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be Still...
Psalm 46:10



Matthew 11:28

and I will give you Rest.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,

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and know that I am God...

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Friday, March 6, 2009
12:00-4:00 p.m. Group registration
5:00-6:30 p.m. Registration, light refreshments, bookstore open
6:30-9:30 p.m. Evening program

Saturday, March 7, 2009
8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast
8:30-11:30 a.m. Morning program
11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch catered by Jason's Deli of Cool Springs
1:00-3:30 p.m. Afternoon program
(Times subject to change)

Wonderful Weekend for Women, now in its 19th year, is designed to encourage, uplift, and renew women's faith as they fellowship with other believers, worship through music, and listen to dynamic speakers. The theme for this year's conference is "Be Still ... Find Rest." We pray that this year's event will allow you to rest in God's great love for you.

We're pleased to have Leslie Dawes (The Laundry Lady), Marie Armenia, and Leslie Hudson as our guest speakers. Special music will be provided by Bruce and Lisa Wethey, and our worship times will be led by Dove and Grammy award winner Mel Tunney. A bookstore will be available again this year. Mark your calendars for this special event. You won't want to miss all the blessings God has in store for you!

Leslie Dawes (The Laundry Lady)

Born in Chicago, Leslie Dawes grew up in Old Hickory, Tenn., as the daughter of a truck driver. She married her husband Alex in 1988. They have two children, Joshua and Courtney. They are members at Long Hollow Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tenn., where Leslie serves as a women's Bible study leader and lay counselor. In the fall of 1998, God began pulling on Leslie's heart to follow Him on a journey to minister to women and help them heal and recover from life's hurts. In 2005, she earned a Women's Ministry Counseling Certificate, which has allowed her to be more effective in service to God and women. Her *Laundry Lady* ministry is the result of years of God's preparation for His purpose and call on her life. "Remaining teachable," Leslie says, "has been a high priority for me and my desire to serve God."

Marie Armenia

Marie Armenia was born and raised in New York City and now lives in Spring Hill, Tenn., with Phil, her husband of thirty-nine years. An accomplished writer, Marie's work appears in various Christian magazines including *HomeLife*, *Christian Single*, and others. As a pastor's wife, she worked with Phil to establish an inner-city church in Harrisburg, Penn., which was a sister church of The Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York City.

For five years, Marie was the on-air hostess of *The Marie Show*, a TV show for women which aired on Christian stations in the northeastern United States. She has also been a featured speaker/artist for hundreds of women's events and seminars. She currently serves as the women's ministry coordinator at First Baptist Church in Columbia, Tenn. As a wife, daughter, mother, and mother-in-law, Marie understands the every day challenges of being a woman in today's society.



Leslie Hudson

Leslie Hudson, a graduate of Belmont University, is a piano teacher, a Bible teacher and speaker, a freelance writer, and an actively involved member of First Baptist Church in Dickson, Tenn. She is passionate about

sharing God's Word with women and teenagers through Bible studies, conferences, retreats, Sunday school, and special events. She has been married to David for eight years, and they are expecting their first child in February.

She's presently the proud "mama" of two dogs, two cats, and a flock of chickens ... all of which teach her about God. In her spare time, she enjoys running and writing. Sitting in her front porch swing, drinking hot tea, and studying God's Word are her favorite ways to start her day. "I look forward to waking each morning to see what God is choosing to teach me (Isaiah 50:4)," says Leslie, "and find no greater thrill than sharing His Word with others who are seeking His voice."



Mel Tunney, Worship Leader

Raised in a minister of music's home in Florida and Texas, Melodie Tunney had her first arrangement published at age 12. She began as a vocalist with the contemporary Christian group *Truth* when she was 18. It was on the *Truth* bus that she met future husband, Dick, the group's keyboard player. Dick moved to Nashville, Tenn., to become the pianist for the *Imperials*; Mel soon followed and in a few short months the couple wed.

