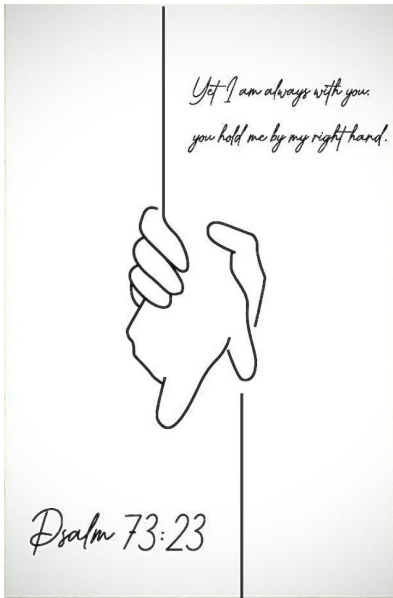


Courageous Hospitality



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2026 Women's Conference

Living like Lydia
Welcoming Everyone to Our Table

new location!

June 5 & 6, 2026

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Conference Speaker: **Sasha White**

Featuring: **Kelli Foreman**
Kodiak Baptist Mission
Kodiak Bicycle Mission Project

Lydia's legacy reminds us that a devoted heart can turn a private home into a vibrant center of worship and community.



MOTHERING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

[gia.org](https://www.gia.org)
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send a card, deliver a smile

Drop In For Tea

- Accountabili-TEA (Romans 14:12)
- Adversi-TEA (2 Corinthians 12:9,10)
- Laughabili-TEA (Proverbs 17:22)
- Royal-TEA (Galatians 4:7)
- Personali-TEA (John 13:35)
- Hones-TEA (Ephesians 4:25)
- Generosi-TEA (Luke 6:38)
- Availabili-TEA (Isaiah 6:8)
- Uni-TEA (Psalm 133:1)
- Humili-TEA (Acts 20:19)
- Hospitali-TEA (1 Peter 4:9)

It will all add up to my **Spirituali-TEA**.



RUTH VINDAS Costa Rica

Ruth serves as an international associate global servant in Costa Rica. She focuses on leadership development within the Federation of Baptist Associations of Costa Rica. Ruth develops and leads training events for local churches, covering ministry topics such as pastoral care for children and youth, Christian education and conflict resolution. A key part of her work is helping churches connect with their communities. As part of the Talita Cumi Girls' Club coordinating team, she trains mentors and works specifically with girls facing difficulties and trauma. Ruth is married and has 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

That day, the atmosphere in the Talita Cumi Club was a little different. The girl who normally didn't follow the rules very well was having a particularly hard time that Saturday for some reason. One of the mentors took her aside, hugged her and said, "Look, it's very important that you understand that in our club, girls don't talk that rudely. We have a rule here: to respect one another and treat each other well. In this club, we act differently, we treat each other with love and respect." The girl started crying. The mentor asked her, "Why are you crying? I didn't treat you badly!" The girl replied, "That's why I'm crying: because no one had ever hugged me and corrected me with love before."

I am a witness to what God is doing in the lives of these girls. It's a gift to hear how girls no longer are shouting or using rude words but learning to talk with respect and friendship.

It is because of testimonies like these they decided to create a club for boys. Talay Cumi Clubs respond to an insistent request from the brothers, of the girls who attended the Talita clubs, who wanted to have their club.

They took the task of writing a book for boys. The name came from Luke 7:14, and Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, get up" which in Aramaic is "Talay Cumi".

This year there are 2 boys clubs . Talay Cumi and Talita Cumi are the opportunity God has given them to provide these at-risk children resources. God speaks to them through these clubs: "Girl and boy, I say to you, rise up." God opens doors for them, preparing for a future of hope, opportunities and above all ,faith and trust in God.

PRAYER: that his project may continue to grow and that He may always fill them with wisdom so that they may respond effectively at the right moment, for the sake of the children.



Spring Conference location and prices,
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Preconference Bible Study and Activity:
June 5, 2026 - Friday - 1-4 p.m.


