

## Bible studies for women expand to 42 churches, 21 cities

ALBANY — Beginning Sept. 18, 42 mid-Willamette Valley churches in 21 cities will open their doors to women for fall *Community-Wide Bible Studies* sponsored by Albanybased Mid-Valley Women of Christ.

This will be the 20th Bible study as the ministry begins its 10th year of outreach to women. Fifty-five class times in cities from McMinnville to Springfield, Willamina to Sweet Home, will gather women from 318 different churches in a study of God's Word. Seven new churches are hosting this quarter, reaching women in six counties.

The fall Bible study will feature a six-week video series, *Finding I AM*, by author/teacher Lysa TerKeurst. *Finding I* 

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AM focuses on the seven "I AM Statements "of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John. TerKeurst, New York Times bestselling author of Uninvited and The Best Yes, brings current application to the lives of women from this study of the words of Jesus.

"We asked God to allow us to offer something really special to women as we celebrate the beginning of 10 years of ministry, and He did not disappoint," said Linda David, founder and president of Mid-Valley Women of Christ. "How thrilling to study the actual words of Jesus rather than what others say about Him,"

Filmed in Israel, the video presentation of *Finding I AM* is breathtaking, according to David. TerKeurst's study delves into the promises of John's gospel, offering participants in-depth study.

According to David, women will learn how to stop living like a slave to circumstances by training up their hearts to embrace the life-giving freedom God wants them to have. Together, they will gain a better understanding of how Jesus' words from 2,000 years ago satisfy the cries of hearts today.



Linda David

Studies feature hospitality, teaching, small group discussion and prayer. An optional *Homework Study Guide* is available for purchase at each host church.

Morning, afternoon, and evening classes offer options for the tight schedules of busy women. Childcare is available at various studies.

A community outreach project entitled, *I AM Your Provider*, will harness the passion and energy of women inter-denominationally as Bible study leaders unite women around a common goal to help those in need. This fall, classes will reach out to assist homeless women in practical ways through charities within their own communities.

"By meeting some of the needs of a woman facing homelessness, we are helping her to experience the loving 'I AM,' her Provider.," said David. "This allows her to see, that in the Lord, there is hope, help and encouragement."

To register for a class, or to learn more about Mid-Valley Women of Christ go to www.midvalley womenofchrist.org or write info@midvalley womenofchrist.org