

| Sarah Vaser Survey,<br>January 9, 2023                                |                               | 18 surveys returned; <b>Note:</b> not all questions answered by all. Refer to pages 2 and 3 for additional written response. |                                 |                     |  |             |   |  |  |  |  |
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|   | Response                      | Response   | Response                        | Response            | Response   | Response    | Miscellaneous written comments below  |  |  |  |  |
| #1 Which Interests you the most in women's ministry?                  | 6<br>Outreach                 | 4<br>Prayer Min.   | 4<br>Mission Proj.              | 8<br>Bible Studies  | 9<br>Fellowship  |             | "I do Mercy Hour Pantry."; "need more time to think about this [question]!" <b>Mission projects local:</b> "I assist the Director of Christian Education with the OCC Christmas box drive each year.<br><b>Prayer ministry:</b> "could include those who are housebound."; Luncheons for new member ladies - to get to know by invitation."   |  |  |  |  |
| # 2 Which describes you best?   | 2<br>Work FT                  | 1<br>Work PT   | 1<br>Homemaker                  | 8<br>Volunteer Work | 13<br>Retired  | 0<br>Other  | "retired & involved"; "Volunteer 6-10 hours a week, part time 1/2 work, volunteer 8 hours/week, I volunteer too much";<br>"[volunteer] at Mercy Hour; teaching baton twirling & ukelale; retired working grandma & auntie."; "retired caretaker."; "Multigenerational family environment that consumes additional hours in my days sometimes." "We may move in a year or two.";   |  |  |  |  |
| #3 Which type(s) of fellowship/events interest you?                   | 7<br>Retreats                 | 2<br>Banquets  | 13<br>Luncheons                 | 11<br>Social events | 10<br>Home fellowships   | 0<br>other? | "maybe [luncheon] at restaurant so no <u>work</u> ."; "[fellowship] & Bible studies in mornings." "A book club/discussion group would be fun. Members read book and discuss book discussion questions provided by author/publisher." "Perhaps hold at least two luncheons throughout the year - Spring and Summer."; "Theater day or night, maybe better afternoon & short meetings. Fund raising for mission projects shut-in visitation." |  |  |  |  |
| #4 Which type(s) of Bible studies do you or would you participate in? | 5<br>Book reviews             | 7<br>Field Trips Local   | 7<br>Short Bible study          |                     | "_____ music studies"; "I think Right Now Media has short studies (12 minute segments) which could be viewed followed by group discussion at gatherings." Suggestions: "short Bible study with video; "Calm my Anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow, "Every Good Gift by Ann Voskamp"; Right Now Media   |             |   |  |  |  |  |
| #5 I would participate in the following:                              | 8<br>Praying for Missionaries | 14<br>Annual Events at church  | 2<br>Community mission projects | 1<br>Other?         | <b>Community project:</b> Salvation Army stockings<br><b>Other:</b> 'Curb Appeal' of building 6. Would this be a project the Circle might consider by sharing their knowledge and a plant or two of what we might have in our own gardens? A <u>very low maintenance variety</u> planted in the neglected flower bed(s). I think it could be a fun Spring project to focus on <u>one</u> bed to start, but I would need help to identify what grows best. I can weed & dig holes! Someone needs to give this Northern gal, planting direction for Southern flower beds that have no sprinkler system and located in direct sun. Thanks, Bev Drazul (I'm off my soap box now 😊) |             |   |  |  |  |  |

