

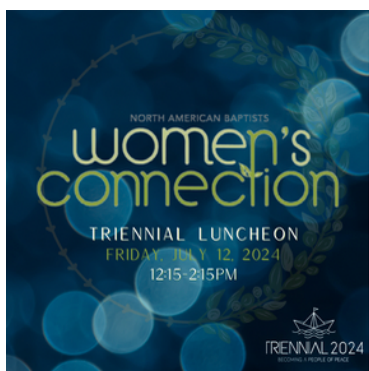
# TouchPoint

The North American Baptist Conference Women's Connection Newsletter

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## BECOMING A PEOPLE OF PEACE

The 2024 Triennial will be a time of worship and celebration, of hearing God's truth from God's Word, and of hearing stories of how God is using the NAB to bring His peace in Jesus.



**Be sure to sign up for the special Women's Connection Luncheon • July 12, 12:15-2:15pm**

Hosted by the NAB Women's Connection, all ladies are invited to come explore the theme of Create in Me a Heart of Peace. Testimonies

of women who have found peace through the work/ministry God has given them will be shared. Be inspired and challenged as you enjoy a time of connecting with other women in the NAB family.



**There is still time to register for Triennial 2024 July 11-14 • St Paul, Minnesota**  
[www.nabconference.org/triennial](http://www.nabconference.org/triennial)

### OUR TRIENNIAL LUNCHEON PROJECT

## Saker Baptist College Water Project CAMEROON, WEST AFRICA



Women's Connection will encourage those who attend the luncheon to share in the improvement of the water system at Saker Baptist College for girls in Cameroon through an offering. Maureen Moody shares about the necessity of improving the present water system.

Saker Baptist College is a secondary school for girls in Cameroon. It was one of the first secondary schools started by NAB missionaries. It has a long, prestigious history and since 1962 it has been providing an environment that encourages and empowers young women to learn, to grow and to lead.

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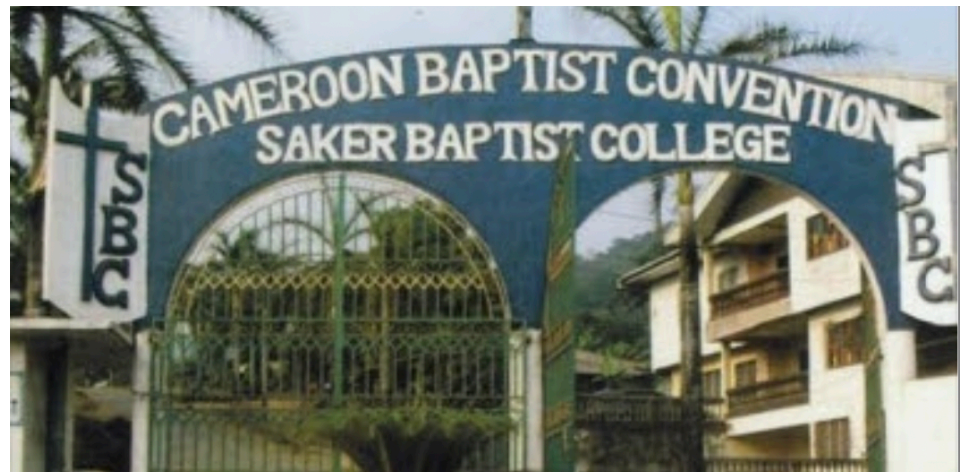
## YOU GLOW GIRL Bismarck North Dakota

What a fun-filled, inspirational night for girls from grades 5-8 Middle School Ministry at Century Baptist in Bismarck, North Dakota. April Wahl and her team prepared an opportunity for Century girls to connect with Jesus, each other, and their leaders, leaning into their identity belonging as Kingdom workers.

The girls found out what it means to glow as a light in this world, not just individually but collectively so that the world can see Jesus.

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Beginning with a student population of 36 in 1962, Saker has flourished and currently has an enrollment of 1131 students. Over the years buildings have been added and bore holes drilled to provide a water source for the school. While the bore holes are able to produce a good amount of water the challenge is to get the water to the various buildings. When the taps are opened on the lower side of the property the higher side taps just trickle and then stop all together.



## Saker graduates receive a wholistic education that includes Bible classes and they are well prepared to continue on to further education.

