

Harvest Conference Ladies Retreat 2022 Report

The Harvest Conference Ladies Retreat was held September 9-10, 2022 and what a joy it was. This was the first “overnight” Retreat since Covid descended upon us in 2020. The ladies were excited to be back and have those few extra hours to refresh and fellowship as we did for many years before.

Our theme was “Dancing in the Rain: Finding Joy in the midst of pain”. All of us experience loss, grief, hardships and pain but if we can push past it and look deep into God’s blessings we will find joy.

Our speaker, LuAnne Baker, brought three dramatic portrayals of women from the Bible that experienced their own set of difficult circumstances and drew out the lessons we could learn from each of them. Through the life of the Samaritan women’s encounter with Jesus to floating on the ark with Mrs. Noah and leaving home for a new land with Ruth, God spoke to many of the ladies and brought joy into our lives as well.

We were also privileged to have Connie and Corey Persing with us for the weekend and took advantage of their time by having Connie lead one of our breakout sessions. She was in the hot seat so to speak and just let the ladies ask all the questions they wanted. Thank you, Connie! We love you.

The worship team from the Apollo Church provided inspiring worship for us as we prepared our hearts to listen to what God had to say to us. These ladies worked hard beforehand to make sure that the songs they chose were what we needed to worship to and we are so grateful to them for their service and talents.

Approximately 70 ladies joined us for the weekend between Friday night and Saturday daytime. Through the live and silent auction we were able to give a donation to Phyllis Sorter’s “Schools For Africa” and help defray some of the cost for the Retreat. Many thanks to all those that brought so many wonderful items for the auction and thanks to those who bid on them and took them home!

As we look forward to Retreat 2023, we, the Retreat Committee, are anticipating another lovely weekend with our guest speaker, Brenda Young. Please be in prayer for the Committee as we finalize all the details, that we will have beautiful weather and most of all that our Father will be glorified in all that we do.

On behalf of all of the ladies, thank you for the opportunity to share this with you, our Harvest Conference family,

Pastor Carol Forsythe,

Retreat Chairman