

entire true identity in Christ, and what a Salvaged Life looks like.

The vision for this event began during a time of prayer while Michelle Watson, wife of Greystone Baptist Church's Pastor Sean Watson, was working on the Love 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 pastors' wives and friends, Susan Inhaberger and Monica Muncey,

of the same church, to join her. *Love Team took a year after Thursday evening's salvaged women's ministry event. Salvaged of twelve is made up of Michelle Watson, Sarah Wright, Denise Miller, Monica Muncey, Bobbie Wyatt, Anie Winstead, Rachel Lovingsood, Lori Wyrick, Susan Inhaberger and Reghea Reiden. Not pictured are Robin Smith and Mirvia Smith.*

The group of three women soon became a group of 12. She also contacted longtime friend, author and speaker, Rachel Lovingsood, who has written such titles as "In Our Shoes," "Near Life, Live It, Tell It" and "Salvaging My Identity."

"You may ask, 'why salvaged?' At that point 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

SALVAGED! And so it was birthed. 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

can do that too.

"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. It's a promise from Him (Romans 10:13). Every woman needs to know there is a safe place to turn to in difficult times.

Bobbie Wyatt of Clear Springs Baptist Church told The Focus, "I am just so thankful to be included and a part of this journey."

The evening came to a close with door prizes donated by area businesses. Each woman in attendance also took home a goodie 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.

## Historic Overlay, Short-Term Rentals OK'd by MPC

By Mike Stealy  
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In a landmark meeting of the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission Thursday two controversial issues were approved and passed on to the city council. The planners unanimously

opposed STIRs in R-1 neighborhoods because they are transient and not compatible with the single family residential zone. He said that short-term rentals are similar to boarding houses.

Mary English warned the commissioners that the issue has cre-

## Board of education reverts to previous wording on controversial harassment policies

By Pete Gaudin

After weeks of discussion about changing the wording on policies concerning harassment of students and harassment of employees, the Knox County Board of Education, at their meeting Wednesday evening

Monday evening work session saying, "I don't think you need to put in anything, if this board says there will be no harassment in regard to any student for any reason that seems to cover everybody."

However the board was not content with the shorter defini-

*"It is not the policy that protects the people—it is the people who enforce the policy."*