This means the girls stand in line for hours waiting to fill their buckets and get washed up before school. The system is inadequate for the number of people relying on the water.

The parents of the students have raised funds to update parts of the school and former students - Sakerettes - have also made generous contributions to Saker. Due to the low tuition and boarding fees the school charges, Saker is unable to fund big capital projects independently. This is where we can help. With an input

of \$14,000 the water situation can be remedied. New flexible pipes will replace the old broken metal pipes, 2 additional storage tanks and one new water pump will be installed and control valves and water distribution points will be added. This will then provide adequate water for the students and staff at the school as well as provide a source of clean water for the approximately 200 people in the surrounding community.

Assisting in the water project to support Saker Baptist College is an

opportunity to support Christian based education and empowerment of young women in Cameroon. Saker Baptist College has been impacting the world for over 60 years. The graduates of the school are called Sakerettes and they have chapters in many countries. Saker graduates receive a wholistic education that includes Bible classes and they are well prepared to continue on to further education. This is apparent from the careers they are active in; engineers, pharmacists, lawyers, doctors and church leaders. They are also represented in top ranking administrative positions, government positions and two are currently serving as members of the Cameroon Supreme Court. The kingdom influence these women have in Cameroon and abroad is significant.



## Connecting in the Pacific Northwest: April 2024

BY DONNA STOLZ

Pastor's Wife, Ministry Leader  
Olympic View Baptist Church  
University Place, Washington

When I received the email from Jean Ewing, the Women's Connection Team Leader, asking if Olympic View Baptist would host our regional women's leadership luncheon, I didn't hesitate! Jean and I go back 40 years of friendship in the NAB. She was my first pastor's wife at Century Baptist in Bismarck. She directed the church choir I sang in, she lead a singing group of 5 that travelled around North Dakota churches doing concerts (I ran sound for the group). She was a mentor, and someone I could trust and count on. Her husband Dave did my husband John and my wedding before we headed to Sioux Falls for college and seminary. Jean and I are connected because of the common thread of the NAB and the various ministries and churches they represent and support! I was very excited to be part of this weekend to stand alongside the women leaders in our region.

SO, on Saturday, April 27th, Olympic View Baptist Church in University Place, WA, had the privilege of hosting the NAB Women's Connection luncheon. We are part of the Northwest Region of the NAB and were joined by 3 other churches in the

area, Timberline Baptist, Hope Point Fellowship and Golgotha Baptist. There were 27 of us together for the afternoon.

The Women's Connection Team exists to connect women of the NAB, encouraging them in their desire to serve God. We were challenged and encouraged to do so in our own context. We had women's bible study leaders, children's ministry leaders, youth leaders, host team leaders, deacons, worship team members, plus Pastor's and Elders' wives. We answered questions around our tables during lunch sharing how we can better serve and lead those in our areas of ministry. It was such a rich time hearing and seeing the hearts of those women!

We were challenged by April Wahl on how to effectively lead the next generation of women and make space for them in various ministries in the church. Fabiola Campos shared what the ministry of Women's Connection includes and reminded us about history and ongoing ministry of White Cross. What an incredible ministry to the hospitals in Cameroon that has gone on for generations. Heather Senges joined us via video and shared details about the Triennial coming in July, inviting the women to come to a special luncheon.

Jean ended the afternoon by passing out batons. She encouraged those

women receiving them to run the race well and pass on God's blessings within their ministry and in their everyday life. We ended by praying for and blessing each other at our tables.

It was a soul refreshing afternoon of fun, encouragement and challenge as we connected with other woman leaders in our Northwest region. More connections were made, and we left desiring to make plans to continue connecting with each other in the future.

Thank you: Jean, Fabiola and April for spending the weekend with us in the Pacific Northwest! We were blessed by you being here.

### Favorite Book/Bible Studies of the Northwest Association Women

- Armor of God, Priscilla Schirer
- Blessed, Nancy Guthrie
- She Hears, Rachael Groll  
Host of the Hearing Jesus Podcast
- Heaven, Randy Alcorn
- Left to Tell, Immaculee Ilibagiza
- Mudhouse Sabbath, Lauren Winner
- Orthodoxy, GK Chesterton
- Sacred Rhythms, Ruth Haley Barton
- Seek First the Kingdom – Study in Matthew, Christine Hoover
- The Gospel Comes with a House Key, Rosaria Butterfield

# Leadership Interview

Maureen Moody



Women's Connection has been highlighting women connected to NABC who are serving in ministry leadership within their churches, communities and in foreign environments as missionaries.

