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order to provide balance to our decisions. All women are encouraged to give suggestions for events, so start thinking!

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Meet Amanda

Leadership Position: Special Events  
Place of Employment: Sidney Elementary School  
Job Title: 4th Grade Teacher  
Birthday: May 28  
Hobbies: Reading, running, working on Master's Degree  
Resident of Brownwood: 2.5 years  
Attending Southside: 9 months

**In Comunicado**

by Sara Musgrove



There's a \$20 bill in the lost and found in the office. It's been there for several weeks, so if you would like to come pick it up, it's yours! I did, however, find it in the parking lot. It is pretty wrinkled. And also, before you decide to take it, know that it had a little dirt on it, but I wiped it off. Oh, and there is always the possibility that it could have been used to buy, well, who knows what. But you can have it if you want it! It's still a \$20 bill, right?

I heard this illustration once, comparing God's love for us. He knows where we've been, that we're a little wrinkled and dirty, but he still wants us just the same. Part of my job as a mommy, wife, sister, friend, and do-er of pretty much anything that needs to be done, is to communicate God's love for us...along with anything the women's ministry is doing! If you would like to help make brochures, signs, write articles for newsletters or the E-Letter, or would like to help personally spread the news about LIFE and its activities, let me know and I'll add you to the team. You can reach me at the church office or chanceforfreedom@yahoo.com.

**Meet Sara**

Leadership Position: Communications  
Place of Employment: Southside  
Job Title: Office Manager  
Birthday: September 28  
Hobbies: Movies, playing with baby Madeleine, reading Jane Austen novels  
Resident of Brownwood: 7.5 years  
Attending Southside: 4 years  
Interesting Fact: Sara will finish her Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing this September

**A Look At The Women's Lunch**

Women's Lunch is held from 12:00 to 12:50 pm on the first Thursday after the first Wednesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall at Southside. All women are welcome, so we invite you to spread the word and bring your sisters, friends, co-workers, and neighbors! Tickets cost \$5.00 each and are available at the door. We do ask that you reserve your spot ahead of time — you can do this by contacting the office or filling out the form on the Women's Page on Southside's website.

*A Little Break in the Middle of the Day!*



The women's lunch is designed for the working woman who needs a little break in the middle of the day.

Every month, a different theme, speaker, menu, and speaking topic are chosen to give ladies a chance to be served a gourmet lunch and receive a little spiritual encouragement. The



**Women's Lunch Calendar:**

- May 6
- June 3
- July 8
- August 5
- September 2
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

**Ladies In Fellowship & Encouragement**

Updates in Southside's Women's Ministry

April 2010

L.I.F.E.

**Welcome To The New Women's Ministry**



by Miranda Marsh

I am looking forward to what God has in store for our women's ministry! There is no doubt in my mind that God has put this team of women together to encourage, disciple, and minister to the women at Southside as well as in our community. I encourage all

ladies to read about our different ministry teams and pray about where God is calling you to be involved. You never know how He is going to use you and your gifts/talents as well as life experiences to minister to other women in our church body and community. So if you see an area that piques your interest, please contact that team leader and see how you can be a part of that team.

He has plans to prosper us and give us hope and a future—Jeremiah 29:11. I eagerly await all of the plans He has in store for the women of Southside!

**Ladies In Fellowship and Encouragement seeks to**

**involve the women of Southside Church in personal spiritual development; thereby empowering them to meet the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of themselves, their families and other women.**

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**Meet Miranda**

Leadership Position: Ministry Leader  
Place of Employment: HPU Music Department  
Job Title: Administrative Assistant  
Birthday: July 10  
Hobbies: Shopping, watching chick flicks, taе bo, spending time with family  
Resident of Brownwood: 6 years  
Attending Southside: 5 years  
Interesting Fact: Miranda and husband Brent are in the process of adopting from China as well as domestically

**LIFE Leadership Team**



LIFE's new team leaders  
Miranda Marsh, Stephanie Diaz, Mandy Locker, Amanda Neal, Sara Musgrove, Ann Turner (left back to right front)

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

### Making A Friend For Life



working out, reading, and taking walks with our girls. Aaron and I have been helping with the Seekers' life connection class over the past 2 years and host/facilitate a home group Bible study.

I was totally flattered when I was asked to be the Mentoring ministry team leader. I am looking forward to growing closer to women in our church and in our community as we come together and learn how to truthfully approach all these expectations we have of ourselves as women. We are planning to have ladies sign up as those who want to be mentored as well as those who want to be a mentor. We will then prayerfully pair people up and gently guide you as you walk beside one another, learning truths God wants to teach you as you hopefully make a friend for life. I think this will be a blessing for those who are looking for a Godly role model to teach them about life, those who are new in town

by Stephanie Diaz

Lately I have been thinking of all the different roles I am playing at this time in my life. I find myself struggling to do the best I can in each area. I am a wife to Aaron, my husband of almost 12 years. We were college sweethearts and inseparable even when we were officially "not dating!" I am a mom to our very busy, sweet, and always curious daughters -- Allison, 5, and Abbygail, 3. Allison will start school in the fall, and we will embark on a new, mysterious adventure of elementary school. I work at the BRMC Rehab and Fitness Zone full-time as a physical therapist. I am also a sister, daughter, aunt, and friend. I enjoy

and searching for their place in our community/church, or those who, like me, would just like a trusting friend who can pray with them and stand beside them in their everyday lives. If you are interested in participating in the mentoring program or in being on the mentoring team, please contact me at (325)203-1688 or at stephdiaz14@yahoo.com. I look forward to our time together!

