

Traveston Baptist Church's Pastor Sean Watson, was working on the Core Team for a Women's Conference last May. Watson felt a call to bring the women of her local community together for fellowship and encouragement.

Realizing the task was bigger than she could manage on her own, she contacted two other pastoral wives and friends, Susan Irkhaeager and Monica Marney,

became a group of 12 (she also contacted longtime friend, author and speaker, Rachel Lovingood, who has written such titles as "In Our Shoes," "Real Life, Live It, Tell It" and "Salvaging My Identity."

"You may ask, 'why salvage?'" All that kept coming to my mind was 'junk to treasure,'" Watson explained. "Rachel and I were talking and she said, 'Michelle the word you're looking for is

Then God gave us Romans 12:2. 'Our goal is to show women that there is hope, that there is a place to run to when life gets you down, that no matter what you have going on or what stage of life you are in God has something for you. If you are weary from the journey, God can send you refuge. If you are fighting the battle of your life, God can fight for you. If you are just needing to be recharged, He

"Young, seasoned or in-between God is there. He can salvage you and make you something beautiful. The great thing about Jesus is He doesn't care where you have been or what you have done. All you have to do is call upon His name and He will save you. If a promise from Him (Romans 10:13). Every woman needs to know there is a safe place to turn to in difficult times.

with door prizes donated by area businesses. Each woman attended and took home a goody bag filled with a themed notepad and other thoughtful items. The finale of the evening was an announcement that next year's event, "Gloria," will take place on October 4, 2018 at Clear Springs Baptist Church — that is, unless they need a larger venue again.

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In a landmark meeting of the

opposes SRIs in 4-5 neighborhoods because they are transient and not compatible with the

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After weeks of discussion about changing the wording on

Monday evening work session saying, "I don't think you need to put in anything if this board says there will be no harass-

"It is not the policy that protects the