Maureen Moody is featured in this issue. Enjoy the story of her life and her commitment to God as He daily leads her, encourages her and gives her strength.

**Please begin by telling us about your personal history and testimony (where you were born, grew up, met Craig, career choices – anything that gives us a picture of your background).**

My life began in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada where my mission-minded NAB parents - Clarence and Shirl Semrau - hosted missionaries and were involved in missions trips themselves too. I grew up in Calgary, accepted Christ at age 5 and was baptized at age 9 at Brentview Baptist church.

After graduating from nursing school I headed to Cameroon. In Bamenda, Cameroon at a Christmas banquet a friend assigned half the single missionary guys to sit at my table and half to her table. Little did she know this banquet would be a life changing event for Craig and me. After we completed our terms in Cameroon the Portland, Oregon native and I began married life in Calgary. We didn't stay there long however, as we landed back in Cameroon on our third wedding anniversary. Since that time we have served many years in Cameroon.

**Share with us what led you to serve in Cameroon. Did any other mission experiences prepare you for this opportunity (calling)?**

My family encouraged me to consider missions and the influence of my great aunt Trudy Schatz (former NAB Missionary Nurse/Midwife) also impacted my steps. Short term mission trips also confirmed God was leading me to serve overseas.

**Tell us about how you have and are serving in Cameroon. Please include where you are living and what your role is currently.**

I have served in Cameroon Baptist

Convention hospitals, health centres and with the Life Abundant Program (LAP). I have been involved in direct patient care as a ward nurse and as a consulting nurse. In Education, I have taught continuing education for nurses as well as an extensive training program for village health workers.

Currently I am the school nurse for Rain Forest International School but most of my time is spent as the Acting NAB Field Director for Cameroon. This leadership role involves overseeing our NAB missionaries and supporting them as needed in their ministry areas and assisting them in safety and security issues. I also liaise with CBC leaders regarding ways we are partnering and can partner together. I chair the Crisis Relief Committee and with the CBC leaders we determine how to best use the funds we receive to aid the thousands of people that are impacted by the conflict in the NW and SW Regions of Cameroon. I also spend a lot of time coordinating White Cross activities with CBC health services in Cameroon and with White Cross volunteers in North America.

**What part of missionary work do you enjoy most or find most rewarding? Challenging? What excites you about the leadership opportunities you have in Cameroon?**

I love spending time with people and working together to set goals and make plans to accomplish those goals. I love looking into challenging situations and finding solutions. I enjoy the independence of missionary life and the continual opportunities to learn about other cultures. I love how God teaches me through people from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds. My most challenging times are when the solutions cannot be found and I experience

frustration and discouragement. At those times I'm sent back to my knees in prayer. And I am so thankful for the incredible faithfulness of God! He shows that to me over and over again.

My leadership role in Cameroon is so interesting. On one hand I work with North American missionaries and on the other I work with leaders in the Cameroon Baptist Convention. I love the variety. I especially enjoy working with CBC leaders as they share their ideas and plans for furthering kingdom work in Cameroon.

**In light of all of the joys and challenges you have had and are experiencing do you have any nuggets of wisdom to offer other women?**

1. Remember God is faithful! You are not alone and God gives wisdom to those who ask for it.
2. It's okay to be afraid - just remember Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." and then remember the first point!

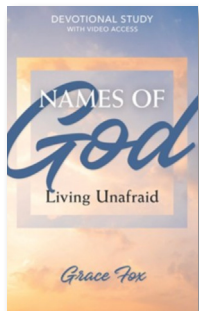
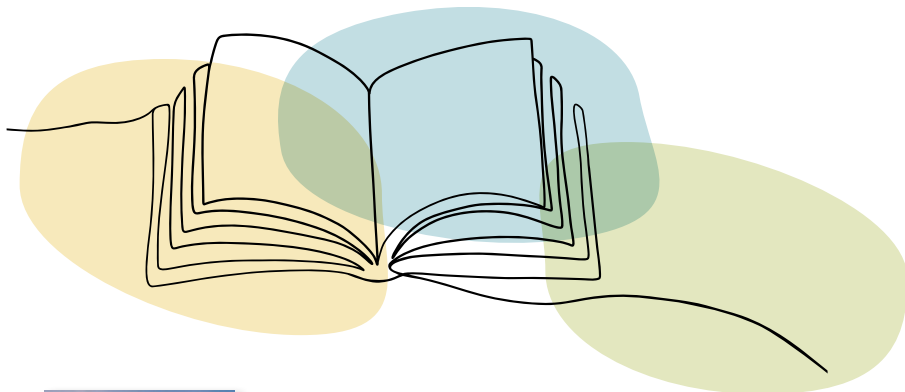
**Share a little about your children—and how you stay connected with them.**

