

Women to Women Mentoring Agreement

We agree to:

- Put God first and ask Him to bless and keep our relationship Christcentered, on-going, fulfilling, and fun.
- Create a safe environment where we can be heard and feel loved so we will be careful with being judgmental, giving quick answers, and offering our simple fixes to complex situations. Be confidential keeping anything that is shared strictly between the mentoring pair.
- Be mindful and respectful giving priority to the agreed upon mentor/ mentee meetings, doing things together such as Bible studies, taking walks, going out for a meal or coffee, spending time in each other's home, or attending church functions (retreats, seminars, or women's activities).
- Give priority to other scheduled Mentoring gatherings. (mentor Halftime Refresher / Celebration Coffee)
- Make a nine-month commitment to the Mentor/Mentee relationship.
- Communicate regularly.
- To pray for each other and ask the Lord to deepen our bond of friendship.
- Call the Mentoring Ministry Coach, or someone on the Admin Team, if you are having problems or have questions about your mentoring relationship.

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Women to Women Coach Bios

Someone to talk to, someone who will listen, encouragement on the journey...

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Linda George - Mentoring Coach

I love the Lord! He has been my faithful “Husband” since November 2001 when my wonderful husband Ray went home to be with Jesus. I love being “Mom” to Ray (R.J.) and Kevin, who have both helped me experience and understand the meaning of unconditional love. I love being “Nonnie” to Dylan, my amazing grandson. I am so very blessed to have all three of my “Boys” living right here in Katy. I love being “Mrs. George” to the many elementary students teach. Investing in children’s lives keeps me young at heart and adds great joy and meaning to my life. I love being a member of Grace Fellowship, a place where I can grow in my knowledge and understanding of God through the study of His Word.



I love being a part of the Mentoring ministry here at Grace. My spiritual journey has been greatly impacted by many Christian women over the years. Now I’ve been given the opportunity to mentor as I have been mentored. My passion is to be a part of women’s lives; to listen, encourage, share, and spur them on to a deeper, more intimate relationship with God.

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Sara Laird - Communications Coordinator

I've lived in Katy since 1980 when I was 3 years old, but had a 10 year gap during which I volunteered overseas for 2 years with the Peace Corps then lived and worked in San Antonio for a little over 7. I found myself back here in November 2013 and can truly identify with the saying that "there's no place like home"!

I've considered Grace Fellowship my "home church" since 2003, even when I lived away from Katy. My parents and brother's family have been at Grace the whole time, so it always felt like home to me when came back to visit (maybe because the Pastor is an Aggie like me!).

I have heart for serving those in need, as well as reaching out to people who find themselves in a new city with no friends or family to share their lives with (because I've been there). I love that this Mentoring Ministry provides a way for women to connect with each other and create a bond that can be so uplifting and life-giving when the woman may have no one else close-by as a support system.

The Lord blessed me with the best Mentor anyone could ever ask for, my Mom. In fact, she took Mentoring so seriously that she felt called to start this ministry at Grace! Unfortunately, my Mentor (and best friend) went home to be with Jesus after a battle with cancer in April 2014 – a loss I'm still trying to recover from. Not only is my heart broken, but I greatly miss being able to talk to her about anything and everything going on in my life.

Since I am still single, she was the one person I was closest to in my life. It didn't matter whether I was living in the same city or even in the same country, she was my go-to person and the one that would pray with/for me about anything. I miss that deeply, but God has been placing new Mentors into my life to help fill that void, and I am honored to get to serve on the Administration Team for a ministry that God birthed through my Mom!



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Bonnie Vogt - Administration Coordinator

I have been married to my husband, David, for 24 years. We moved to Katy in 2001 and have been members of Grace Fellowship since 2003. We are blessed with 3 children: Michaela, Mason, and Madeline Ruth who was born into heaven. The addition of our fur babies, Sophia and Chewy, has given me the title “Dog Mom.” I am a native Texan and graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. I enjoy shopping (especially for bargains), riding my bicycle, journaling, organizing (don’t laugh- my daughter already does), and especially getting together with friends and family.



I had the privilege of being raised in a loving family with a long legacy of Christ followers, who lead me to the Lord at an early age. However, it was at college that I learned to seek a relationship with Jesus more independently. I love spending time with Jesus in prayer and in His Word. I have learned that no matter how many years of living with Him, Jesus is truly new and amazing each day. God is always faithful, true, and good through the mountains and even more through the valleys of life!

Woman to Woman mentoring has been a part of my life for the past 10 years, when I signed up as a mentee. God has used this ministry and my mentor in so many awesome ways to impact my life. What joy it has been to also see the Lord work out His plans and answer prayers in the lives of our fellow mentor/ mentee pairs. I am thrilled to be serving W2W on the Administration Team and look forward to all that God has planned.

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Marilyn Macklin - Team Leader

I am so honored that the Lord has led me to take up this role in the Women's Mentoring Ministry here at Grace Fellowship. I have been involved in ministry both in the civilian and military settings for over 25 years. These various positions and assignments have afforded me the privilege of living in four different states and even overseas in Okinawa, Japan for five years. With each new move God was always faithful to place His incredible daughters in my life, some who guided me in my spiritual growth and others for me to encourage and walk alongside as they grew in their relationship with the Lord.



