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THE PIVOT MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

What God Makes Possible Through Pivot

Thursday, April 28th marks the half-way point of Pivot’s fifth semester of classes. Four women have joined us this session, each uniquely motivated, dedicated, and eager to learn. Pivot is incredibly grateful for everyone who makes this ministry possible, including the instructors who volunteer their time to teach each week, those who graciously supply lunch, mentors who invest themselves in personal accountability relationships, along with donors and behind-the-scenes volunteers who sustain the ministry.

Julie Bell and Shannon Burgess are leading Bible study each week as we study a chapter of the Gospel of Mark. Participants offer wonderful perspective and insight, ask great questions and are fully engaged. It is a wonderful start to our Thursday mornings. The women have learned about the importance of self-care to their whole person – mind, body and

soul (Teresa Cutts). They have also gained an understanding of what it means to become a Totally Responsible Person by choosing to react to negative situations with positivity, recognizing that while we cannot control what others do or what has happened to us, we can control how we respond (Sheryll Strode).

Through a journey of getting to know who God created them to be, these ladies are discovering their life gifts, personality types, spiritual gifts, life values and passions (Debbie Loftis). They have learned how to set SMART goals, and their mentors are guiding them as they meet them (Joy Nelson Thomas). Through Financial Pathways of the Piedmont, they are becoming financially literate – learning about spending habits, budgeting, credit and much more (Lisa Terry and Gwen Teal). We have talked about overcoming hardships (Ellen Richardson) and setting

healthy boundaries. Rounding out the first half of the semester, we are learning how to communicate effectively (Beth Kennett).

As you can tell, it has been a busy couple of months. While acquiring all this knowledge is fantastic, actually applying it in their lives is how time at Pivot becomes transformational. After just the second week of classes, one participant said: *“I will have you know that last night when beginning to feel overwhelmed, I put a stop to it immediately! ... If I would stop this program right now, which I have no desire to do so, do you realize how life-changing just two classes have been for me? I am not the same woman already that you [met] just a very few short weeks ago...!”*

Women continue to be challenged, growing and turning their lives around because people like you make



From the Boardroom to the Mission Field

Pivot board member Holly Brower, along with her husband Jon, have answered God’s call to serve as foreign missionaries. They are headed to Colombia, South America, as part of One Mission Society (OMS). OMS has planted thousands of local churches and has been training future missionaries and leaders from every race and background throughout the world for nearly 120 years.



Holly and Jon Brower

When God calls us to specific roles, He prepares and equips us, as is evident with the Browsers’ call. Jon will serve as the OMS Social Entrepreneurship Coordinator, and Holly will serve as the Regional Leadership and Team Develop-

ment Coordinator for Latin America. Together they will minister to the incarcerated population and families. They will also develop healthy teams and effective leaders who will, in turn, make disciples for Jesus.

Holly has served in multiple Pivot roles, investing so much of herself and making such a difference. In Pivot’s formation days, Holly gave input on several structural aspects, sharing wisdom from her background as a nonprofit leader and an Associate Professor at WFU. As Pivot formed its inaugural board of directors a few years later, Holly was among the first people we recruited. She has served as Chair of Pivot’s Governance

Committee, applying her leadership, organizational skills, and wisdom, while yielding incredible progress for Pivot. She subsequently connected Pivot with her church, River Oaks Community Church in Clemmons (ROCC). Since then, ROCC has made Pivot one of their local missions, providing opportunities to connect with their community, naming Pivot as the featured ministry in March 2022, and making regular donations to the ministry.

While Holly and Jon will be sorely missed, we certainly commend them and pray for fulfillment and safety as they embark on such an exciting endeavor. They will minister, use their God-given gifts, and bring Him glory in Latin America. Let’s all keep them in our prayers.



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Pivot Plus Holds Spring Event

By Sarah Griffenhagen, Pivot Plus Co-Leader

Our second Pivot Plus event was held Tuesday, March 15, at the Central Library in Winston-Salem.

The goals for the event included time for the graduates to reconnect with class members and get to know graduates from other classes. Eight of Pivot’s twenty graduates attended with each of the four graduating classes represented: Ann, April, Kathryn, Kim, Mable, Patricia, Paulette, and Rita.

We began with an icebreaker using our speaker’s favorite Bible verse, Isaiah 40:31. Then to celebrate spring, the graduates made a flower pen and received a journal to write in.

Jamaka Jackson, our guest speaker from local women’s ministry Solus Christus, shared her story of abuse, addiction, and redemption! We were moved by the struggles she faced getting out of addiction and bringing her two daughters to Winston-Salem. She touched and encouraged every one of us with her

testimony of God’s mercy and grace. She reminded us of the promise of Isaiah 40:31: “But those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.”



Jamaka Jackson

Becky Bryant, Joyce Jolley and Becky Rhinehart hosted the spring-themed refreshments, which were provided by Diana Davis, Kathy Ernstes, Kathy Graves, Holly Martin, and Lynn Senger.

We found the Central Library to be a great location for gathering, and we look forward to future events there. July 9 is our next event. Details to follow.

Below: Sarah Griffenhagen, far right, instructs the Pivot graduates in a scripture verse activity. Pivot Plus Co-Leader Susan David, standing center left, waits to offer help if needed.



Pivot Adds to Staff

Following Michelle’s promotion to Program Coordinator, Pivot found just the right candidate to fill the Administrative Coordinator position. In this role, Kim McDermott is applying her broad set of skills and her inside knowledge of Pivot.



*Kim McDermott
Administrative
Coordinator*

Kim is a native New Yorker who transplanted to North Carolina in 1994. She worked for the NY City Transit Authority, holding positions as a Rail Road Clerk, Train Operator, and Train Dispatcher until moving to NC. She also has a long history of Human Resources experience and Payroll processing. She is quite computer savvy and enjoys using all sorts of hand and power tools.

Kim is the proud mother of one daughter and is the second oldest among her siblings: three brothers and two sisters. She loves the Lord and has served her church in various ministries including the Hospitality Ministry, Choir, Pastor’s Aide and, in her younger days, the Young Adult Missionaries.

Kim is a 2020 graduate of Pivot and is excited to be joining the staff.

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6/28 Fifth Class Graduation



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