



Seminary Wives' Newsletter

The Distaff

December 2008

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*"The wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish tears it down with
her own hands."
Proverbs 14:1*



Building With Wisdom

Calendar

*December 4th ~ Christmas
Chapel for Seminary
Families*

*December 12th ~ End of
Fall Semester*

*December 25th ~ Let
Us celebrate Christ*

*January 13th~ Winter
classes begin*

*January 14th ~ Start of
Winter Semester
Seminary Wives*



***"She will bear a Son; and
you shall call His name
Jesus, for He will save
His people from their
sins.***

Matthew 1:21



Words of Wisdom

What Child is This

*William Chatterton Dix
(1837-1898)*

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*What child it this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems
sweet, while shepherds watch
are keeping?*

*This, This is Christ the King,
whom shepherds watch and
angels sing.*

*Haste, Haste to bring him laude,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear; for sinners
here, The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him
through; the cross be borne
for me, for you:*

*Hail, Hail the Word made flesh,
the Babe the Son of Mary.*

Each person who passes through our Semwives fellowship makes a contribution to our group and is a blessing to our hearts. One such contribution is this newsletter, *The Distaff*, which was the idea and production of one of our Semwives, Dawn Tessari. We thank the Lord and we want to thank her for her vision for this particular ministry. We will pray for Dawn and her husband Paul as they return to Massachusetts this month to serve the Lord in their home church.

We are happy to welcome Jody Sauder, wife of Kevin, third year student, as our new editor for *The Distaff*, with this issue. Remember also, that we welcome contributions from the wives of our current students for this newsletter and from TMS alumni wives for our web pages.

Recipe Row



Cinnamon Ornaments

Cute and they make the house smell great!

By Alaina Peppers

In a bowl combine 3/4 to 1 cup of applesauce with a 4.12 ounce bottle of ground cinnamon.

Stir to form a stiff dough.

Roll out to 1/4th inch thickness.

Cut with cookie cutters (Christmas shapes).

With a straw or skewer, make a hole for hanging ribbon.

Carefully place on a rack to dry.

Let air dry for several days, turning occasionally.

Put thin ribbon through holes and hang on tree.

Makes about 12 ornaments.

Dump Cake

By Alaina Peppers

1 box butter cake mix

1 can crushed pineapple

1 can fruit pie filling (cherry or blueberry work well)

1/2 stick of butter

Spray a 9x13 or any pretty baking dish that will hold about as much as a 9x13.

Pour one can of crushed pineapple in baking dish. Spread fruit pie filling over crushed pineapple.

Sprinkle entire box of butter cake over pie filling.

Slice into thin pats of butter half a stick of butter and place across the top of the cake mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes until golden brown.

Wonderful when served warm with ice cream.

Refrigerate leftovers.



~Book Reviews~

Bounds, E.M. *E.M. Bounds on Prayer*. (New Kensington, PA: Whitaker House, 1996). 622 pp. \$17.99 (paper).

Reviewed by Sarah Clayton, wife of TMS student Tommy Clayton.

If your home is anything like mine, the only thing you lack in the book department is a place to shelve them all. With so many spiritual growth tools at our disposal, it is easy to undervalue their worth. Recently I chose a gem of a book from our shelves that had felt nothing but my feather duster for over seven years. The book was *Prayer* by E.M. Bounds, a nineteenth century preacher who wrote extensively on the subject of prayer. With a length of 622 pages, it is daunting for the less than avid reader. The subject of prayer and my desperate need for growth in this area led me to choose it. Bounds' many writings on prayer were compiled to form this book which is broken up into brief, pleasantly digestible segments so that it reads much like a devotional. Much to my delight, I quickly discovered this book was not at all what I had expected.

It is obvious from page one that the man who penned these writings was a man completely given to prayer. He had the kind of prayer life most Christians can only dream about. It was said of Bounds that prayer was as natural to him as breathing. After reading him for two months, I fully believe that statement. "The most important lesson we can learn is how to pray," Bounds says. The author uses Scripture, notable quotes from true prayer warriors and his own profound thoughts to constantly challenge his readers to embrace the unfathomable importance of prayer. The priority of prayer becomes so elevated for the reader that one can't help but take radical steps to spend as much time as possible upon one's knees. I have never read more contagious words on prayer from another Christian author beyond Scripture. Whether he is convincing you of the astounding results true prayer achieves or of the fact that everything in this world is shaped by prayer, Bounds leaves indelible, life-changing impressions on his readers.

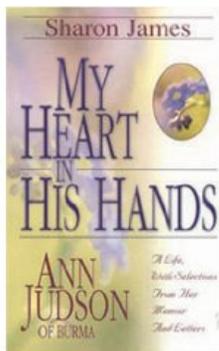
Therefore, the believer who is most highly skilled in prayer will do the most for God...the strongest one in Christ's kingdom is he who can knock the best, and the secret of success in Christ's kingdom is the ability to pray (p. 13)

The author has much to say to church leaders and their commitment to prayer. This book has had a great impact on my husband and I as we examine our own Kingdom commitments. It is a must read for all Christians, especially men and women called into ministry.

Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

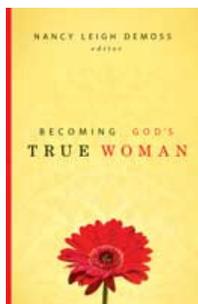
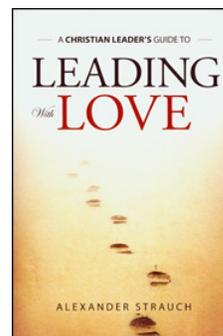
Hebrews 4:14-16

Books We're Reading . . . A sampling of some titles our Seminary Wives' leaders have been reading lately.



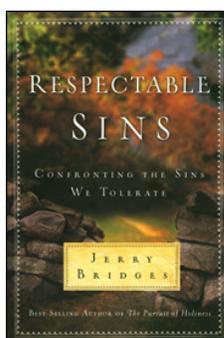
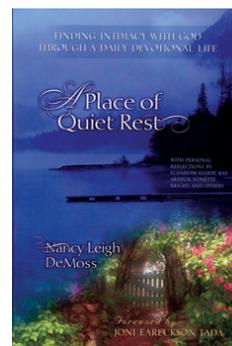
***My Heart in His Hands:
Ann Judson of Burma*** by Sharon James
“will increase your devotion to Christ and what you can do in His strength”

Leading with Love by Alexander Strauch
“will help you develop a clear understanding of the Bible’s teaching about love and apply it in your relationships with fellow believers”



Becoming God's True Woman by Nancy Leigh DeMoss
“a discussion of Biblical femininity and the role of women in the home and church”

A Place of Quiet Rest: Finding Intimacy with God Through a Daily Devotional Life by Nancy Leigh DeMoss
“you will be blessed by her thoughts about a daily quiet time with the Lord”



Respectable Sins—Confronting the Sins we Tolerate by Jerry Bridges
“will help you confront sin in your own life and strive more earnestly for holiness”

TMS Semwives Disclaimer:

While we recommend many different resources for your consideration we also encourage you, the reader, to be like the Bereans who could receive a message (book) with eagerness and then examine the message against the truth of Scripture. ~ Acts 17:11