

“Women Who Were Steadfast, Immovable,
and Abounding In The Work of the Lord” (Part 1)
Romans 16:1-6

“Therefore, my beloved brothers (the whole church), be steadfast (firmly situated, anchored), immovable (finish what is started), always abounding (more than what is asked or required) in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor (physical labor) is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

“I commend (formally praise) to you our sister Phoebe, a servant (one who faithfully served) of the church....for she has been a patron (a person who helps and assists) of many and of myself as well....Greet Mary who has worked (labor to the point of exhaustion) for you.” (Romans 16:1-2 & 6)

“The most significant women in Scripture were influential, not because of their careers, but because of their character. Women should strive for biblical feminine excellence. Biblical feminine excellence is exemplified in holiness, not by social standing, wealth, or physical appearance.” (John MacArthur)

- What is a **strong** woman culturally?
 - A strong or influential woman is one who is powerful, she has headship, she is career driven, she is identity driven, she has worldly influence. She is independent from authority, even God's, she is strongly opinionated, and is praised for her physical beauty and at times her immodesty.
- What is a **strong** woman biblically?
 - *“Do not let your adorning (be controlled or dominated by) be external, the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear, but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart (holiness) with the imperishable beauty of a gentle (humble, patient, submissive) and quiet spirit (steady, calm, peaceful), which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by submitting to their own husbands....do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.” (1 Peter 3:3-6)*
 - *“Older women likewise are to be reverent (holy) in behavior, not slanderers (gossips or false accusers) or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled (good judgment), pure (sexual purity), working at home (raising children/being a homemaker), kind (gentle and considerate), and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled (mocked or found to be hypocritical).” (Titus 2:3-5)*
 - *“She does him (her husband) good, and not harm, all the days of her life....Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue....Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” (Proverbs 31:12 & 25-26 & 29-30)*
 - *“Likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness - with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.” (1 Timothy 2:9-12; cf. 1 Timothy 3:14-15; 1 Corinthians 14:33-35)*

Worship: This Is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham) Come All Ye Faithful (Various Artists)
Before The Throne of God Above (Sovereign Grace Music) **Closing Song:** I Stand Amazed (Norton Hall Band)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

- FELLOWSHIP DINNER: We will be having a fellowship dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!
- LADIES LUNCH: THIS Saturday, December 11th, at 1pm all of the ladies are invited and welcome to join us for a Ladies Lunch at Olive Garden in Heath! Please TEXT Andrea ASAP if you are able to join us for this! (740-739-0200)
- MEMBERS MEETING: ***NEXT*** Sunday, December 12th, we will be having a short business meeting immediately following the worship service, to officially vote on the 2022 Church Budget.
- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Our Christmas Eve service will be on Thursday, December 23rd, this year. We will NOT be having a service on actual Christmas Eve! As a reminder, there is no childcare for this service!