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| #6 The following community ministries interest me.  | 4<br>Literacy                                   | 4<br>Tutoring                 | 3<br>Pregnancy Center | 3<br>Hospital visitation    | 5<br>Nursing home visitation     | 3<br>Food Pantry/Clothing   | 1<br>Other?  | "Mercy Hour/Interfaith Kitchen/Prayer [interest me]." "What is the process for donating clothing to the Neighborhood Center?"<br><b>Other:</b> Human Trafficking |  |  |  |  |  |
| #7 I would be willing to help with the following at a women's event:  | 3<br>Publicity                                  | 9<br>Food Prep & organization | 6<br>Decorating       | 0<br>Childcare help         | 1<br>Orchesrate Prayer committee | Y 6<br>N 7<br>Interest in overnight retreats?   | "care for my mother [and I'm not able to participate in overnight retreats]".<br>"too many obstacles for me [to attend overnight retreats]." "Not sure what I would help with [at a womens event]. Probably would help if asked."<br><b>Publicity:</b> "I would be willing to create flyers to raise awareness and help with mailing to homes to specifically invite women to attend events to help the growth of this |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| #8 I am currently active in:  | 8:00 12<br>9:30 3<br>11:00 9<br>Worship Service | 12<br>Sunday School           | 5<br>Prayer 4:51      | 12<br>Impact dinner & Study | 5<br>Other                       | "coffee/devotions & readings [at Sunday School]; usher at 8:00 service"<br>"Bridge/Mercy Hour [active in]"<br><b>Other:</b> BHH, ladies "Thursday Bible study";<br>"Dual Member Lake Helen Methodist."<br>"Mercy Hour, Hugh Ash food Ministry, coffee hour 9:30 on 3rd Sunday."<br>"Childrens Sunday School"; "[active in] Traveling."<br><b>Impact:</b> "Food Preparation in Kitchen in AM"" "4:51 when Impact isn't meeting." "[active in] Sojourners"; "New members lunch at parsonage. Our home Bible study is every other week (2nd & 4th week). 1 week snacks & |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <p>#1 additional info: "Day excursions in the greater Orlando area. I would enjoy weekend trips too. Jacksonville, Tallahassee areas for examples. What does Florida have to offer beyond the beaches and Disney and Universal? I'm curious about this State.</p> <p>#1 Continue to support children's food program and senior programs as well as other charities.</p> <p>#1 I'd love to see a group of women who want to dig deep into a bible study with personal accountability.</p> <p>#1 I really like just getting together with women (sisters in Christ; Fellowship!), to talk about our relationship in church and Biblical teachings."</p> <p>#2 additional info: "working with children &amp; studying PT/NT in depth &amp; spending time with grandchildren/family."</p> <p>#2 "somewhat incapacitated. No night driving"</p> <p>#2 "Volunteer 12-15 hours/week for various ministries; additional 10hrs/month other ministries. Involved in other church oriented activities such as Selah (women's Bible study), Sarah Vaser Circle</p> <p>#2 "Currently volunteering 8-16 hours/week. "I enjoy gatherings where all people in group are consistently contributing to the fun and fellowship."</p> |   |                               |                       |                             |                                  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Additional Comments You would like to recommend for our future women's gatherings:**

#3 "Getting together for lunch and fellowships/coffees always excellent!"

**#8 Other:** Tuesday Evening Bible Study; Cooking for Youth; Bread Delivery for visitors; pack lunches for children when time permits; Assist in kitchen for Impact and for funeral/memorial services, baking/serving/clean up. I am a member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I am also active in the Emmaus gatherings at our church and volunteer weekend work at the Emmaus walks as my calendar permits.

**#8 Other:** Bread delivery for church visitors; Sarah Vaser group, SPR committee

"Are there any full day women's events in Florida?"

"I really enjoy this supportive group but we need younger ladies to join us. Thank you for [the survey]."

"Need to have more time [to complete survey] to be continued?"

"I am willing to do whatever the ladies in our circle works best for our circle's [future]."

"Each member of circle shares the Bible verse which is most meaningful to them and why. (each person has 5 minutes to share). This suggestion could be the spiritual component(?) for one of our future meetings."

"Thank you for all the time and effort you put into this survey. I would love to see this group continue and thrive by additional members via perhaps a special membership event. No matter your age there will be participation for all."

"Sometimes have social events just for fun, not relative to religious activities"

"I have been involved in so many of the activities but find it is difficult physically for me now. I would enthusiastically support any and all activities as best I can." P.S. "You are all amazing! Thank you for keeping us going. I do need to be replaced as treasurer!"

"I have not been at enough meetings to really understand the intent. Men meet every Saturday morning, so why don't more women show up for Tuesday night Bible Study? What are we doing wrong that women don't get together more? Perhaps we are so tired from doing everything else??"

**"A question:** More focus surrounding the purpose(?) of our meetings. Being a newer member, I don't have a clear understanding of our ultimate purpose/goal for gathering which I believe, would help with new women joining. ( I don't have any history other than this group of women "were at one time a part of another womens group at the church". )

**"A question:** Do members of the circle have a skill to share as fellowship opportunities? Sewing, knitting, crocheting, bow making, etc. (I want to learn how to crochet or knit cross bookmarks! I think it would be special to learn this skill and as children receive their Bible, they also receive a cross book mark made by the womens circle!"