

Women's Ministries

Churches of God, General Conference

We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Our Purpose

To provide training to leaders and potential leaders.

Mission

To train leaders to connect and equip women to live boldly for God.

Vision

To see women discipling women.



Why Women's Ministries?

By Lynn Kauffman

Although it's not necessary to establish a formal women's ministry, ministry by women for women does have certain unique and positive attributes:

♥ Because women need the friendships of other women, a women's ministry can help to fulfill that need by connecting them to God, His Word, and others.

♥ Women are uniquely suited to ministering & discipling other women in ways men cannot. We need women to show us how the gospel directs our womanhood.

♥ A safe ladies' group could be just the right atmosphere for another to experience the sweet taste of salvation.

♥ When a committed group of ladies consistently meet to study the Word, the entire congregation benefits when generations of women are raised up and pass on scripture.

♥ Since women and men were both created with equal, yet differing value, as God's image bearers, a women's group can encourage ladies to practice their gifts, passions, talents, etc. more freely than in a mixed group.

♥ There is biblical basis for women, who have the gift of teaching, to teach. Titus 2:3 tells us that older women should teach younger women "what is good". We are told to live as godly women and teach this godliness to one another. When women are equipped, encouraged, mentored & trained they will thrive.

♥ God has/is/will continue to call women to be His co-laborers in the gospel.

♥ A "woman's only" group would allow ladies from other belief systems, cultures or traditions to more freely explore what it means to follow Jesus; some would never be permitted to attend a mixed group.

♥ A women's group, done well, offers us a redemptive community where we can follow & imitate our female sisters in Christ as they follow & imitate Christ.

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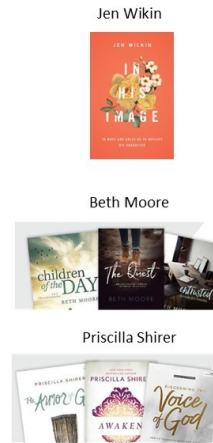
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My family did not attend church when I was a girl, but I received Christ as my Savior when I was thirteen at an evangelistic rally at the church down the street from my house. I didn't grow very much until I was a freshman in college and got involved with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. It was there I learned how to grow as a disciple of Christ, how to be a leader, and how to lead worship. God has placed me in churches of various denominations over the years, bringing us to Indian Head Church of God about 14 years ago where I have served as Children's Ministries Director, Worship Leader and Choir Director. I have also taught Sunday School classes for both children and adults. I enjoy the opportunities God has given me to speak the Truth of God into the lives of women at retreats and other gatherings. I am the author of three books, *Psalms for Life*, *Becoming New*, and *Immeasurably More*. I am the wife of Jim, a retired engineer. Together, we have three children and six grandchildren!

Director of Equipping: Heather Boss



Heather, cofounder of Victoriously Strong International, is a teacher and public speaker. Heather is happily married and a mother of two. She and her family have made their home in Moore, Oklahoma. Heather has ministered both nationally and internationally for the past 15 years. Currently she serves as the Youth and Family Director for the Western Region Churches of God throughout Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri and Kansas. She is also a Spiritual Care Chaplain for OCC in the state of

Oklahoma. Heather is the Executive Administrator and a Pastor at Firehouse Community Outreach, as well as the Director of Firehouse Kids Academy. Heather is a strong advocate for the Family Ministries Mountain.

Assistant Director: Kathy Odegard



I grew up in a Christian home with two wonderful parents in Central Pennsylvania. I am a nurse and have held a license in three states. I moved to Montana in 2003 in order to marry my wonderful husband, David.

We have six delightful children that we homeschool: Abigail, Hannah, Luke, Andrew, Matthew, and Sarah Grace. We also have a Blue Doodle, Rigby, whom we all adore. My husband and I have

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been entrepreneurs for many years with building and rental homes.

In 2012, my husband was called to full-time pastoral ministry and we moved from Montana to Ohio so that he could attend Winebrenner. We have been serving the Wharton Church of God since 2013 and have transitioned it from an introspective rural church to a community-minded, growing church which has been vital to the community. It has been very demanding in every way, but the church hasn't been this healthy since the '40's.

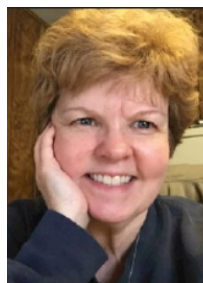
This year, I was hired as the Great Lakes Administrative Secretary and will assist my husband in his new role as the GLC (Great Lakes Conference) Director. We look forward to being used by God to serve the needs of our pastors and congregations in every way.

