

First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs

“Step by Step” Mentoring Ministry



Purpose:

Spiritual growth through friendship

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. Ecclesiastes 4:9

What is the Mentoring Ministry?

It is a ministry for women of all ages based on Titus 2:3-5. It is a ministry that intentionally develops friendships among women of different generations. Women invest in the lives of each other through encouragement, guidance, listening, laughing and loving. The goal is to form strong and lasting relationships that are a source of support, growth and strength.

What is a Mentor and what does she do?

- A mentor is a woman who is mature in faith and consistent in Godly conduct.
- She is willing to listen, share skills, and provide a positive perspective for life experiences.
- She provides wisdom and offers a spiritually sound, safe and fun friendship to a younger woman.
- “One leads simply because she knows the path a little better.”

What is a Merea and what does she do?

“Merea” is a Hebrew term that means "young friend." A merea is a woman who welcomes the insight and knowledge of a more mature woman. She desires to develop certain skills and/or strengths for her personal, spiritual journey. She is looking for a woman who has dealt with the struggles she now faces.

Why have a Mentoring Ministry?

- The Lord commands us to tell the next generation – Psalms 145:4, 48:13, 71:18 & 78:4.
- Teaching what we’ve learned is the Lord’s plan for growth and maturity – Titus 2:2-5.
- Spiritual friendships are extremely valuable in a woman’s life - Proverbs 27:9 and 17.

How will I be “matched” with my partner?

It is a two-step process:

STEP 1: You must complete Mentor Request Profile Questionnaire online at <https://form.jotform.com/fbcss/mentorrequest> (click the link on the website) or the paper form available at the church welcome desk and turn it in to the church office.

STEP 2: Your profile sheet will be prayed over by the Mentoring Leadership Team to determine your best match with a Mentor; then, the Mentors will then call their new Mereas.

Can I choose my Mentoring partner?

Sorry, but no. We are allowing the Lord to make that choice. We choose best when we leave the choice to Him.

Do I have to be a member of the church to participate?

No, membership is not required; however, you must have evidence of faithfulness.

That we might be mutually encouraged by each others faith, both yours and mine. Romans 1:12