Michelle - is our Banso Baby! She was born at Banso Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. She now lives and works in Calgary. She takes care of our house and is a really good renter!

Bennett and Megan and Boaz - also live in Calgary. Boaz just arrived on the scene on October 16, 2023 so he is the youngest and most popular little Moody.

We keep up with the goings on of our kids through Facetime and our iMessage group Moody Madness. A far cry from when we first went to Cameroon and spoke with our parents once a month if the phone would work.

# SPRING STUDY BOOKS



## Names of God

by Grace Fox

Reviewed by Heather Senges

Well known author and speaker, Grace Fox, has written a new book that will encourage your souls and bolster your courage. "NAMES OF GOD - Living Unafraid" is the first in a trilogy of books on the many names of God. This book will show you how the meaning of seven of God's names will help you trade fear for faith.

Grace weaves Biblical characters, real-life stories, thought-provoking discussion questions and comforting prayers in each chapter. Each chapter also contains free video access, and is ideal for individual or group study.

## Come Home

by Caroline Saunders

We long for home.

Home should be a place of love and laughter. Shared meals. Special moments. A place of comfort, rest, and safety. Yet the homes we make always seem to fall short of satisfying our longing. They're imperfect, transitory, and prone to fracture. People leave them. Intruders enter them. Crises shake them. Too often, instead of peace and security, home is a place of brokenness and pain. These failings of our earthly homes expose in us a longing for a better one. The good news is that there is a remedy for our homesickness.

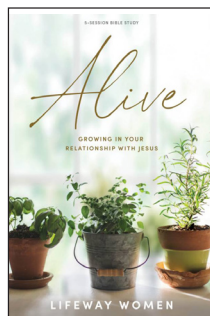
In this 7-session study, Caroline Saunders follows the theme of home through the Bible. From humanity's



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first home to our eternal one, we'll see God drawing near to abide with us. We'll find that even the best aspects of home here are just a glimmer of what God is building for us through Christ. This study will affirm that our longing for home is good and purposeful, pointing us to our truest home which is found in Him.

## Alive Lifeway Women

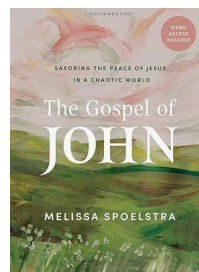


In *Alive: Growing in Your Relationship with Jesus*, you'll spend five weeks walking through the basic, fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith. You'll gain understanding of the change that has taken place in your heart and life as a new

believer and learn what it means to walk out your faith as an individual and as part of the body of Christ—the community known as the Church. Understand the meaning and importance of historic Christian practices like baptism, prayer, worship, the Lord's Supper, tithing, missions, and more. And hear and respond to the calling and encouragement to take the long view of the Christian life, being challenged to endure and leave a legacy of faith behind.

## Gospel of John

by Melissa Spoelstra



In this 7-session study on the Gospel of John, Melissa Spoelstra will encourage you to slow down and linger with the living Word. You'll appreciate the pace of the Savior who never hurried but completed all that

the Father called Him to accomplish. As you turn the pages of John's Gospel, you'll be challenged to take on the posture of a learner—understanding that the peace Jesus offers is not an ease of circumstances, but a stillness of the soul. As a result, you'll grow in intimacy with Him and learn to live, serve, and rest in His peace.

Benefits:

- Understand that peace is not a program or perspective; peace is a person
- Embrace the gift of peace Jesus promises
- Slow down your busy life and learn to walk in the pace of Jesus
- Discover the distinctives of John's Gospel through context and historical insights

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