Secretary: Kelly DeVincent



Kelly is the proud momma to Christian and Chloe. She and her husband live in the mountains of Pennsylvania where they serve the Markleysburg Union Church. She is a worship leader with the band Emmaus Road, leads a women's Bible study, and represents the Allegheny Region on our team.

Treasurer: Nancy Scott



I was raised in church but did not realize Jesus was my Savior until I was in college. Once I accepted Jesus as my Savior, my life was transformed and continues to be transformed daily. I am married to Pastor Phil Scott who serves as Director of the Allegheny Region CGGC. I often travel with Phil visiting the churches in the ARC. We have three wonderful children, Morgan, Austin and Haley. I am an accountant and enjoy helping others with their personal finances.

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Thank Offering

*"Whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
—Colossians 3:17*

What is a Thank Offering? Whenever we are thankful for something in our daily lives and we want to thank God in a tangible way, we place a few coins in our Thank Offering Barrel and pray a prayer of thanksgiving. This daily act of worship was established by Grace Pierson, the founder of Churches of God Women's Ministries (formerly known as Women's Christian Service Council) in 1952. The offering is then collected by local Women's Ministries groups the first Sunday in the month of May. Oftentimes a special Women's Ministries worship service is presented by the women of the congregation. The offering is then sent to the regional treasurer. The regional treasurer will send 60% of the Thank Offering to the General Conference Women's Ministries and the 40% remaining will be dispersed as decided by each region. For individuals that are not a part of a Women's Ministries group, they may send their offerings to their regional treasurer or to the CGWM treasurer, Nancy Scott. As of 2018 there has been over 2 million dollars given through the Thank Offering. Labels for your Thank Offering container are available on the website.

www.cggcwomen.org



Year	General Conference 60% Portion	100% Total	Running total
1991	30,194.27	50,323.78	996,110.17
1992	30,824.29	51,373.82	1,047,483.99
1993	27,970.89	46,618.15	1,094,121.80
1994	28,737.50	47,895.83	1,142,017.63
1995	24,111.19	40,185.32	1,182,202.95
1996	30,486.21	50,810.35	1,233,013.30
1997	28,752.96	47,921.60	1,280,934.90
1998	29,478.49	49,130.82	1,330,065.72
1999	26,718.95	44,531.58	1,374,597.30
2000	33,941.81	56,569.68	1,431,166.98
2001	24,645.10	41,075.17	1,472,242.15
2002	27,243.52	45,405.87	1,517,648.02
2003	49,475.97	82,459.95	1,600,107.97
2004	27,014.96	45,024.93	1,645,132.90
2005	32,838.80	54,731.33	1,699,864.23
2006	24,006.32	40,010.53	1,739,874.76
2007	25,193.80	41,989.67	1,781,864.43
2008	21,847.42	36,412.37	1,818,276.80
2009	23,399.54	38,999.23	1,857,276.03
2010	21,907.21	36,512.02	1,893,788.05
2011	35,243.50	58,739.17	1,952,527.22
2012	20,541.19	34,235.32	1,986,762.54
2013	22,996.31	38,327.18	2,025,089.72
2014	16,408.45	27,347.42	2,052,437.14
2015	17,829.24	29,715.40	2,082,152.54
2016	13,703.81	22,839.68	2,104,992.22
2017	15,269.65	25,449.42	2,130,441.64
2018	14,544.44	24,240.73	2,154,682.37
2019	14,830.43	24,717.38	2,179,399.75
2020	9,203.02	15,338.37	2,195,408.29
2021	10,523.29	17,538.82	2,212,947.11
2022	14,036.06	23,393.43	2,236,340.54

