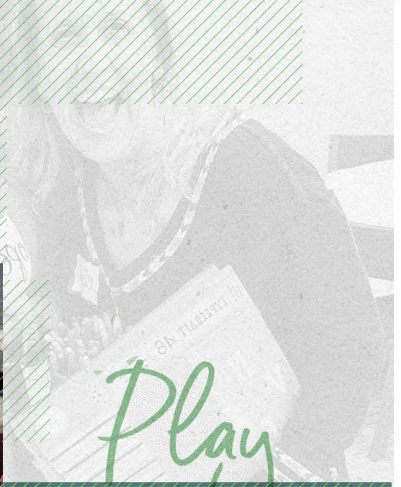
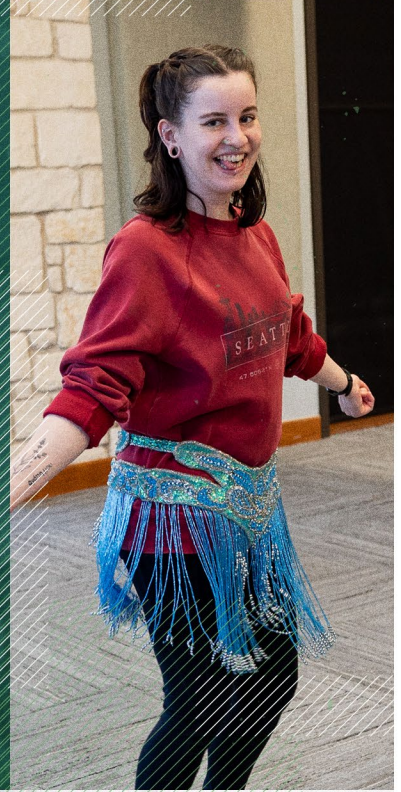


RIVERBEND WOMEN



STUDIES,
GROUPS,
& EVENTS

SEP 2023 - AUG 2024



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In all of Riverbend Women's events, groups, and studies, we purposely embrace two priorities: learning about God and connecting in community. Please contact us at women@riverbend.com for more information.

Women's Events & Meet-ups

Throughout the year, we offer women's events in a variety of activities and settings designed to help women find connection and friendship in community. These events are open to all women, whether new to Riverbend or a longtime member. Please register online. We hope to see you there!

- 📅 **SEP 30:** NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk | Downtown Austin | 7:30AM - 12PM
- 📅 **OCT 14:** **The Centered Soul, a Men's & Women's Fall Conference | Riverbend | 9:30AM - 2:30PM**
- 📅 **NOV 9:** Happy Hour at County Line on 2222 | 5:30 - 7:30PM
- 📅 **DEC 10:** Men's & Women's Jolly Hour Christmas Party | Riverbend | 4 - 6PM
- 📅 **JAN 22:** Women's Getaway Prep | Riverbend | 6 - 8PM
- 📅 **JAN 26-28:** **Women's Weekend Getaway in San Antonio: Stories of Hope**
- 📅 **FEB 17:** Galentine's | Cinfu Sweets | Saturday Afternoon
- 📅 **MAR 2:** Women's Saturday Service Project | Riverbend | 10AM - 12PM
- 📅 **APR 8:** Art at the Bend Prep | Riverbend | 6 - 8PM
- 📅 **APR 13-14:** **Art at the Bend**
A two-day art festival and market hosted by all Riverbend ministries.
- 📅 **MAY 9:** Friends & Flowers, Mother's Day Bouquet Prep | Riverbend | 6 - 8PM
- 📅 **MAY 18:** Pease Park Saturday Picnic & Splashpad Playdate | 11AM - 1PM
- 📅 **JUN 15:** Coffee & Muffins Open House | 10AM - 12PM
- 📅 **JUL 24:** Happy Hour at Wonderspaces | 4 - 6:30 PM
- 📅 **AUG 11:** **Women's Fall Kick-off Reception | Riverbend**
Each year in August, we announce our full list of Women's events, groups, and studies planned through the following summer.
- 📅 **AUG 29:** Happy Hour Around Town | Several Maudie's in Austin | 5:30 - 7:30PM



Women's Community Groups

The chief purpose of our Women's Community Groups is to provide a rich environment designed to encourage connection, community, and connection, community, and belonging. Through conversation and meaningful discussion, women also grow in their faith and strengthen their relationship with God.

