



#### **MICHELLE R. HICKS**

Michelle R. Hicks is the managing editor for Journey devotional magazine and serves on the Lifeway Women leadership training team. Michelle served as a freelance writer, campus minister, and corporate chaplain before coming to Lifeway to minister with the event and publishing teams. She is a graduate of the University of North Texas (BBA), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MARE), and Gateway Seminary (DMin). Michelle has a deep hunger for Scripture and wants to help and encourage believers to dive into God's Word every day.

#### **GAYLA PARKER**

Gayla has been in ministry for over 35 years. She has served as an international missionary, pastor's wife, state convention women's consultant, and speaker. Gayla has published two books through New Hope publishing as well as several published articles and training guides. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at Ouachita Baptist University teaching Ministry to Women and Bible Survey/Interpretation, hospice chaplain, and women's ministry leader at her church. She loves to go running, hang out with friends and family over coffee, and play the violin. More than anything she loves to open God's word and share the love of Christ with others. Gayla has her Master of Divinity degree and is currently working on her doctorate degree in systematic theology.

#### **ANNE HARRISON**

Anne Harrison is the Director of Women's Ministries at First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. She also serves on the Lifeway Women's Event Team, Simulcast team, and is a Lifeway trainer. She and her husband, Jim, have two teen boys and a soon-to-be college graduate! Anne is a graduate of Texas A&M University and she also holds a Master of Arts in Ministry to Women from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Some of her favorite things include going to her boys' sporting events with her husband, visiting her college kid in Oklahoma, taking long naps on rainy days and short naps on sunny days, and enjoying Starbucks cold-brew coffee EVERY day. Her passion is connecting women with the God who loves their souls and with other women who will encourage them to grow and flourish.

#### **CATHY POUND**

Cathy Pound, currently a resident of Columbus, Ohio, serves with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio as Ohio WMU State Executive Director. Previously, Pound taught elementary education, learning disabilities, founded Granville Christian Academy in Granville, Ohio, and served with IMB in the Philippines and East Africa. Cathy was married to the late Jeff Pound for forty-five years. Together they raised four children. To date, her sweetest blessings are her twelve grandchildren.

#### **AMANDA MEJIAS**

Amanda Mejias serves as the Lifeway Girls Brand Specialist, and she is passionate about equipping church leaders as they minister to and disciple teen girls. Amanda feels like she is living a dream, especially with her husband and their two young kids by her side. She is also always down to hear a cheesy joke, grab coffee, and talk about golden retrievers. Amanda holds her master's degree from Liberty University's Rawlings School of Divinity.