Conference:
June 5, 2026 - Friday - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and Program
June 6, 2026 - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Light Breakfast and Lunch Included

Full conference & preconference - Friday noon - Saturday dinner time! **\$135**

Conference - Friday evening to Saturday evening **\$115**



Lydia



God Uses Ordinary People to Build His Kingdom.

SCRIPTURE
Acts 16:11-15
Acts 16:40

KNOWN FOR
Lydia, a successful businesswoman and seller of purple, is known for her open heart to God's Word, her immediate response to the Gospel, and her generous hospitality.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

- Where did Paul and his companions first meet Lydia, and what was she doing?
- How did Lydia respond to Paul's message, and what happened after her conversion?
- What role did Lydia play in supporting the early Christian community in Philippi?

ADMIRABLE STRENGTHS

- Open-hearted reception of God's Word.
- Generosity and hospitality toward God's servants.
- Leadership and influence in her community.

LESSONS FOR US

- God works through people in all walks of life to accomplish His purposes.
- A receptive heart can lead to life-changing faith and action.
- Hospitality can become a powerful ministry tool that fosters community and growth in faith.

TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

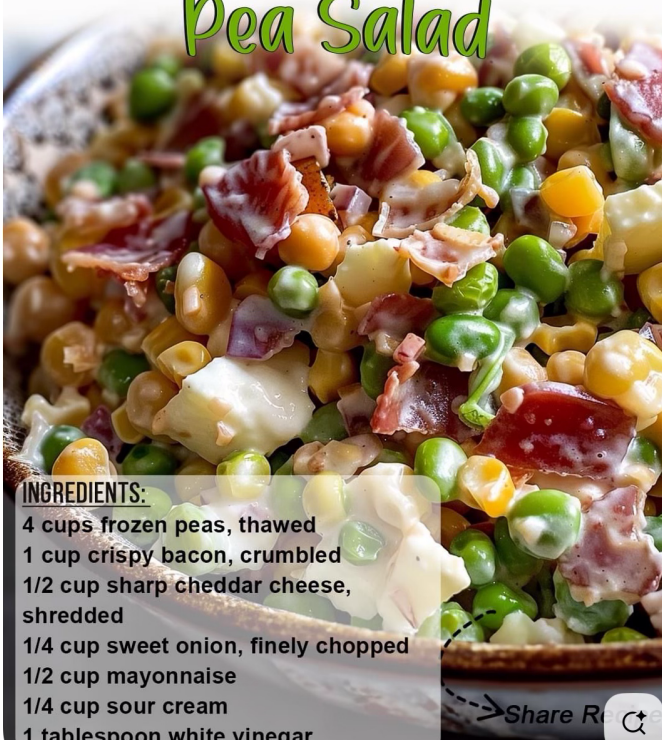


- 1. Pause Before You Overthink**
Slow down your mind. Not every thought is truth. *Psalm 46:10*
- 2. Identify the Thought**
Ask: Is this from God, flesh, or fear? *1 John 4:1*
- 3. Compare With Scripture**
Let His Word tell you what is real, not emotion or imagination. *Psalm 119:105*
- 4. Reject What Is Not True**
Lies must be thrown down, not entertained. *2 Corinthians 10:4*
- 5. Declare Life Out Loud**
Speak truth to silence lies. *Proverbs 18:21*
- 6. Replace the Thought**
You don't just remove – you refill with truth. *Philippians 4:8*
- 7. Submit It To Christ in Prayer**
Captivity is surrender – we hand it to Jesus. *1 Peter 5:7*
- 8. Renew Your Mind Daily**
Transformation comes from consistency. *Romans 12:2*
- 9. Guard Your Mind Intentionally**
What you watch, hear, read shapes your thoughts. *Proverbs 4:23*
- 10. Praise Instead of Worry**
Worship shifts atmospheres and minds. *Isaiah 61:3*

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Pea Salad



INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups frozen peas, thawed
- 1 cup crispy bacon, crumbled
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup sweet onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar

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