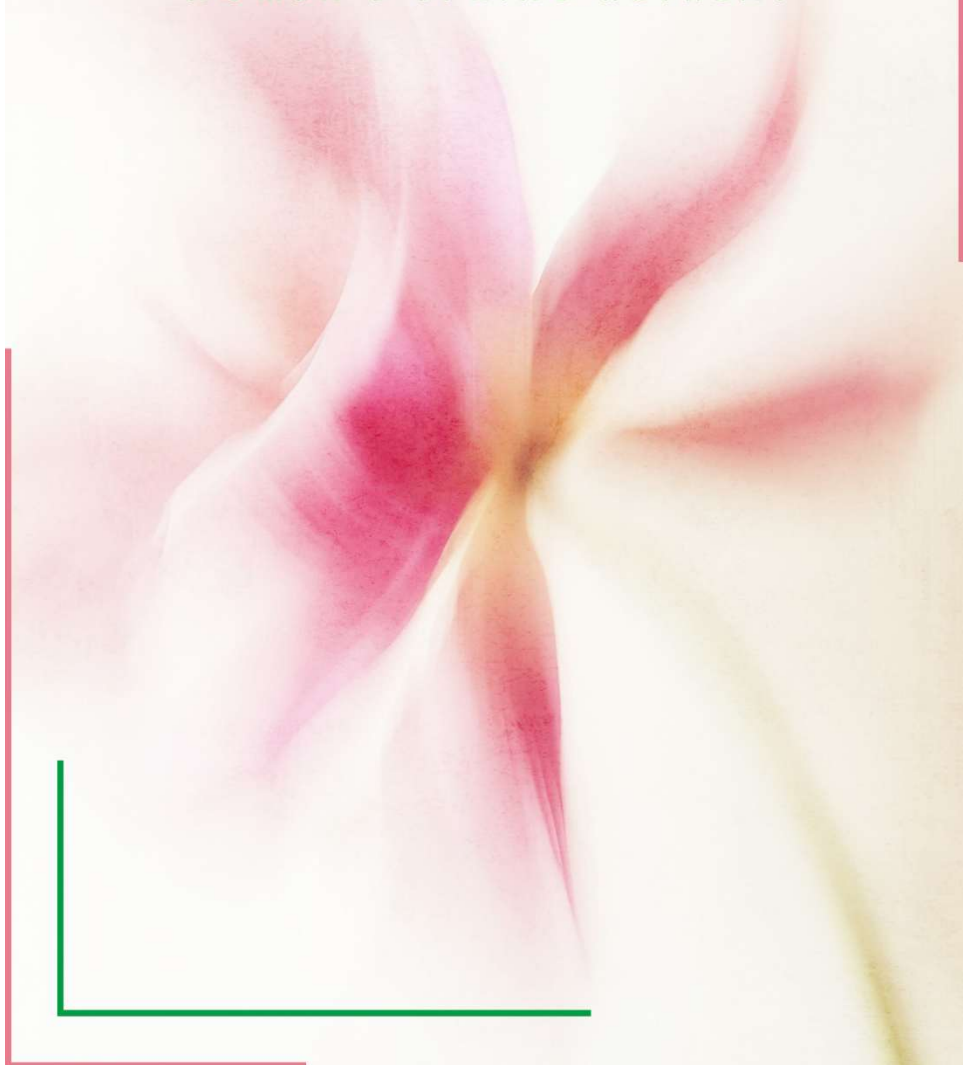


GOD DRAWS NEAR

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT



Our Speaker

VANESSA HAWKINS



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Retreat Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 5:30 p.m. Check-In & Happy Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Group Game
- 8:00 p.m. Session 1: Getting to Know Vanessa Hawkins
- 9:00 p.m. Fire Pit, S'mores | Mingling. Stay awhile!
- 9:30 p.m. Cleanup & Reset

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Session 2
- 10:30 a.m. Small Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Group Game
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Session 3
- 2:00 p.m. Small Groups
- 2:30 p.m. Recap
- 3:00 p.m. Games, Dessert, Crafts
- 5:00 p.m. Cleanup

Session 2

Session 3

Songs

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide
When other helpers
fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless,
abide with me

Thou on my head, in
early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious
and perverse meanwhile,
Though hast not left me,
Though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord,
abide with me.

I need Thy presence,
every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can
foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my
guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
abide with me.

I fear no foe,
with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting, death?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still
abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and
point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and
earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, Lord,
abide with me.

ANCHOR OF HOPE

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God
Author of all that is good
Faithful provider and giver of life
Source of all power and love

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
Refuge of strength to the end
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men*

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God
Radiant, holy delight
Beautiful Father, victorious Son
Source of unchangeable light

Chorus

Bridge

You are light in the dark
You are healing for the broken heart
You are hope, You are Lord
You are life, You are love that endures

Powerful, constant, unwavering God
Shepherd who comes for the lost
Rock of salvation, remarkable love
Savior who died on the cross

Chorus

He's the anchor of hope for the souls, oh
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

BLESSED REDEEMER

Blessed Redeemer, full of compassion
Great is Thy mercy, boundless and free
Now in my weakness, seeking Thy favor
Lord, I am coming closer to Thee

*Blessed Redeemer, wonderful Savior
Fountain of wisdom, Ancient of Days
Hope of the faithful, Light of all ages
Jesus my Savior, Thee I will praise*

Blessed Redeemer, Thou art my Refuge
Under Thy watch-care, safe I shall be
Gladly adoring, joyfully trusting
Still I am coming closer to Thee

Chorus

Blessed Redeemer, gracious and tender
Now and forever dwell Thou in me
Thou my Protector, Shield and Defender
Draw me and keep me closer to Thee

Chorus

COME TO THE FEAST

Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
Bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste to more time

*Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

*Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

*Oh, Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new, now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new, now life begins with You*

Released from my chains, I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt, and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Ye,s we're free, free, forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began (3x)

EVERLASTING GOD

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

*You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary*

*You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles*

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

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IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Christ there is no east or west
In Him no north or south
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind

*Join hands then, members of the faith
What-e'er your race may be
Who serves my Father as his child
Is surely kin to me*

In Him those walls shall tumble down
That bear hostility
And the whole family of God
Shall dwell in unity

Chorus

In Christ now meet both east and west
In Him meet north and south
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth

Chorus

LOVE STILL BIDS YOU WELCOME

Oh God of grace, how often have I grieved Thee
How seldom have I sung thy praise
And little do I know how much I need Thee
And time again I turn away

For how my heart is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left undone
Your love is not reluctant to receive me
My soul draws back but Love says "come"

*He will not cast you out, He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in, will forever dwell with him
Draw near, faint heart, draw near
Love still bids you welcome here*

Oh Father when I sin against my neighbor
I turn away your very Son
Who died to call us friends when we were strangers
And says to ev'ry sinner "come"

Chorus

Oh Lord of light you call us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
And prodigals, we come to you for pardon
Oh Abba Father take us in

Chorus

THY MERCY MY GOD

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus

Notes

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