

Women 2 Women

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We seek to equip women of all ages to mature as followers of Jesus, to connect women through meaningful relationships, and to provide opportunities for women to serve our church and community.



Third Thursday Prayer

November 21 • 9:30am • Conference Room

UBC women meet once a month for prayer. These prayer meetings give women an opportunity to pray for church and personal needs. If childcare is needed please call the church office by the prior Tuesday.

We also invite you to download our monthly W2W Prayer Calendar at:
ubcfortworth.org/ministries/adults/#women2women



At the Well

Tuesday, November 12

6:00 p.m.

Harris Hall

November's At the Well will be a church wide event in response to Orphan Sunday. Both men and women are encouraged to attend!

Dinner will be served in Harris Hall from 6:00-6:30pm for adults and children. Then a panel discussion including fostering, adoption and respite provision will begin after dinner. Online reservations for childcare and dinner are available at ubcfortworth.org. Sign up today!

Women's Bible Study



Wednesday evenings beginning in January
Stay tuned!

facilitated by
Risa Payne and Jane Lang

Follow Jesus through His days of early ministry all the way to the cross. It's there we discover what it means to be recipients of His excessive compassion and the very reason for His all-consuming passion.

Ministry Opportunity

We know there are times when some of our members need rides to church. The W2W ministry is working to have several people available to help out when this need arises. If you would be willing to pick someone up, take them to church and return them home, please let Shari Barnes know. You may reach Shari at (817)313-5334.



Melana Monroe

Oceola, Arkansas was the birth place of Melana Hunt Monroe, but her family moved to Fort Worth when she was 7 years old. Her mother worked at the International Mission Board. Her father, T.W. Hunt, was a music professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, helping missionaries learn to incorporate different kinds of music as a way to build relationships on the field. Music also became very important to Melana during her growing-up years as she studied the violin. When her parents traveled to Spain for sabbatical, she continued her violin studies at the University of Barcelona. That year, her father was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board. When Melana would give violin concerts, he was able to gain on-the-job experience using music to open doors all over Europe. After the sabbatical, they returned to Fort Worth where she studied violin under a TCU professor. She also played with the Fort Worth Symphony. Melana graduated from Southwest High School, where she met Steve — they became high school sweethearts.

Since Melana grew up in a Christian home, she knew that God loved her; but she surprised her parents one Sunday evening when she walked down the aisle by herself at a very young age. At 15, she rededicated her life to the Lord, knowing she understood more at that time than when she had accepted Christ years before. Later in her life, she wrestled with her belief and wondered how God could love her and die on the cross for her, a sinner. For 13 months, she read and reread Paul's epistle to the Romans. She consumed all the material she could find that had been written on the book. At that time, she discovered a love for the Puritan authors and she finally found peace in the Scriptures.

Melana graduated from TCU with a degree in Elementary Education. She was certified in Music Education and also in Special Education. Steve attended Texas A&M where he was one of the first students to get a degree in Computer Science. After college, Steve and Melana married and Steve entered the Navy during the last year of the Vietnam War. When his tour of duty was over, they moved back to Fort Worth where they lived for 10 years. During that time, Steve attended TCU, earning a Masters in Software Development and Design. After his stint at TCU, Steve took a new job with an oil field services company that sent them to Houston. There they made their home for almost 30 years.

Melana home-schooled their 6 children over a 30-year time span since their children were very spread out in age. She loved teaching, and she also loved helping other home-schooling parents. The last 20 years she educated her children classically. She also worked at Witherspoon Seminary as a Classical Education curriculum supervisor and teacher supervisor in a university model school that facilitated home-schooling. At the time, there was no other school, university or seminary that she knew of that had a specialty in teaching home-schooling parents. She also developed an undergraduate degree program for people who home-school. She enjoyed teaching parents how to provide lesson planning for each child, how to teach children with different learning styles, how to use time management techniques and how to organize their home, as well as the content and literature included in a classical education. She loves working with parents so much and she wants to continue to be involved in helping parents however she can. This can run the gamut — from understanding technology and how to protect children who use it, to helping parents who are nearing the empty nest. Melana is also excited about teaching ESL this year at UBC.

Melana's favorite Bible passage is Philippians 3:10-14 which says,

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Her passion is to really know Christ. Since she has spent so much time in Romans and Philippians, she truly identifies with Paul. At this time, she is working with Lifeway to research and complete a rewrite of her father's 50 year-old book, "The Mind of Christ."

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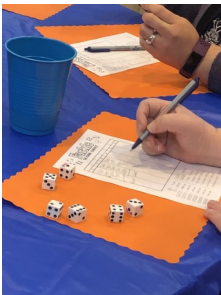
A few years ago, doctors discovered that Melana has a gene that causes stomach cancer. Four of her children have also tested positive for the gene and because of this fact, she and those children have undergone surgery to remove their stomachs. This has resulted in them needing to completely transform their eating habits. She says this has been a daunting but doable task! One of her children, Katie Frugé attends UBC with her family.

Melana has been a life long learner and teacher. She has relied on God to show her that He loves her unconditionally and that He has a plan for her life. So many things that have happened to her and her family have given Melana the reassurance that God is in control of their lives. Because of a change in Steve's job, they were able to move back to Ft. Worth where they have two special-needs granddaughters that really need their grandparents. She can also use her special education knowledge as she works with them.

Melana's future is bright and filled with many possibilities. She plans to use her education and teaching skills as well as her writing skills at UBC and in the Fort Worth community at large.



LET'S TACO 'BOUT A GAME NIGHT! UBC WOMEN 2 WOMEN



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