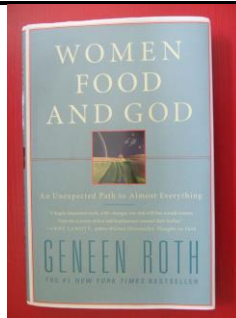




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### **WOMEN, FOOD AND GOD**

Gena Clark will be leading a small group book study and discussion of “Women, Food, and God,” by Geneen Roth, beginning Wednesday evenings, March 7, from 6:30 to 7:30. Roth provides seven basic guidelines for eating and shares reassuring, practical advice that has helped thousands of women break free from their unhealthy attraction to food. You can order the book through Amazon or your local bookstore. You can contact Gena at 502-871-5047 for more information.

### **Mission Offering Emphases**

\*\$2,959.00 – Amount received for “**Christmas Missions Offering**”; stated purpose was for IBC mission projects.

\*\$2,936.50 – Amount received for “**Souper**” **Bowl Service Auction**; amount equally divided between summer camp scholarships and the Zambia Container Project.

### ***Chuck’s Column***

If you are looking for daily spiritual devotions/meditations that have some substance to them I highly recommend Richard Rohr’s daily meditations. You can sign up on line for these free of charge at <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/>. In today’s meditation (Monday, Feb. 26) he talks about how all things change and grow. He begins by saying, “It is hard for me to understand why some Christians are so threatened by the notion of evolution. Are they not observing reality? Why this stalwart attachment to inertness? Perhaps static things appear more controllable? I suspect such resistance largely comes from our ego and our unconscious.”

This could be said about all things spiritual and theological. I have often wondered why persons more intelligent than I am get stuck in their beliefs and Christian experience. They have the same beliefs they had when they were young. And usually not much changes in their Christian experience as well. Why is there not more growth, evolution, and transformation? Often, these same persons accept change and growth quite well in all other areas of their lives. Maybe it’s because all the areas of their lives are changing, sometimes quite rapidly, and so they cling to that “old time religion” that never changes because it offers some stability and security. Unfortunately, so often it is an unhealthy and immature dependence.

Rohr points out in his piece that there is little evidence in our sacred scriptures and

traditions that would suggest God is as static as many of us are. God is not the “unmoved mover” of Aristotelian philosophy. God is rather the “most moved mover.” Our relationship to God is like a dance, or should be.

Sometimes God takes the lead and we respond; sometimes we take the lead and God responds. And throughout this give and take, this call and response, we should be learning how to share God’s passion and compassion, God’s love and will for the world.

Christianity at-large is stuck today in so many ways. I hope we can swim against the current and be open to grow, learn, change, and become more like God, who is only changeless when it comes to God’s unconditional love.

Grace and peace, Pastor *Chuck*

**Deacon of the Week Schedule:**

*March 4 Meredith Shouse  
320-6740*

*March 11 Raymond Bailey  
254-366-0652*

*March 18 Khamisi Campbell  
229-8615*

***XYZ OUTING***

*Tuesday, March 13 at 11:15  
Meet at the Office Pub and Deli*



Pastor Chuck will be out from March 16-March 24. Dr. Bailey will be preaching Sunday, March 18.

***WEDNESDAY EVENING  
FELLOWSHIP SUPPER***

*6:00 p.m.*

***Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00***

***Maximum per family \$10.00***

*March 7: Chicken, fixings and dessert*

*March 14: Tacos, fixings and dessert*

*March 21: Lasagna, fixings and dessert*

***Many, Many Thanks.....***

\*Chuck and Susan Wolfe and family wish to say a heartfelt thank you for the prayers, cards, messages and flowers upon the death of Chuck’s father, Laurence Wolfe, on Feb. 15.

\*Faith, Family and Friends have helped sustain us as we mourn the loss of our dear Dad and Grandfather, Donald J. Waldner. Your kind words, cards, and presence at the visitation and funeral service have been such an encouragement and comfort to our entire family. Thank you so much for your love and concern.

*Donna, Tom and Family*

\* Mom and I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and support after the death of my father. Belonging to such a loving and thoughtful church family is one of our many blessings.

*Sara Early*

## **XYZ Potluck Luncheon** **March 6**

Our monthly potluck luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 6 at noon** in Fellowship Hall. Everyone age 55 years of age and older is invited to attend. Please bring a covered dish to share.



**The Personnel Committee** is looking to fill two part-time ministry positions – a part-time children’s minister and a part-time youth minister. Each position will be paid at an hourly rate up to 15 hours weekly. Seminary or college religious training is not required, but would certainly be a plus. What is required is a passion to minister to children and youth, a readiness to learn, and the appropriate level of spiritual maturity.

We are also looking for a part-time church secretary to work on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-3.

If you know of someone who might be interested in applying for any of these positions please pass the word on. They can contact Pastor Chuck ([cqueen.ibc@gmail.com](mailto:cqueen.ibc@gmail.com); cell: 502-229-7246) or Susan Laurenson ([slaurenson121@gmail.com](mailto:slaurenson121@gmail.com); cell: 502-545-1503) the chair of the Personnel Committee.

### **Bus Ministry**

March 4 J. T. O’Connell  
502-545-3016  
March 11 Rob Laurenson  
502-382-8579  
March 18 Greg Lawson  
502-487-1091

## **Opportunities at IBC**

### **Sunday, March 4**

9:15 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship

### **Monday, March 5**

6:00 pm Deacon’s Meeting  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday, March 6**

11:40 am XYZ Council  
12:00 XYZ Potluck Luncheon

### **Wednesday, March 7**

10:00 am Prayer Bible Study  
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal  
6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion & Children/Youth Music & Activities  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

### **Friday, March 9**

6:00 pm Scrapbooking

### **Saturday, March 10**

9:00 am Scrapbooking

**Sunday, March 11**

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

**Monday, March 12**

2:00 pm CCRTA Board

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, March 14**

10:00 am Prayer Bible Study

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion & Children/Youth Music & Activities

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir