry Mentorship program. Living in our current culture has led many Christians to live busy, isolated lives, contrary to how Jesus wants us to live as His body. Scripture tells us over and over again that relationships (starting with our relationship with God) are of utmost importance to the Lord. They mirror the trinity, and we should all strive toward bringing glory to God from our relationships. Living in authentic relationships in the Body of Christ requires intentional investment in the lives of your sisters in Christ. It can be a scary first step, as we are so unfamiliar with this type of intimate relationship, but our first few years are behind us, and we've gained some valuable experience and wisdom from those mentorships. It isn't so scary now, and we are ready to share all that we have learned with others. So read through this brochure, pray for God's will in your life, and step out in faith knowing that God's ways are best for us and for His body!



"She is truly investing in my life. She loves my kids. She (my mentor) saw a need and just did it as a sister in Christ. Now I'm more settled."

**Crystal Clark**

"Eight months ago, I was anxious. Lots of stuff was going on in my life. I was very unsettled with my role in life and my purpose. Now I'm settled. I am embracing the role of wife and mother that God has given to me. He has given me this sphere of influence, and I want to do this well for God's glory."

"Sometimes you just need someone to put her arm around you and say, 'It's going to be ok. You are going to make it through this.'"

"It is just good to know that someone really cares, someone really knows what is going on with you, and someone is praying for you."

"We talked a lot about what I was supposed to do. We talked a lot about trust and not having control. My goal was to make a good friend."

## Let us Introduce Ourselves!

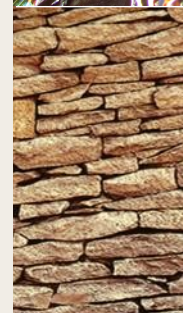
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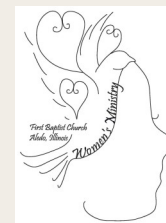
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## 2017 Women's Mentorship Program



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*Lord God, may we be grateful for our lot, and compassionate toward all those who are suffering every kind of distress at this difficult time. May we hold back nothing, and hasten to be the ministers of prayer and mercy, like the disciples of Him who went about doing good in times of need. Amen*

## I'm Ready. Now What?

**You'll start** by picking up a **Profile Form** from the Women's Ministry table in the church foyer. Complete that form, and either leave it in the office or give it to Sheri Olson **by Sunday, Nov. 27th**. Then join us in prayer over the next two months as we seek God's wisdom to make the pairings. If there is a church member that you wish to have as a mentor, you may indicate who that is on your profile form. There **will be a mentee orientation meeting on Dec. 4th and a mentor training workshop on Dec. 10th** to help you prepare for the mentorship program. The **2017 Mentorship Program Launch Party** will be at **6:30pm Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017!** This is when we'll announce the official pairings.

# Are You Ready for the Next Level?

*God did not intend for us to walk this journey alone. He sent the disciples out two by two. We need the support of our sisters in Christ. We are better together. Whether it is just for a short season or for a lifetime, mentors can help us get to the next level in our walk with Jesus.*

## Friendship >>>

Each relationship is unique. God has purpose in His pairings. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we are able to love one another, encourage one another, and pray for one another. Over time, these small steps of obedience lead to great, deep friendships. This unique relationship provides someone who is honest with us, who can help us view situations from a different vantage point, and who loves us enough to pray for us every day. Mentors listen well, help you make decisions that honor God, and just walk with you through life.

Committing to a mentor relationship brings great blessings that are worth your time and effort. A mentor friendship enriches your life and draws you closer to Jesus.

## Trustworthy >>>

As with all of our classes and programs, what is said here, stays here. We have worked hard to create a safe place for women to be real. A place where there are no masks. A place of transparent and authentic lives. Just like God, we love you enough not to leave you where you are!

You'll be challenged. You'll set your own life goals for the year. You'll deepen your love for God's word and you'll be given the opportunity to share your life with a sister in Christ.

God has more for each of us and our desire is that we each learn what it means to live a lifestyle of mentoring another sister in her walk with Jesus.

## Christ Centered>>>

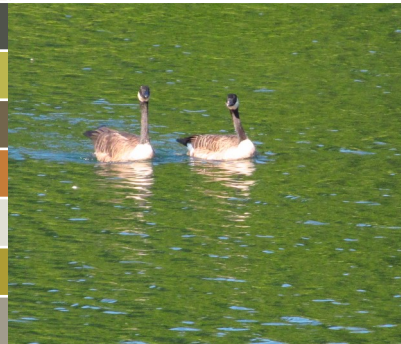
We are making disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples. Jesus is our focus and our example.

He shows us how to build and maintain healthy relationships that bring glory and honor to God.

**Iron sharpens iron as one man sharpens another.**

**Proverbs 27:17**

You'll meet together in a private location of your choosing where you will be free to talk without others overhearing. You will be praying and learning together, seeking God's guidance and wisdom.



## Preparing for this New Adventure >>>

As with everything, **pray first**. Ask God what He would have you do, and then obey Him! Ask Him to show you what He wants to change in your character and in your life. Ask him to soften your heart and keep you humble and teachable for His glory. Ask Him to show you the attitudes and activities in your life that are unnecessary and keeping you too busy for His purposes. He is faithful.

## We are with you every step of the way >>>

From completing your profile sheet (this is how you register for the program) to pairing you with a mentor or mentee, we have a leadership team that is ready to help you at each step along the way. We have several resources and training materials for mentors so you won't begin your new relationships unprepared. There will be occasional support and encouragement meetings through out our program year. And we are always available should something come up that needs immediate attention. We believe God has commanded us to invest in the lives of the other women in our church community, pouring out love, encouragement and support and helping them draw closer to God. Let us know how we can better serve you in the name of Jesus.