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**Look what's happening:** In order to reach un-churched women in our area we have started a weekly "book club" called "Brave Honest Questions Women Ask". Our ladies outreach event "Gals Gathering" is a Bible study by author Angela Thomas, a women's conference speaker. This event has drawn responses from women of all faiths. Fliers and cards were distributed in neighborhood mailboxes, local churches were contacted and weekly reminders are in their Sunday bulletins and an ad was placed in the local Smith Mountain Laker paper. Each week we have new people attend. Please continue to pray for this outreach event.

The Designs For Living retreat has been scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Sail away with us for a weekend of refreshment, fellowship, and fun at The Shumaker's home in Smith Mountain Lake. Our theme for the weekend is "He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul" based on Psalm 23. You can arrive on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> or Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> and depart on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> or Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>. There are a variety of activities to choose from including the Extraordinary Women's Conference in Lynchburg, VA  
[www.ewomen.net/conference/2011-10-07/vines.center](http://www.ewomen.net/conference/2011-10-07/vines.center); the annual Smith

Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour [www.smlcharityhometour.com](http://www.smlcharityhometour.com) or activities at the Lake. Your lodging cost for Thursday - Sunday (some meals included) will be \$50 for the weekend at the Lake House. Tickets for the SML Home Charity Tour are \$25 and Extraordinary Women Conference is \$50.00. The website will have a brochure with details and how you can reserve your place today [www.designsforliving.org](http://www.designsforliving.org). We have limited reservations available. **RSVP no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

As prayer warriors for the ministry please continue to lift up our outreach through the many upcoming events. There is power in prayer.

**Health Update on Brenda:** For many of you that may not have known on June 18<sup>th</sup> she was not feeling well and I (Sharon) took her to the Bedford, VA emergency room. She had a serious infection that had traveled to her kidneys and was hospitalized for 3 days. She continues to improve each day and we ask that you keep her in prayer.

Thank you all for the continued prayers.

Brenda Gay Shumaker & DFL Team