SUNDAY COMMUNITY GROUP


9:15 - 10:15AM | ONGOING
COMMUNITY CENTER RM 204 & VIA ZOOM

Women who attend our Sunday Community Group find a warm and welcoming place of care with friends, and come to know that they are loved, seen, and valued. The strength of this community welcomes all members to come as they are, either in person or online via Zoom.

This is a rich hour of insightful and open discussion centered around a variety of different topics. In the fall, we will coordinate our community group discussion topics with the Sunday morning message series.

TUESDAY NIGHT "FRIENDSHIP TUESDAY" COMMUNITY GROUP


2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS | AUG 22, 2023 - MAY 14, 2024
GATHER 6PM SOCIAL & POTLUCK, STUDY 6:30 - 8PM | BUILDING 5A & VIA ZOOM

 **AUG 22 KICK-OFF - MAY 14:** Come join us twice a month as we make connections with other women and deepen our faith through studies that can fit into our busy lives. This fall we will study **"Amos - An Invitation to the Good Life"** by Jennifer Rothschild, where we will be invited to "seek God and live" (Amos 5:4) to live assured, faithful, chosen, humble, justly, prayerful, and hopeful.

Following, we will study **"Encountering God"** by Kelly Minter, where we will learn more about spiritual disciplines including prayer, study, worship, rest, simplicity, generosity, celebration, and more - developing new habits to create margin and peace in our lives.


WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY GROUP

DINNER AT 5:45PM | STUDY & SMALL GROUPS 6:45-8PM
COMMUNITY CENTER

 **SEP 6 - NOV 15:** Come enjoy dinner together each Wednesday evening as part of Riverbend's "Wednesday Nights" at the church. Afterward, stay for a time of brief teaching by one of our Riverbend pastors, then connect and share in small discussion groups with other women. This fall the topic of conversation will be based on the previous Sunday's message. Those planning to attend the affordable dinner should register each week online.

REAL MOMS : WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS & CHILDCARE

5:45-8PM | SEPT 6 - NOV 15, 2023
COMMUNITY CENTER

 **SEP 6 – NOV 15:** Real Moms will offer an opportunity each Wednesday evening for moms to enjoy a time of connection and sharing with other moms. This will take place concurrently with our Wednesday Night event that includes a meal, free childcare, brief teaching from one of our Riverbend pastors, and then a time to enjoy the Real Moms small group together. This time is designed to be a respite from cooking and 'mothering,' so come and savor some moments of child-free connection and friendship with other moms.

Women's Studies

The primary emphasis of our Women's Studies is to grow further and deeper in learning more about God in a community of women. In doing so, connection and friendship also grow. These studies often include a teaching video and workbook or book with some homework. This is also a time when women share and support one another in prayer.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS AS PER BELOW | 11AM-12:30PM
COMMUNITY CENTER RM 204 & VIA ZOOM

-  **SEP 11 – NOV 6:** "Luke: Gut Level Compassion"
- Lisa Harper
-  **JAN 8 – MAR 4:** "Nothing to Prove: A Bible Study in the Gospel of John" - Jennie Allen
-  **APR 8 – MAY 20:** "In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land"
- Max Lucado
-  **JUN 10 – JUL 22:** "In the Middle of the Mess: Strength for this Beautiful Broken Life"
- Sheila Walsh

YOUNG WOMEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

STARTING SEPT 19 | 7:15 – 8:15PM | ZOOM ONLY

Beginning September 19 this small group study will kick-off with an in-depth look at Colossians. This is specifically for young women and is virtual-only on Zoom.