"He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." —Psalm 50:2

Thank Offering 1954-Present

Every Penny Makes A Difference

Year	General Conference 60% Portion	100% Total	Running total
1954	1,916.19	3,193.65	3,193.65
1955	3,028.41	5,047.35	8,241.00
1956	4,749.92	7,916.53	16,157.53
1957	4,289.96	7,149.93	23,307.46
1958	4,925.19	8,208.65	31,516.11
1959	5,057.25	8,428.75	39,944.86
1960	5,095.54	8,492.57	48,437.43
1961	5,709.03	9,515.05	57,952.48
1962	5,972.52	9,954.20	67,906.68
1963	6,554.88	10,924.80	78,831.48
1964	6,860.71	11,434.51	90,265.99
1965	7,020.85	11,701.42	101,967.41
1966	7,742.31	12,903.85	114,871.26
1967	8,009.75	13,349.60	128,220.86
1968	8,685.68	14,476.13	142,696.99
1969	8,867.96	14,779.93	157,476.92
1970	10,382.87	17,304.78	174,781.70
1971	10,505.57	17,509.28	192,290.98
1972	12,034.47	20,057.45	212,348.43
1973	13,707.27	22,845.45	235,193.88
1974	15,578.97	25,964.95	261,158.83
1975	16,506.59	27,510.98	288,669.81
1976	18,459.48	30,765.80	319,435.61
1977	19,831.10	33,051.84	352,487.45
1978	22,594.26	37,657.10	390,144.55
1979	22,660.14	37,766.90	427,911.45
1980	23,538.44	39,230.74	467,142.19
1981	24,898.72	41,497.90	508,640.09
1982	27,608.36	46,013.93	554,654.02
1983	27,431.96	45,719.93	600,373.95
1984	27,682.56	46,137.60	646,511.55
1985	28,446.08	47,410.13	693,921.68
1986	30,337.09	50,561.82	744,483.50
1987	28,402.57	47,337.62	791,821.12
1988	29,498.99	49,164.98	840,986.10
1989	31,988.32	53,313.87	894,299.97
1990	30,891.85	51,486.42	945,786.39

Thank Offering Distribution

2020-2021

Distribution May 2021

- ◆ Winebrenner Female Seminary Students 25%
- ◆ Women's Leadership Development 25%
- ◆ Haiti Physical Therapy Students 20%
- ◆ Venezuela Bible School Students 15%
- ◆ Uluberia Girls School in India 15%

Congregations should send their Thank Offering as a check to State/Regional CGWM treasurers by June 30th. State/Regional CGWM treasurers should send a check for 60% of the total Thank Offering donations to the General Conference CGWM Treasurer, Nancy Scott, by July 31st.

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever."*

—1 Chronicles 16:34

Thank Offering Barrels are no longer available at The Corner Store. They can be purchased in bulk at Amazon.com as well as several other sites. If you need only a few barrels, please contact one of our officers. It is also easy to create your own with a Pringles can and a label printed from our website.



Physical Therapy School Haiti

The Physical Therapy Program in Haiti is located just outside of St. Marc, in the Lois Habecker School building. This is a new frontier, as this is the first Haitian led physical therapy program in the country! The first cohort of students started in the fall of 2015. Those who complete the four year program will have earned a bachelor's degree.

Our Thank Offerings will help female students achieve their educational goals. They are devoted and are working against great odds to finish school and begin a successful practice. They are very bright and capable students.

Venezuela Bible School

The church conference runs what we call a 3 year Bible program at the main church in San Juan de los Morros Venezuela. It is for pastors or leaders. This school is implemented at churches to prepare leaders for ministry. Venezuela has their own Conference that oversees this ministry.

The Conference is registered as a non profit with the Government of Venezuela. Each location has their own teachers and students. Thank Offering will assist women students achieve their God calling by assisting them with their educational expenses. This is especially important for them now during the current financial and economic crisis in Venezuela. The program is similar to the Pastoral Training Institute or a 4 year Bible Institute.



Uluberia Girls School

The Churches of God are embarking on a new ministry that will change the lives of girls and women in Uluberia, India. In March 2019, we opened a girls school for 5th graders. There are plans to add a grade every year through the 8th grade. Other than this school, girls finish their formal education by completing the 4th grade. The underprivileged girls who will attend the school will be given a brighter future. The school will give opportunity to teach the girls about Jesus and open doors to share with their families the love of Christ.

the world. Our Thank Offering will help women acquire a degree or training that will enable them to serve God, the Church and their community more effectively.



Women's Leadership Development

The CGWM have recognized that to advance ministry to women and to be Kingdom builders, we need to train leaders to connect and equip women to live boldly for God. We plan to develop women leaders through training and leadership opportunities.

WTS Students

Winebrenner Theological Seminary is the Churches of God seminary, located in Findlay OH. There women and men are prepared to be servant leaders of the Lord Jesus Christ for effective ministry in the Church and

