



Mid-Valley Women of Christ



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CAROL KENT EVENT, MARCH 8TH, THE VALLEY-WIDE NIGHT OF PRAISE & WORSHIP AT LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN CORVALLIS, ATTRACTED OVER 850 WOMEN

The Winter 2018 Bible Studies offered 51 classes attracting 1,500 women

This Thing Called Life

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Running and praying has been a way of life for me. It has helped me work out so many things with God. As I have met with God, and felt His Presence wash over me time and time again, I am transformed, changed somehow. My heart is less heavy. My mind is clearer. I can love better.

God longs to meet us daily through prayer with

His unfailing love. Running has not only taught me how to pray and meet with God, but it has also taught me how to love.

As I think about these words from **1 Corinthians 13:13**, "So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run." (Passion Bible), I find my answer to why I long to run.

It's all because of the longing in my heart to be filled with the Father's love for me.

We're all in a race -- this thing called life. Life is who we are, what we do and why we do it. We must never lose sight of why we do the things we do. We must be compelled by His great love! We must be moved to extremes because of the love of the Father.

So go run the race God has called you to run and long for Him with all your heart. God longs to fill that "sacred ache" in your heart with His amazing love.

My challenge for you in this Spring season is to take a long walk and begin to pray. Cry out to God with all your heart, and long for the Father's love to fill your spirit afresh each day. May you find answers to the "why" you do the things you do, and may you be compelled by God's great love and share that gift with others.



Gathering for Praise is Vital

**Alicia Marks, MVWC Board Member
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Like most of you, I have been blown away by every MVWC Praise Gathering. No matter who the speaker is, what songs the worship team chooses or what venue we meet in, God shows up tangibly. And being in the presence of God with hundreds of other women? Pure bliss.

What is it that makes these events so spiritually impactful? I believe that it is this simple truth: women come expecting to hear from God.

On these nights, as soon as the music starts, women are worshiping. When the speaker begins, women are on the edge of their seats taking notes, soaking up every word. When the prayer time is offered, women are ready to join each other in prayer.

How do we keep that enthusiasm in our personal walks with the Lord after we leave events like the Praise Gathering? We keep expecting! In **Psalm 5:3** David said to God, "*I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.*"

Coming to the Lord with expectation means that we approach our quiet time with excitement. In **Psalm 42:2**, the writer asks; "*When can I come and appear before the Lord?*" He can hardly wait to be in the Presence of God!

Events like the Praise Gathering are vital because they reignite our spiritual passion. When we come ready to hear from God, actively listening, expecting to hear His voice, we will.



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We Have Outgrown Our Current Data Base Program! Your Gift whether small or large is needed to help us reach Bible Study leaders, attendees, friends of MVWC & volunteers. We will need \$2,500 to make this much needed change prior to Fall Bible Studies.

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