TUESDAY OR THURSDAY AFTERNOON FALL STUDY OF "THE CHOSEN"

2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS | 1 - 3PM
TUESDAYS: AUG 29 - DEC 12 | THURSDAYS: SEP 7 - DEC 7
COMMUNITY CENTER RM 206

Come in person to experience the video series "The Chosen" season three on either Tuesday or Thursday afternoon throughout the fall. We will use the accompanying Bible Study workbook and enjoy wonderful discussion together. There is no Zoom option for this study group.

TUESDAY OR THURSDAY AFTERNOON SPRING STUDY

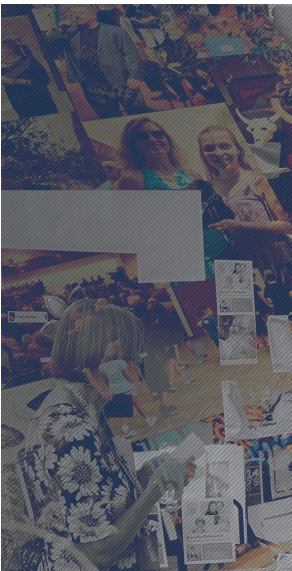
2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS | 1-3PM
TUESDAYS: JAN 9 - MAY 28 | THURSDAYS: JAN 11 - MAY 30
COMMUNITY CENTER RM 206

Having completed "The Chosen" series, we will pivot in the spring to dive into a video Bible study called "Seamless" by Angie Smith. This Tuesday-only study of "Seamless" covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture.

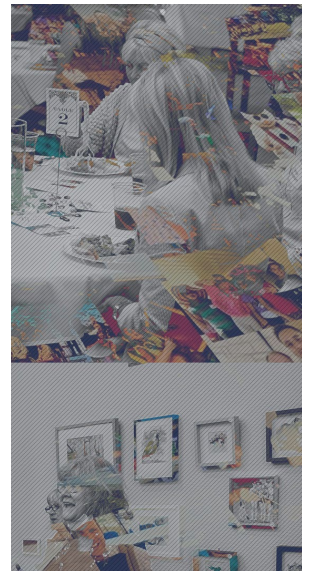
THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10 - 12PM | COMMUNITY CENTER RM 203 & VIA ZOOM

- 📅 **SEP 14 - OCT 5:** Video Bible Study: "Common Ground: Loving Others Despite Our Differences" - Amber Neese
- 📅 **OCT 12 - NOV 16:** Book Study: "Resilient: Restoring Your Weary Soul in These Turbulent Times" - John Eldridge
- 📅 **JAN 11 - FEB 22:** Video Bible Study: "What Matters Most: A Study of Philipians" - Karen Ehman
- 📅 **FEB 29 - APR 18:** Book Study: "God So Close: Experience a Life Awakened to His Spirit" - Becky Thompson




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SATURDAY BIBLE BOOK CLUB

1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS | 10 - 11:30AM
COMMUNITY CENTER RM 201 & VIA ZOOM

 **SEP 16 – DEC 2:** “Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People” - Bob Goff

 **JAN 20 – APR 20:** “Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live” - Brené Brown

THE DEEPER JOURNEY COURSE

SEPT 2023 – DEC 2024
RIVERBEND CAMPUS & VIA ZOOM

Each fall, we begin new women’s classes of The Deeper Journey, which was created here at Riverbend in 2016 to help established Christians further develop their faith. This is an immersive 16-month course designed to help you explore a deeper experience with God in ways that can heal, free, and transform you from the inside out.

Please email us at women@riverbend.com if you’re interested.

Other Women’s Groups

We continuously seek to create spaces for women to gather who share common God-given interests and talents. If you feel called to help create and/or lead a new Women’s Group, please contact us so we can explore that idea together.

RIVERBEND CAFÉ & BAKING TEAM

SUNDAY MORNINGS | COMMUNITY CENTER

We love making Riverbend a welcoming, delicious place to be on Sunday mornings. Join us if you enjoy serving coffee and/or baking delicious breakfast items for the Café. Most teammates serve once a month.

