

I wish you knew: I see them all of the time in my social media news feed. Articles entitled things like “Five Things Your Pastor’s Wife Wish You Knew” or “What Your Pastor’s Wife Always Wish You Knew” and the like. I like to read them to see if I can relate and if there are other people out there who think and feel like I do. Sometimes they are right on the money with my ministry experiences and sometimes they are thankfully nothing like my own experience. I am usually saddened after reading some of them because I often think there is a slight odor of resentment and bitterness cleverly intertwined with the “secrets” being shared. As if by some mysterious way, the readers will stop doing these “things” that in one way or another causes the Pastor’s wife to doubt herself, the ministry, or even God. I decided I would publish my own list of things this Pastor’s wife wish you knew.

The first thing I want you to know is that I hurt when you hurt. As we were worshipping on Sunday morning, our praise team began a song entitled Come Alive. I have heard this song numerous times but for some reason, this time it elicited a reaction from me that I was not ready for. The lyrics state *“Through the eyes of men it seems there’s so much we have lost. As we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked. One by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slave.”* When I read that line, I was instantly broken. Thinking of so many wounded Christians who I personally knew who had fallen prey to the enemy and are now living a life bound by chains. Oh if you only knew how I ache for you to return to the only One who can heal you and break those chains?

The second thing I want you to know is that I truly want you to pray for me. It is true that it is not easy to be a Pastor’s wife. But the same could be said about being a doctor’s wife or a coach’s wife. The only difference is that there is an *expectation* here that the Pastor’s wife is somehow above being “normal”. She is automatically a devotion-leading, piano playing, expert child-rearing, never losing her cool, perfect helpmate to the pastor kind of gal who is always willing to open and close each gathering with a word of prayer. Honestly, that list is just plain silly! I am just like you! However, I am often placed in situations in which I need to respond with Christ-like grace, wisdom, and love which is why your prayers are coveted.

The last thing I want you to know is that I love you. I know without a doubt, God has called me to do exactly what I am doing at this time in my life. He has given me a love for people that at times blows me away. My friend list is not filled up! I’m currently still taking applications. I want to get to know you and I long for you to know me. I can’t hold myself back from relationships in an effort to protect myself. I must simply rely on Jesus to protect this heart of mine.

Love,

Libbie

Widows and Singles Valentines Luncheon

**Saturday, February 10th
11-2pm Fellowship Hall**

Make plans to join us as we love on our widows, widowers, and singles! Sign up in the church lobby if you are planning to attend or would like to help in any way!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 4 Super Bowl Party 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall

February 10 Widows and Singles Valentines Luncheon 11 am Fellowship Hall

February 12 Clay Vessels 10 am church conference room; Annie Belle Missionary Society 7 pm Fellowship Hall

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Click on Daily Bible Reading to participate in our 21 Day Bible Reading Plan! We have set up a page on Facebook for those who want to share thoughts and encourage others throughout the plan

Listen to the latest sermons, sign up and register for events, and keep up with all that's happening at Grace by downloading our app!

Love Week

March 26-31

This year Grace Women will be sponsoring the laundromat challenge during love week. We need women to volunteer to help plan and participate in this event for our community. Please contact Libbie Murr if you are able to help in any way.

Food Pantry

Please consider making a food or monetary donation to help needy families in our community.

Pantry Items Needed:

Macaroni-cheese box mix	Beans	Breakfast bars
Instant potatoes	Instant rice	Pop Tarts
Peanut butter	Jelly	Beanie Weenies
Spaghetti sauce	Spaghetti noodles	Instant grits
Canned chicken	Tuna	Vienna Sausages
Canned hams	Spam	Beef stew
Canned fruit	Snack crackers	Crackers
Canned vegetables	Hearty soups	
Oatmeal	Cereals	



*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.*

John 13:35