



## March-ish

Have you ever felt March-ish? Social Media likes to refer to this time as “The Pollening”, no longer winter and not true spring. These are the days of layering clothes, handy umbrellas, and yellow dust on anything outdoors. You know you live in Georgia during March if you question washing your car now or waiting a month to see its actual color. It's just how it is here!

March-ish could be described as going through the motions or feeling stuck in the middle. It's the doldrums we can all fall easily into; “this is just how it is”. Here's the truth about this feeling: it can lead us to forget God. The slippery slope of an unchecked March-ish state leaves us emotionally and spiritually “blah”. When we see life as same old-same old, it keeps the focus on us, not allowing much vision to see the One who is still working in it. Cliched or not, the saying “You were not made to just survive, but to thrive” is true.

Perhaps one of the best ways to do that, and help those March-ish feelings, is for us to practice the art of remembering. There is a song from Bethel Music titled “Goodness of God” that does just that. Held within its thoughtful lyrics is this chorus:

“...And all my life You have been faithful  
 And all my life You have been so, so good  
 With every breath that I am able  
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God”

Recalling God's goodness and faithfulness, or acknowledging how He is presently working, alters our perspective. While circumstances may stay the same, remembering God can change feelings of “umph” to prayers and songs of gratitude. The result of this truth-telling strengthens our faith. So when those March-ish feelings come around, let's remember how and when God has been there. Let's recognize we don't follow a “stuck” God, but a living and active one.

## Building Community One Step at a Time



As you know, we have recently started one of our monthly gatherings called Walk and Talk. The intent here is to offer something that will help us meet other women, is good for us, and isn't too time consuming (I mean we all errands to do, right?). On the fourth Thursday of each month, we plan to hit the pavement around the church to join light exercise with fellowship. We are staying away from trails so mommas with strollers and those of us with older knees can participate. Be sure to add this to your monthly calendars!

## Antique Shopping Day

What makes for a good outing? Those of us who went antique shopping in Braselton may define it as time with friends, old and new, doing something fun! Add in some beautiful weather, many trips down memory lane, and a tasty lunch and you may even say it was a true treasure. Our Deal of the Day top winner was Pam Zickefoose who walked away with a Lenox China Marriage Plate for \$2.71. Diann West and Lynell Sanford came in next with their great finds.

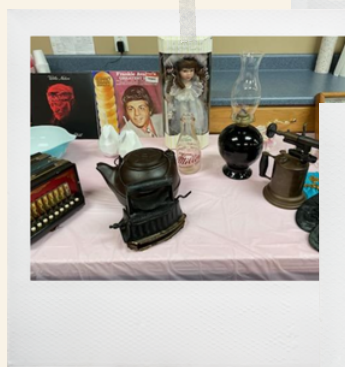
Here are the places we visited so you can grab a friend and visit them at your convenience:

A Flea Antique  
706-654-2100  
10101 Davis Street #100

Countryside Antiques  
706-824-7204  
115 Harrison Street

Pretty Petals and Pickin's  
404-547-3062  
4165 Highway 53

House of Boykin  
770-568-2298  
64 Brassie Lane



## COMING UP

### High Tea Thursday, 3/23

6:30-8:00 pm

Join us for the fashionable social gathering, High Tea. The evening will include a variety of teas, light sandwiches, elegant desserts, and a gracious time of socializing. Not required, but if you have a favorite teacup and saucer you would like to use, feel free to bring that with you. While dressing up is properly fun (hats and fascinators welcome), we will open our doors and offer our cups to all ladies (young and mature) no matter their attire.

Sign up online or at  
Welcome Tables by 3/19  
(\$8 per person)

### Bows and Breakfast

Saturday, 4/15  
(See info below)

### Monthly Happenings

**Phoenix Bible Study**  
2nd Thursdays, 11-11:30 am

**Walk and Talk**  
4th Thursdays, 9:45-10:30 am

## Study

For this month's scripture study, we will spend time on Lamentations 3:22-26. In a book designated for laments, the external expression of sorrow or grief, you can also find a focus on the goodness of our God. Hope, love, faithfulness, repentance, and salvation are also present truths in this "book of tears".

The grieving writer reminds us that God can and will meet us in the midst of our hardship, trials, and hurts. This wasn't only true for those facing Old Testament judgment, but for us today. Jesus, being our ultimate Grief-Bearer, demonstrates that's God covenant "compassion" and "faithfulness" have no end. He still knows, He still sees, He still restores.  
May you know this to be true "every morning".

## Bows and Breakfast

**Bows and Breakfast is coming April 15th at 9 am.**  
After breakfast together, we will get crafty and create our own spring or summer bow.

Know this skill already? Great! Join us for the fellowship and dazzle us with your creations.

New to this? Julie Brown, from our Christmas Dinner, will teach us how to master this craft.

You will need three things for this event: ribbon (enough for the number of bows you want to make), scissors, and an idea of what your bow will be used for. *Don't forget to see your favorite hobby store for sales on ribbon!*

### **Ribbon recommendation:**

WIRE ribbon 2" to 4" wide  
5-6 feet makes a smaller bow  
10-12 feet makes a mailbox or wreath bow

### **Bows can be made for:**

wreaths, mailboxes, welcome signs,  
seasonal: spring, 4th of July, summer,  
Teacher Appreciation gifts, baskets or planters

\$5 per person  
Sign ups open late March  
Middle school and up welcome



## Interested?

If you are interested in helping with any of the following, please email the Women's Lead Team (address below).

### **High Tea Decorating on 3/22 at 10 am**

**High Tea Decorations to Borrow**  
We are looking for tiered trays and pretty napkins. Can be brought to church on Sunday (please mark it as yours) or to decorating day on 3/22.

**The Phoenix Bible Study Teacher**  
(will be on a rotation)

For questions or replies email  
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