

Disney Princess Is Keynote Speaker

Bursting with excitement, the Women's Retreat Committee is announcing plans for Retreat 2011. The theme is "***Discovering the Wonderful You***" with keynote speaker Jennifer Beckham.

At seven years old, Jennifer Beckham declared, "Mommy, I'm going to be a princess when I grow up!" Eleven years later, she was chosen out of thousands of girls to be a princess for Tokyo Disneyland, portraying the roles of Cinderella, Snow White, Belle, Sleeping Beauty and even Mary Poppins.

In the setting of a magical wonderland, playing the parts of those beautiful princesses, Jennifer discovered life is no fairy tale. Jennifer's endless search for perfection culminated in a secret life of depression and destructive behaviors in the pit of despair.

While in that pit of despair, Jennifer was dragged to a Billy Graham Crusade by caring friends. It was there she came to know her Savior and King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Only after years of walking with Him, did she begin to discover life changing principles.

For over a decade this Disney Princess has traveled the U.S. and Canada sharing her powerful testimony, preaching life-giving truths from God's Word and teaching practical, biblical principles to hundreds of thousands of women.

Jennifer has a message for the women of Southern Michigan. Plan to attend Retreat 2011 Friday, September 30 through Saturday October 1. This 24 hour retreat is held at Gull Lake Conference Center. Reserve your spot today. Go to www.somiretreat.org for more information and a registration form.

Patriotic Bargain Hunters Alert

We just celebrated President's Day. It's the perfect reminder to begin saving for Women's Retreat. If you slip **5 Washingtons** or **1 Lincoln** in your **Saving for Retreat** envelope every week, you'll have your registration paid by mid July, just in time to save even more dollars. Retreat cost \$99.00 till August 1. After that it goes up to \$109.00. So all you bargain hunters, mark that money saving date on your calendars and take advantage of this special.

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It's Official—Teens Are Invited!

This fall marks our 40th Southern Michigan Women's Retreat and are we ever going to celebrate! Because 40 years marks a new generation, we are officially opening retreat to the next generation with a special invitation to teens. And to sweeten the deal we are offering a special introductory price of \$89.00 for teens.

Our keynote speaker, Jennifer Beckham was chosen out of thousands of girls to the Tokyo's Disney Princess. She portrayed Cinderella, Snow White, Belle, Sleeping Beauty and even Mary Poppins. But Jennifer discovered life was no fairy tale. Her stirring testimony is her journey from the magical kingdom to the pit of despair to meeting her King Jesus and working thru her many self issues—self hatred, lack of self esteem, feelings of rejection, mountains of fears and deep seated anger.

For over a decade this wife, mother, author, evangelist and Bible teacher has traveled the U.S. and Canada sharing life changing principles in churches and conference centers.

Princess Jennifer also serves as a motivational speaker for public schools. To date she has spoken to more than 350,000 students in more than 400 public schools. She candidly discusses with teens about real-life issues such as drug abuse, promiscuity, eating disorders, cutting and low self worth. One session at retreat will be set aside "just for Jennifer and teens only".

Don't miss this great opportunity to be challenged to discover the wonderful you!"

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Breaking News

Our keynote speaker, Disney Princess Jennifer Beckham has just released an 11 session study guide to compliment her book, "Get Over Yourself! 7 Principles to Get Over Your "Self" and on with Your Destiny."

Ouch—those words sound harsh don't they. But when Jennifer heard that message from God, she realized that God wanted her to address a crippling tendency shared by many women—to get so stuck in the pain, the misery, and the heartaches of life that they never fully move on and the into the purposes of God. Seven practical principles have immersed from Jennifer's roadmap out of her "self issues, into a life free from shame, regret, anger, and insecurity.