PRAYER CIRCLES

TUESDAYS 7AM & 12PM | ZOOM ONLY

We have two small, committed groups of women who meet via Zoom on Tuesdays for a half an hour to connect and lift up the needs and requests of those in our Riverbend community and beyond. All women who feel led to pray for the needs of other are welcome to join these intimate, ongoing prayer gatherings.

YADA YADA BOOK CLUB

3RD TUESDAYS | 6:30-8:30PM
COMMUNITY CENTER RM 201 & VIA ZOOM

Yada Yada is for book lovers! We read a different book each month, then meet together to enjoy enriching discussion and growing friendship. Our members have selected a wide variety of books to read over the coming year. Feel free to attend even if you haven’t had a chance to read the book of the month!

Serving Opportunities

DESIGN & COMMUNICATION

Do the words Canva, Illustrator, Photoshop, or InDesign mean something to you? What about MailChimp, SurveyMonkey, or Google Forms? How about SquareSpace, Wordpress, or Network Solutions? We're looking for creative women to help us with periodic micro-projects that will help us look pro and communicate well.

HANDS ON ORGANIZATION

Do you enjoy organizing closets, pantries, and the like? We're looking for women that enjoy these kinds of hands-on projects and can help us organize our storage spaces and supplies.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you enjoy using Instagram or Facebook, attending events, and meeting new people? We're looking to create a small team of women that can attend events and do pictures, videos, and posting.

SPREADSHEET-BASED MINI PROJECTS

Do you love a good spreadsheet? We're looking for women to help manage small projects such as event task lists, scheduling, guest lists, and simple bookkeeping.

SPECIAL EVENTS

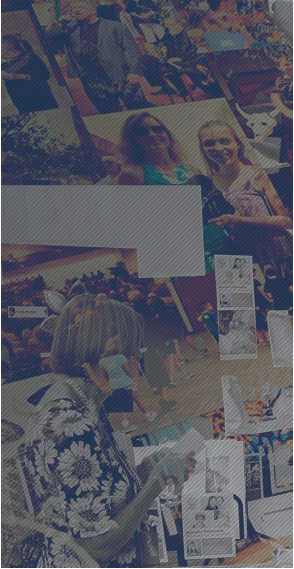
Would you like to make a positive impact in the lives of others through special events? Have you ever helped coordinate a conference, gala, wedding, or other event?

We're looking for women to help with our large events in 2023-24, including in areas of project management, graphic design, vendor management, partner relations, scheduling, marketing, sales, ticketing, payments, customer support, bookkeeping, décor, photography/videography, and much more. Whatever your gift, there's a role for you!

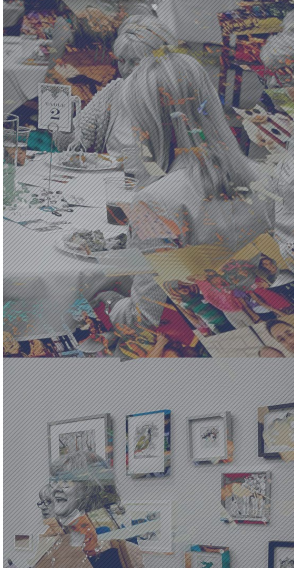


Want to start something new?

If you have questions, ideas for new groups, or a calling to lead a group, please email us anytime at women@riverbend.com. We're also happy to help connect you with volunteering opportunities that speak to you, such as with the Austin Blessings Co-op, Riverbend Café, Choir, Event Planning, Photography, Mission Trips, etc.



“MORE THAN EVER, WE ARE LIVING IN A SEASON WHERE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE THAT WILL HELP SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, AND INSPIRE YOU TO KEEP GROWING.”



Ready to take the next step?

Scan the QR code to sign up for any of our upcoming events or visit:

rbatx.com/WomenEvents