



"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."

ACTS 20:28

Ministers' wives are encouraged many times to simply "trust God and hang in there" when church life is making their life difficult. Even though this view and sentiment is understandable, ministry wives need to love the church as the cherished bride of Christ.

Ministers' wives need to understand that it matters greatly how they speak of the church, and how they feel about her. Satan certainly wants us to believe lies that lead our hearts to be hardened against the church.

In this presentation, Lisa will focus on the beauty of the bride of Christ, and challenge and fight Satan's lies with God's truth from Scripture, encouraging and helping ministers' wives to press forward victoriously in their love for, and ministry in, the church.



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# LOVING THE CHURCH

MINISTRY WIVES  
CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 23  
FIRST BAPTIST JACKSON  
5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
1:30 – 4 P.M.



This conference is for you  
if you are the wife of a:

Pastor  
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Associate Pastor  
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Campus Minister  
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Chaplain  
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Minister of Administration  
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Minister of Music  
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Missionary  
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Youth Minister  
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Associational Mission Strategist  
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Any minister with our  
Mississippi Southern Baptist  
churches or entities

**Please share information  
about this conference with all the  
ministry wives in your church!**

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Lisa Ray met and married Charlie Ray, the “smart fella” who sat in the back of their Old Testament class, at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 20 years ago. Her marriage to Charlie, and ministry with him, has been one of God’s greatest blessings in her life. They have been foster parents to nine children, three of whom they adopted. Lisa homeschools her children, who are all teenagers now. Her days are filled with things like teaching physics and saying, “Text me when you get there.”

Charlie has served in ministry for 15 years in Mississippi and Louisiana as a youth minister, a pastor of 100-year-old plus church, and is currently one of the pastors at a young church plant. Charlie also serves as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Greek, and Divisional Associate Dean of Biblical Studies, at NOBTS. Lisa views her 15 years as a ministry wife as a privilege and a joy. Lisa has a Master of Divinity from NOBTS and teaches New Testament, and Understanding the Grand Narrative of Scripture, in the Thrive Ministry Wives Program at NOBTS.

Please register by  
October 16<sup>th</sup>

Pre-registration is encouraged so that we may better prepare. You may register by calling or emailing your name and the name of your church to Elizabeth Lindigrin-Hancock at [elindigrin@mbcb.org](mailto:elindigrin@mbcb.org) or 601-292-3305.

**Preschool childcare available:**

Preschool care will be available for children by pre-registration, ages 6 weeks – completed K5, at First Baptist Church, Jackson, during the Ministry Wives Conference. Please contact Bonnie Snellgrove, Childcare Coordinator, at 601-949-1997 or [bsnellgrove@fbcj.org](mailto:bsnellgrove@fbcj.org) to pre-register. All children must be pre-registered by Monday, October 16, 2023.

**Following are the procedures:**

1. Pre-register, giving name and age of each child, the parent, two contact phone numbers, an email address, and the church name.
2. Pick up a security card for each child on arrival.
3. Be sure all belongings are labeled.
4. For infants, leave a time schedule for feeding.
5. Leave the children no earlier than 15 minutes before the beginning of a session and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after the close of the session.