Order the study and lead your group in this challenging enriching study. Go to Jennifer's web site to get the whole scoop. www.jenniferbeckham.org

It's time to turn your
PAIN INTO PURPOSE.
MISERY INTO MINISTRY
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Back By Popular Demand

Last year we introduced two new segments to our Women's Retreat programming. The first addition was "Testimony Time". It was exciting to hear how God is changing lives in our Free Methodist Churches across Southern Michigan. Many of you requested we do it again. So we are. Testimony Time is back by popular demand. The second addition was an early morning "Zumba" session. More than 30 turned out for this energetic workout and asked for more. So zumba is back by popular demand.

All4Him, the Taylor Drama Team, has performed some amazing musical selections at Retreat. Evaluation forms were full of exclamation points and the repeated phrase "Bring back All4Him!" We asked and they agreed. Yes, All4Him will be back by popular demand.

Communion led by our ordained women has become a memorable close to retreat. Because of your enthusiastic comments, communion will be back by popular demand.

So with testimonies, zumba, All4Him, Communion, many more events, ministry by Disney Princess Jennifer Beckham, and most importantly the Lord's presence, we have a marvelous retreat in the works.

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This is your personal invitation to Retreat 2011:

Discovering the Wonderful You!

"I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Who: All ladies—whatever your age or stage in life—from teens on—

What is Women's Retreat? It's a 24 hour Girlfriends Get-Away with 3 great meals, no dishes to wash, no linens to bring and no beds to make.

What else? It's getting your spiritual batteries recharged by singing and praying and sharing testimonies and spending time with Jesus.

What else? It's walking around a quiet lake or sitting with a friend drinking coffee or working out in a lively zumba session or playing pickle ball.

What else? It's learning life-changing principles from our Bible teacher, Disney Princess Jennifer Beckham.

What else? It's being pampered at spa time or crafting or doing nothing.

What else? It's a beauty boot camp from the inside out, where we discover modest is hottest and fashion meets faith.

What else? It's being challenged in a breakout session

What else? It's having fun out-bidding your friend at the silent auction

Why should I come? It's time you focused on "Discovering the Wonderful You!"

We invite you to celebrate the beauty God has imprinted into your very being.

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Seventh Peek at Retreat 2011

For June CC & TomCast

Retreat 2011: “Discovering the Wonderful You”

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Ladies! You don't need a **FACELIFT**...You need a **FAITHLIFT!** And Women's Retreat is just the place to get this procedure. The greatest beauty secret of all time is the simplest—what's down in the heart shows up on the face. Attend Retreat 2011 and allow God to work on your heart and soul and begin **Discovering the Wonderful You!** As you gaze into your reflection we want you to say “Mirror, mirror, help me see the me God sees”.

Keynote speaker, Disney Princess Jennifer Beckham has a relevant message, a powerful testimony and practical biblical principles to share with Southern Michigan. Breakout presenters are lined up to compliment this theme and to provide more insight.

The Spa is going to pamper you. Zumba will energize you. Pickle ball will make you giggle. The crafts will encourage creativity. The music will lift your soul. The testimonies will touch your heart. The silent auction will support our mission project. The prayer times will bring you close to God. Communion will provide the finishing touch.

Invite all your girlfriends. This fabulous fall event will be filled with beauty secrets and fashion tips, food and fun. But most of all Jesus will meet with us and fill us with His Spirit. Come and be blest!

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Attention all ladies who cannot attend Retreat 2011!

Some of you will not be able to attend Retreat 2011, but you'd love to help someone else attend by providing financial assistance. Check with your pastor's wife or Bible Study leader or Women's Ministry Coordinator or church secretary or even the Teen Director (remember we are welcoming teens to retreat) to see if there is someone you could bless by becoming their sponsor. As a sponsor, you would pay ½ the registration - \$50.00 (It's only \$45.00 if you sponsor a teen). The registrant would pay the other half. There's one more part to this deal. As the sponsor, you promise to pray for your "sponsored someone special" for all of September and all of October since retreat is the last Friday of September and the first Saturday of October. Pray she will discover how wonderfully the Lord has made her. Yes—You become the paying and praying sponsor. What a blessing you will be! Thank you for considering this idea.

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