My first mentor was my mother, Grace Laird, the founder of W2W Mentoring. Unfortunately, as is the case with most of us, I did not value her godly wisdom as I should until I was MUCH older in life and a mother myself! As a young newlywed minister's wife - displaced from my Texas homeland and transplanted to the frozen tundra of Colorado, completely out of my element in every way - I sought out my first intentional relationship with an older and wiser woman of God; I can still picture her face and our precious times together at her kitchen table as she helped me navigate the challenges of my new role. Since that time I have been drawn to these types of relationships. I realize, though, that so many women are inhibited about engaging with other women in this way. That's why I love W2W so much... the hard part is taken care of for us as a forum is made available for women who are interested in deeper, one-on-one, Christ-centered relationships to meet one another.

One thing I have learned in the last few years, while walking through an unwanted divorce, is that it is during the darkest, hardest, most heart-breaking times in our lives that we have the opportunity to grow the deepest in our faith. Our precious Father promises to comfort those who mourn (Matt 5:4) and He promises us treasures found in the darkness and hidden wealth in secret places (Isaiah 45:3). However, we must do our part - and that is to trust Him when we cannot sense Him. This is made exponentially easier to do when we have godly women in our lives who are committed to sitting with us and silently listening, to lifting us up in prayer, and to providing us with the wisdom and insight they have received from the Lord... often through traversing their own dark valleys. We are not alone! I cannot wait to meet you and to watch God unfold His plan for your life!

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Gerry Rice - Special Event Coordinator

My name is Gerry Rice and I am excited to be a part of the Woman to Woman Ministry. I have been married for over 47 years, have five children and now enjoy 12 grandchildren.

After home schooling my own children for many years, I have been a teacher at a private school in Katy and currently work there as an advisory teacher for international students.

I grew up in a Christian home and accepted Jesus as my personal savior when I was 14. Years later when I was pregnant with my first child, I realized I could not live life without God's help, and that is when I gave Him control of my life. He immediately brought Christian women into my life and walking through numerous Bible studies and mentoring with other women I learned how to be a Godly wife, mother and friend. Because of that journey I have always had a heart for women and a desire to help other women.

I am blessed to be a part of a ministry that allows me to walk alongside other women with encouragement and love through God's word.



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Ann Behrens - Prayer Coordinator

My husband, Tom, and I have been married since March 1972, and have lived in Katy since 1979. Our family is blended. We have 6 children, 15 grandchildren, and we are expecting our 7th great grand blessing in December 2020. My family is my joy, and I am thankful for each one, and those to come.

I am originally from Norman, OK, although I lived in Oklahoma City and Tulsa most of my growing up years. Norman will always be considered my “home” because of all the family memories I have there. I also attended the University of Oklahoma – Boomer Sooner!!! It was while living in Norman as an adult that I became a Christian, on November 29, 1970. I was raised in the church; however, I did not understand what a true relationship with Jesus was until that night, at 25 years of age.

God led us to Grace Fellowship in August 2009. I was aware of the Mentor ministry because my dear, dear friend of over 30 years, Grace Laird, frequently said “I wish you were at Grace and could be part of the Mentor ministry”. Just a couple of weeks after attending Grace 101 and becoming a member, I joined the ministry. It has been one of the biggest blessings of my life.

As a young child and young adult, I had a variety of traumatic experiences. A pastor friend asked me about 12 years ago where I thought God was during the times of trial. I did not have an immediate answer, but when I asked God where He was, He gently spoke “I was right there holding you, and My heart broke for you.”

Because of the mighty grace, forgiveness and mercy extended to me, I have a desire for people, especially women, to fully understand how precious and loved they are by our Savior. I also have a passion for prayer, and they blend perfectly in the Mentor Ministry. As I pray for the precious women God entrusts to our ministry, my heart is full of gratitude.



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Beth Lance - Hospitality Coordinator

I was adopted as an infant and grew up in a loving home in Miami, Florida.

In March of 1972 I married the love of my life, Jim....within a few months we moved to the island of Guam (Viet Nam War years). Being raised in the church, I thought I was a Christian, but to my surprise I had never had a relationship with Jesus. Seven months after we were married, Jim lead me in a prayer of salvation ~ it changed my life. We started attending two churches.... one on the Naval Base and one in the community. Home Bible Studies have been a weekly occurrence throughout our marriage. I love to study the Bible, Beth Moore classes, and Jesus Calling is always full of great encouragement.



We have raised three wonderful, Christian daughters... Amy, Allison and Emily. Each of our sons-in-law are an answer to prayer and we have seven of the greatest grandchildren ever - including two sets of twins born in 2014!!

I feel truly blessed by God and want to share the love I have received from Him with others. We've lived in Katy since 1982. I love spending time in my garden and getting together with friends and a good cup of coffee.

I hope our paths will cross sometime soon.