

Dear MCC Women's Book Club Member,

On November 19, 2009, we will have a Share a Good Book Month! The Book Club Committee hopes you will come and share a book you have within the last year. In this packet you will find the following:

**Book Club Purpose Statement and Guidelines:** The Book Club Committee chooses books based on these goals and guidelines. As you prepare your selection to share, please keep these guidelines in mind.

**Book Report Form:** We have provided you with a book report form. The form will help us keep a record of what books are shared. No one is obligated to share, and some may wish to share more than one selection. In October, we will ask you to provide the name of your selection so we can minimize duplication. We welcome book recommendations throughout the year, so please feel free to submit this form at any time.

**Previous or Upcoming Book Club Books:** Because one of our goals is to add new books to our meeting calendar, we are providing you with a list of books we have already read and those scheduled for the fall.

It is our hope as a committee that our Share a Good Book Month we will give us greater insight into the reading preferences of our book club members, provide us with a first read on potential books for future meetings, introduce us to new authors, and give you an opportunity to contribute to book selections. We also hope it will be a lot of fun! Watch *The Creek* for further details. If you have any questions, contact Penny Johnson at (763) 757-3281 or Melissa Howard at (763) 434-9828.

In Him,

The MCC Women's Book Club Committee

## **Book Club Purpose Statement and Guidelines**

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17 NIV*

### **Purpose:**

The Women’s Book Club reads books for the purpose of discussing literature and applying valuable life principles within a Christian, fellowship-style environment with the goal of strengthening intellectual and spiritual responses to life circumstances.

### **General Information:**

The Women’s Book Club is a program within the Women’s Leadership Team. The Book Club Coordinator(s) reports to the Leadership Team monthly about attendance, current selections, publicity, and other points of issue. The Book Club Coordinator(s) also leads the Book Club Committee. This Committee meets once a year or as needed, reports on book assignments, makes book selections, and discusses ways to improve and promote the Book Club.

The Women’s Book Club meets once a month during the fourth week of most months. No meetings are scheduled in December. Meetings are held in the evening in the home of a Book Club Member. Facilitators are determined by the Book Club Coordinator(s). Members are responsible for obtaining a copy of the book.

### **Guidelines for Book Selections:**

The Women’s Book Club Committee selects books based on the following—

1. Each book needs to be read and recommended by two Book Club Members.
2. Books must be suitable for inclusion in the MCC library.
3. Books containing profanity, explicit sexual content, or questionable theology will not be accepted.
4. A majority opinion of the Book Club Committee is required for acceptance of a book. A unanimous opinion of the Book Club Committee is required for books containing sensitive subject matter.
5. Genres may include Christian fiction and nonfiction, literary classics, and mainstream fiction and nonfiction. The majority of selections will be within the Christian venue.
6. Variety of selections must be maintained. Books by the same author will be spread out over at least a six month period. Within three to four months, genres will also be varied (i.e. The fall schedule may include one Christian novel, a classic, and a biography).

## **Book Report Form**

Reporter:

Book Title:

Author:

Return Book Report Form To: Penny Johnson or Melissa Howard

What did you like about this book?

What did you not like about this book?

Do you know of other books by this author?

As you read, did you think of any possible discussion questions or themes?

## Previous or Upcoming Book Club Books

- Deadline* by Randy Alcorn  
*Safely Home* by Randy Alcorn  
*Edge of Eternity* by Randy Alcorn  
*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
*All She Ever Wanted* by Lynn Austin
- A Test of Faith* by Karen Ball  
*Breaking Point* by Karen Ball  
*Velvet Elvis* by Rob Bell  
*Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer  
*Last Light* by Terri Blackstock  
*Blessed Child* by Bill Bright  
*Proof* by Bill Bright and Jack Cavanaugh  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
*The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan  
*In the Presence of My Enemies* by Gracia Burnham
- Crystal Lies* by Melody Carlson
- A Can of Peas* by Traci De Pree
- Captivating* by John and Stasi Eldredge
- The Veritas Conflict* by Shaunti Feldhahn
- In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart* by Ruth Graham  
*Sister Chicks on the Loose* by Robin Jones Gunn
- After Anne* by Roxanne Henke  
*Always Jan* by Roxanne Henke  
*A Shred of Evidence* by Kathy Herman  
*The Heavenly Man: The Remarkable True Story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun* by Paul Hattaway  
*The Witness* by Dee Henderson  
*The Penny Whistle* by B.J. Hoff  
*The Debt* by Angela Hunt  
*The Elevator* by Angela Hunt  
*The Note* by Angela Hunt  
*The Novelist* by Angela Hunt  
*Hinds' Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard
- The Yada Yada Prayer Group* by Neta Jackson  
*Interview with the Devil* by Clay Jacobsen  
*The Last Time We Were Children* by Penny J. Johnson
- Julia's Hope* by Leisha Kelly  
*Where Yesterday Lives* by Karen Kingsbury  
*Redemption* by Karen Kingsbury and Gary Smalley
- All Together in One Place* by Jane Kirkpatrick  
*No Eye Can See* by Jane Kirkpatrick  
*What Once We Loved* by Jane Kirkpatrick
- Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis  
*Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis  
*Surprised by Joy* by C.S. Lewis  
*Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis
- Abba Child* by Brennan Manning  
*When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin  
*The Seat Beside Me* by Nancy Moser
- At the Scent of Water* by Linda Nichols  
*If I Gained the World* by Linda Nichols  
*Not a Sparrow Falls* by Linda Nichols
- The Resurrection File* by Craig Parshell
- Beneath a Southern Sky* by Deborah Raney  
*And the Shofar Blew* by Francine Rivers  
*The Atonement Child* by Francine Rivers  
*The Last Sin Eater* by Francine Rivers  
*Leota's Garden* by Francine Rivers  
*Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers  
*The Scarlet Thread* by Francine Rivers  
*Healing Stones* by Nancy Rue and Stephen Arterburn  
*Pascal's Wager* by Nancy Rue
- The Search* by Lorna Simcox  
*Water Lines* by Lucy Shaw  
*Heidi* by Joanna Spyri  
*The Amber Photograph* by Penelope J. Stokes  
*The Amethyst Heart* by Penelope J. Stokes  
*The Blue Bottle Club* by Penelope J. Stokes  
*Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- The God Chasers* by Tommy Tenney  
*Sacred Pathways* by Gary Thomas  
*A Garden to Keep* by Jamie Langston Turner  
*Some Wildflower in My Heart* by Jamie Langston Turner
- Ten Fingers for God: The Life and Work of Dr. Paul Brand* by Dorothy Clarke Wilson
- Dangerous Wonder* by Michael Yaconelli  
*The Shack* by William Young

