

# Academy WOMEN

## WOMEN'S WORD—JAN 2024

Hey sis,

Whether you are a cup-half-full or a cup-half-empty kind of gal, the year ahead is sure to be filled with its share of challenges. I know that is true of any given year, but being an election year, 2024 may be contentious as the world finds itself embroiled in escalating division. It's likely we will all have moments of frustration wanting to know how to rightly respond to a world gone wrong.

Our theme for Women's Ministry this year is:

**Be Peace... to a world in pieces.**



My desire is that all we do together as sisters in Christ will elevate our response to the world. May we bring peace and light and love and hope and truth to those who are in desperate need. To that end, all of our special events will be a sure place to come and be encouraged and to bring a friend who needs a healing balm.

**New this year are three Women's Brunches** that will include special speakers with powerful testimonies and messages of hope. We will have unhurried time around the tables to take their words to heart and to share with each other. Save **Saturday, March 16, 9-11 AM** for a precious time with **Zsuzsa Ittész** Zooming in from Hungary. She has led Good Sports Int'l for five years and hosted ACC mission teams twice. She has a huge heart for orphans, a magnetic personality, and an inspirational message from the front lines that you need to hear.

God has so much good in store for 2024. My prayer is that you will be a part of it!

Go in Peace, Go in Love, Go Enjoy!

Pastor Kathleen Fast

With the new calendar year comes the opportunity to join a new **Table Talk** group for the year. These casual groups are intended to help you connect with 4-8 women of ACC on a monthly basis around coffee or a meal. You may choose to stay in your current group or join a new one. If interested, please contact Holly Seay at [holly@academychristian.org](mailto:holly@academychristian.org) for new groups forming for 2024.

Also, if you would like to connect as a **Soul Sister**, we have spiritual mentors ready for pairing. These 1-on-1 intergenerational friendships are designed for intentional spiritual growth with the help of a more seasoned believer. For a pairing questionnaire, contact Kathleen at [kathleen@academychristian.org](mailto:kathleen@academychristian.org). Those who are currently in a discipling relationship as a mentor - or would like to be - are invited to a **Mentor Luncheon** on Jan 14 from 12:15-1:45 at the church.

Finally, the **Ukuladies** are starting to meet again on Sunday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 PM in Room A5 for a worshipping fellowship. No experience needed. Bring your uke and a smile and have fun learning to play while praising the Lord beginning January 7.

With the recent conversion of our church data base, please add **Planning Center** to your safe list in order to continue receiving ACC emails. If you want to opt in for flash text updates, find a **Table Talk** group, or become a **Soul Sister** mentor or mentee, contact our **Pastor of Women's Ministry, Kathleen Fast** at [kathleen@academychristian.org](mailto:kathleen@academychristian.org). She is available for prayer and 1-1 meetings.

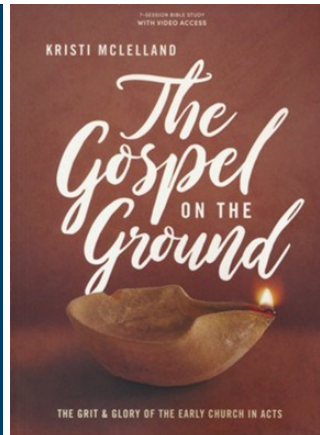
# SEVEN NEW BIBLE STUDIES FOR WINTER!

There's a study for everyone! With new teachers and new small groups forming, this is an exciting time to pick the study that's right for you. Visit [www.academychristian.org/myacc](http://www.academychristian.org/myacc) to learn more about each study and to register and pay \$20. Studies will begin January 3 through 21 depending on the study.

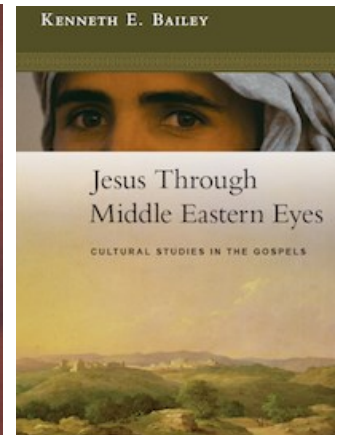
**WEDNESDAY  
MORNINGS  
9:30-11:00 AM  
No Childcare.**



DIANNA JONES

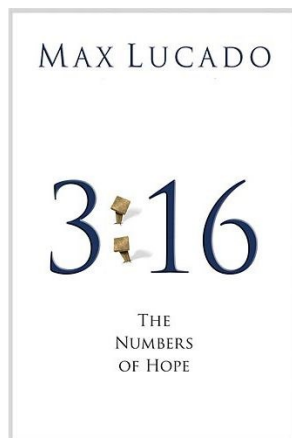


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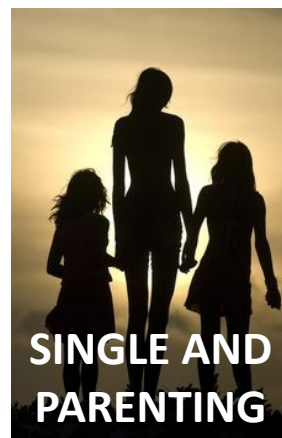


KATHLEEN FAST

**WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS  
6:15—8:00 PM  
Child Programming  
with Registration**

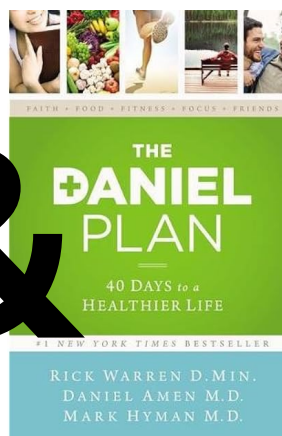
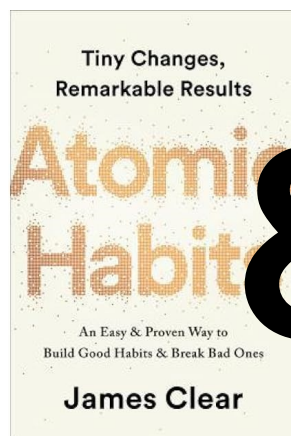


SARAH HAMEL

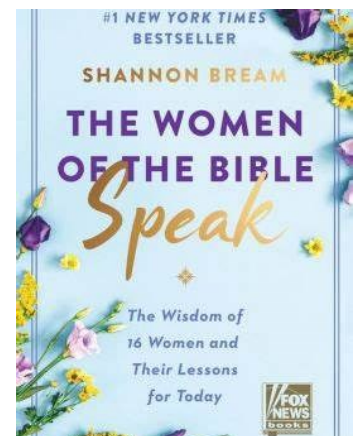


TAMI GALE

**SUNDAY  
EVENINGS  
5:00-7:00 PM  
No childcare.**



BARB COLLINS AND KATHLEEN FAST



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