#### Meet Stephanie

Leadership Position: Mentoring  
Place of Employment: BRMC Rehab and Fitness Zone  
Job Title: Physical Therapist  
Birthday: October 27  
Hobbies: Working out, reading, taking walks with the family  
Resident of Brownwood: 3.5 years  
Attending Southside: 3 years



### Searching For Truth



by Mandy Locker

Hi! I'm Mandy Locker, and I've been attending Southside since I moved to Brownwood 3 1/2 years ago. I teach Political Science and Criminal Justice at Howard Payne University, and I'm the mother of a very precious and very precocious 2 year old named Jackson. My husband, Ryan, is an Assistant District Attorney for Brown County, but he is also in the Army Reserves and currently serving in Afghanistan.

I'm excited about heading up the Bible Study component of the Women's Ministry at Southside. The Scriptures are described as the Word, Truth, Life, a Sword, a Light - and they essential to understanding God's character, promises, plan, will, and his relationship to us. They also are essential for understanding

our proper response, in obedience, to God. It is my desire that the Women's Ministry Bible Studies will equip women with knowledge or scripture, as well as provide tools, insight, and advice as to how to study and meditate on scripture on their own. I hope our periodic bible studies will provide a mid-week point of contact with the Holy Scriptures - especially for those that find it difficult to spend time in the Bible on a personal basis (as we all do from time to time) and need something structured during the week. Furthermore, the studies will be with groups of other women that can provide an intimate and female perspective on the Word and how to practically apply the scriptures to issues faced by women. As we get to know the Lord better, I hope we also get to know one another's hearts better and forge friendships grounded in our search for Truth.

I'm looking for some women who are passionate about God's word to join me in planning, hosting, and/or teaching bible studies. I would appreciate insight and

feedback on the topics and types of studies that would best meet women's needs. We need women who love hosting to provide homes and snacks on occasion for bible study. We need women who like teaching or facilitating studies to join the team so we can rotate some of the facilitating and teaching duties. If you are interested in filling any one or all three of these needs on the Bible Study team, please contact me at mandy.locker@gmail.com.

#### Meet Mandy

Leadership Position: Bible Studies  
Place of Employment: Howard Payne University  
Job Title: Assistant Professor of Political Science and Criminal Justice  
Birthday: October 6  
Hobbies: Theater, traveling, films, dining with friends  
Resident of Brownwood: 3.5 years  
Attending Southside: 3.5 years



### Power In Prayer



by Ann Turner

Hello everyone! Many of you know me, while many of you may not. I am Ann Turner, wife, mom, teacher-librarian, and most importantly, believer. Brady Elementary is where I work as a teacher- librarian. Bob Turner is truly my better half. We are blessed with two terrific sons: Jeff is an Aggie on mission in Uganda right now, Steve will graduate from high school this year and joins the army in June. I know I

power of a praying mom. When I have spare time I enjoy reading, sewing, quilting, baking and harassing my guys. I would enjoy having time to practice spinning yarn (to weave) and yarns to tell (storytelling). Enough about me, let's talk about the Women's Ministry. I worried about committing to being a part of this team. I do not consider myself talented, or have any great ability. My time is taken up by "life." So why be a part, why get involved? I realized God doesn't want me for what I can do, since He can do it all, but He wants me for my willingness to do it. God wants my availability. Please come be a part of Southside's Women's Ministry, whether it is with me on the prayer team or any of the other teams. God is looking to work through the available women of Southside. Come be available with us.

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#### Meet Ann

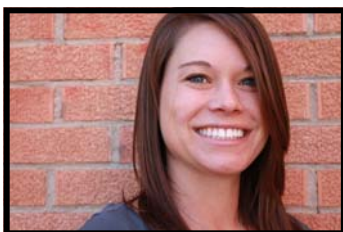
Leadership Position: Prayer Team  
Place of Employment: Brady Elementary  
Job Title: Teacher/Librarian  
Birthday: October 22  
Hobbies: Reading, sewing, quilting, baking, family  
Resident of Brownwood: 9 years  
Attending Southside: 1.5 years  
Interesting Fact: Grew up in Brownwood; a BHS alumni



But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. Luke 22:32

### Let The God Times Roll

by Amanda Neal



My name is Amanda Neal and my husband's name is Jordan. I teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Sidney Elementary School in Sidney, Texas. In my free time I enjoy reading, running, and working on my masters

degree, but I can't say I enjoy that as much as the first two!

I am super excited about being a team leader for LIFE. Special events will be a time when we can get together as women of God and pursue our relationship with Him together. I envision events where we can encounter our Father in the midst of good times and fellowship. Through these events we can develop meaningful friendships with other women who will become part of our support system. Special events also provide a great opportunity to invite friends and women in our lives who may not feel comfortable in a church setting. Events will be big and small, but full of fun!

I hope to have three or four women on the special events team. I feel it would be beneficial to have a representation of various ages on the team in

## So Long, Insecurity

#### Live Simulcast Event

Beth Moore is coming to women across North America live via satellite on April 24 with a new message that will set us free from our insecurities!

Since Eve ripped the first leaf from a tree in the Garden, insecurities have plagued the female gender. Beth's message is this: We don't have to be slaves to our insecurities! We can conquer fear and doubt and discover the liberating confidence and security that is found in Christ.

Saturday, April 24  
9:00 am—3:00 pm  
\$25 (buy one ticket, get one free)  
Includes worship, teaching by Beth Moore, and a Chick Fil A lunch.

At Coggin Avenue Baptist Church

Contact Miranda at 647-8632 if you would like to attend