While working as a studio singer, Mel befriended Bonnie Keen and Marty McCall. The trio formed the group *First Call* in 1983 and soon found themselves in demand as a studio group. A few years later brought a featured slot on tour with Sandi Patty, a contract with WORD records, live performances on the Grammy Awards telecast and the *Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, as well as opportunities to tour with Christian artists Amy

Grant and Bebe and Cece Winans. Mel and Dick have earned ten Dove Awards, nine additional Dove nominations, three Grammy nominations, and one Grammy Award.

After the births of their daughters, Whitney and Kelsey, Mel continued to perform with *First Call* and Dick traveled with Sandi Patty. When the demand of touring began to take its toll, Dick and Mel followed God's leading and began a ministry together. They now serve as Worship Leaders/Artists in Residence at First Baptist Church, Columbia, Tenn., and spend several weeks each year leading worship at parachurch events for organizations including *The Jesus Film Project*, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cook Communications International, and the Christian Management Association. For more information about the Tunneys, visit their Web site: www.tunneymusic.com.



Bruce and Lisa Wethey, Guest Musicians

This year we welcome celebrated violin and flute duo Bruce and Lisa Wethey to Wonderful Weekend for Women. Answering God's call in their lives, Bruce and Lisa serve the Lord with their talents, share the love of Christ with audiences in concert and testimony, and deliver His message of hope, peace, and encouragement.

Their ministry has taken them from church concerts to conferences nationwide. They have led worship for special prayer services at the Pentagon and have appeared with the ministries of both Chuck Swindoll and David Jeremiah.

Bruce is a Grammy-nominated violinist and composer who has performed with Michael W. Smith, Josh Groban, Martina McBride, Natalie Cole, Ray Charles, and Alan Jackson. He now tours with Christian artist Twila Paris. Bruce's solo violin can also be heard on VeggieTales videos.

Lisa made her New York debut at the age of 20, toured as concert soloist, and premiered over fifty works for flute. Her amazing experience as the survivor of multiple brain tumor surgeries over the past ten years has given birth to a strong, new side to their ministry. Lisa has become a sought-after women's ministry speaker—bearing witness to the power of prayer and God's healing.

Registration

Please print. Please complete one form per person. Registrations are transferable (during the same year) from one person to another but are not refundable. Because seating is limited and we sell out most years, please register as early as possible.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Name and city of your church or group name: _____

Registration Fees

Registration fee includes conference, snack supper Friday night, continental breakfast Saturday morning, and a souvenir tote bag.

\$50 before Feb. 18, 2009 \$60 after Feb. 18, 2009

I would like to reserve a boxed lunch for Saturday. Cost: \$7

Registrations are secured only when payment is received and on a first come, first served basis.

Childcare

I would like to reserve space in the nursery for my children (ages six weeks to seven years). Maury County residents only, please. Cost: \$10 for first child; \$5 for each additional child. (Fees are in addition to your registration costs). **Childcare registration cut off date: February 22, 2009. Due to limited staff, no exceptions, please.**

Names and ages of children:

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Name: _____ Age: _____
 Name: _____ Age: _____

Please note that no children (babies included) will be allowed in the worship center at any time. Thank you for your understanding.

Total enclosed (including lunch and childcare if needed): _____

Make checks payable to Wonderful Weekend for Women. Mail to: Wonderful Weekend for Women | PO Box 217 | Columbia, TN 38402

Lodging

When you call to book your accommodations, mention that you are attending Wonderful Weekend for Women. Many hotels have special rooms and rates for us!

Best Value Inn I-65	1548 Bear Creek Pike	931.381.1410
Comfort Inn	1544 Bear Creek Pike	931.388.2500
Country Hearth Inn & Suites	1208 Nashville Hwy.	931.388.2720
Hampton Inn	1551 Halifax Dr.	931.540.1222
Holiday Inn Express	1554 Bear Creek Pike	931.380.1227
Jameson Inn	715 S. James Campbell Blvd.	931.388.3326
Relax Inn	1547 Bear Creek Pike	931.388.8539
Richland Inn of Columbia	2405 Highway 31S	931.381.4500