

REACH

Reaching in. Reaching out. Reaching up.



*"The King is enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord."
Psalm 45:11*

Hello beautiful one,

We are so excited about this school year and what God wants to accomplish in the hearts of women in the Blacksburg community. One way that we have chosen to connect with the ladies of the area is through a monthly newsletter from the leaders in REACH- [nlcf]'s women's ministry. This is our very first one. Throughout these letters you will be introduced to different women involved in [nlcf]. You will discover fun facts about their lives and hopefully find encouragement through the outpour of their hearts. It will also give you an update on upcoming events for us to come together as sister's in Christ, so mark your calendars!

Name:

Jackie Oster

FACE TO FACE

Name:

Suzanne Woodward

AGE:

26

Age:

38. That means I grew up in the 80's- Yes I had big hair, but never a mullet.

NICKNAME:

Jax, Jack-attack, Jackie O

NICKNAME:

Suz

HOMETOWN:

Chester, NJ

HOMETOWN:

Narrows, VA

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THE BURG:

Virginia Tech

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My kids, Luke and Kara, started going to Dayspring Christian Academy.

FAVORITE FOOD:

I love all food, but recently, sushi.

FAVORITE FOOD:

That's easy! Chocolate and Mexican!

CRAZIEST THING YOU'VE EVER DONE:

There were plenty of crazy/stupid things I did in my pre-Christian days, but recently I'd say getting your name tattooed on my butt...just kidding, or am I?

CRAZIEST THING YOU'VE EVER DONE:

Jumped off the big rock at Claytor Lake

A DREAM YOU HAVE FOR YOUR LIFE:

To own and run my own day camp

A DREAM YOU HAVE FOR YOUR LIFE:

To be a teacher/speaker to impact women of all ages for Christ. Or, I could just be a famous singer. When I get to heaven I'm going to join the worship team. I'll have my heavenly voice then.

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:

Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT [nlcf]:

I love the family feel, and how it aims to be relevant to our culture today.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT [nlcf]:

The worship- the openness and realness of the people.

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For questions or comments contact Wendy Chinn or Amy Englund at
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Seeing God



Recently, I see God's amazing blessing. Before Evan and I got married, we were completely consumed with worry about how things would work out financially. We have experienced how God knows and provides for our needs and even some wants. He has blessed me with an awesome teaching assignment this year where I feel like I am truly making a positive impact. I also see how God moves through Evan to challenge me and encourage me in my gifts. Finally, I have also learned that I have too often let fear keep me from trying new things and experiencing all that God has in store for me. I know this will continue to be a struggle, but I am glad I am now aware that it is a vise.

An Important Lesson

I think that the most important lesson God has walked me through thus far has to do with guilt. For much of my Christian walk I have struggled with this. Through many different people and situations I came to understand that if God thought for one moment that I could be perfect on my own merit He would not have needed His son to die to save me in my imperfections. This has been a very humbling but freeing realization for me. I must daily gather His mercies and grace- much like the Egyptians in the desert gathered up the manna. If I don't get it early, much of what I need is burned up by mid-day. This is the only way I can do the things I want to do instead of the things I do not want to do, but end up doing! It also helps me to remember the difference between conviction and condemnation. Conviction is placed in my life to help me grow, condemnation is there to stifle growth. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



Well, there you have it. Our first ever REACH newsletter! We hope that you walk away knowing two of the many ladies in [nlcf] a little better. We also hope that you were able to find refreshment and encouragement through hearing Jackie and Suzanne's hearts. They are two amazing women that we are thankful to have in our lives.

We pray that you are able to experience God's amazing presence every day. We are so excited about your life!

In Christ's love,
The REACH leadership Team
(Wendy, Amy, Kristal, Jackie, and Suzanne)

Upcoming Events

Ladies Game Night
November 9, 2007
8-10:30pm
Place TBA

Fitness Club
Times TBA
contact Kristal at
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Verse of the Month:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity."

Jeremiah 29:11-14