

## Thankful for expertise and leadership

By Jane Francis

Attend our May 13th **Friendship Tea**, and you will be blessed. The woman behind the event is Joanne Dillon who has planned many teas in the past. I am thrilled she is taking the helm in preparing for you a memorable celebration of women friends.

Of course, she has recruited volunteers in order to take care of all the details. Many thanks to those who've already offered to host/decorate a table, bake a cake, or make sandwiches.

Our tea takes place the day before Mother's Day, so you can certainly invite your mother or daughter to join you. But we've opened the doors wider to include all types of friends. I hope you will tell other attendees about your special friendship and what has made it so wonderful.

If you would like childcare during the event, please include that request on your registration.

## WOVEN Calendar

**Women's Luncheon, April 27<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month), 11:30 a.m., El Compadre restaurant in Warrenton**

No RSVP required. Just show up and head for the back room where we gather.

**WOVEN Book Club, May 10<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month), 10-11:30 a.m., Warrenton Church Foyer**

It's time to discuss our goals for the coming year and set some policies for the books we select.

**Friendship Tea, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2-3:30 p.m., Warrenton Church Foyer**

This will be a sweetly formal event—but you don't have to dress up to attend!. Volunteers will decorate tables and provide elegant table settings. We'll have layer cakes, fruit, and little sandwiches. We'll sing, and someone will present a devotional on women friends in the Bible.

Bring your mother, daughter, sister, friend, BFF, whoever. If you would have a



## Vote YES on May 16<sup>th</sup> to save the Warrenton library!

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If you live in Warrenton, please read this article. Our community library stands in the balance. Every five years there is a vote to keep the library. I hope you will approve the tax levy 4-222. (Our property taxes are much lower than in Astoria or Seaside. Therefore, Warrenton doesn't have money in the regular budget to support a library. Hence, the levy vote every five years.)

From [savethewarrentonlibrary.com](http://savethewarrentonlibrary.com):

- Warrenton voters will have the opportunity to support a five-year levy in the amount of \$0.33 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.
- This is **not** an increase in the tax rate; this measure extends the existing levy for another five years at the **same** rate.
- Without this levy, **library operations will cease**.

good time decorating and hosting a table, please write to Joanne Dillon at [joannnedi@juno.com](mailto:joannnedi@juno.com).

RSVP on sign-up sheets in the foyer or by contacting Jane Francis at (503) 470-0885 or [jane9151@gmail.com](mailto:jane9151@gmail.com).

**Outdoor Games and Social Time, Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-3:00 p.m., home of Kim Dugan in Warrenton**

Kim lives on a small lake and invite us to canoe, or play corn-hole or bocce ball in the backyard.

**Women and Kids at Sunset Beach, Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Noon-2:30 p.m., Sunset Beach (turn right).**

We'll gather on a sunny beach to have our lunches and play. Women will keep their eyes on the kids but will nonetheless cover deep topics in conversations with one another.

**Women's Retreat, September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, Camp Yamhill.**

View information on their website, [campyamhill.org/spiritual-retreats/womens-retreat/](http://campyamhill.org/spiritual-retreats/womens-retreat/)

**Women's Retreat, September 29<sup>th</sup>- October 1<sup>st</sup>, Black Lake Bible Camp and Retreat Center.**

View information on their website, [lbcolympia.com](http://lbcolympia.com).

This is Part 7 of a 7-part series on God's attributes. It can be used as a personal devotion or as a conversation with your children.

I chose the New Living Translation (NLT) of Scripture so it can be understood easily by children.

— Jane Francis

## What can we learn about God from the Bible?

*From the book “Talking with Your Kids about God: 30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have” by Natasha Crain*

### God's attribute of GOODNESS

*Psalm 31:19*

How great is the goodness  
you have stored up for those who fear you.  
You lavish it on those who come to you for protection,  
blessing them before the watching world.

*Psalms 34:8*

Taste and see that the LORD is good.  
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

*Psalm 107:1*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.

*Psalm 119:68*

You are good and do only good;  
teach me your decrees.

*Romans 8:28*

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

*James 1:17*

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

What it means: God is the source of all goodness and the standard for what we call good.

What it doesn't mean: That God defines good and bad in the same way we'd like to.

Why it matters: We tend to think of God's goodness in terms of what he **does** (as in, “God has been so good to me!”), but first and foremost, it's who he **is**. God is the standard by which we can even call something good. As author C.S. Lewis famously said, “A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line.” Because God is the definition of goodness, we're not free to define what is good and bad on our own terms. God has revealed what is good and bad through our consciences (Romans 2:15) and in the Bible.

