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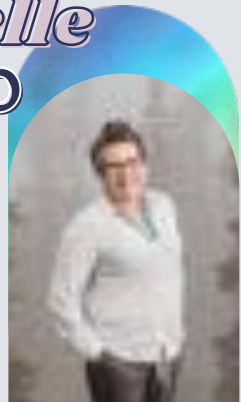


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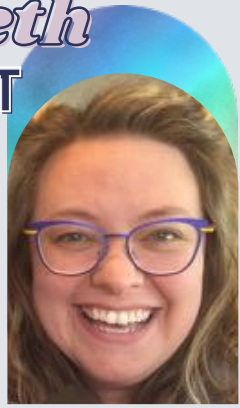
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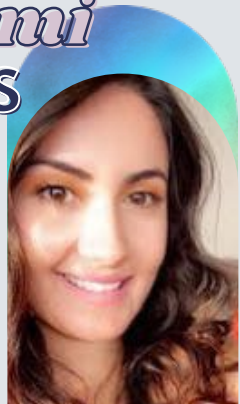
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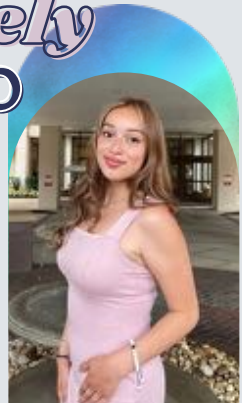
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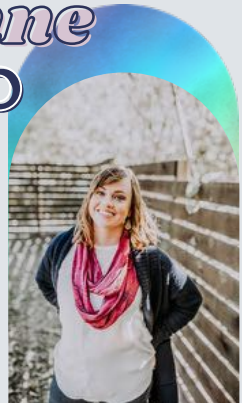


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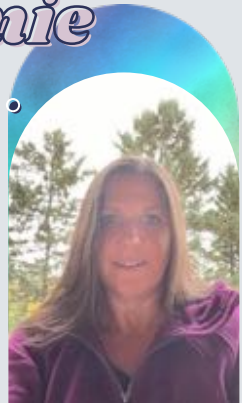
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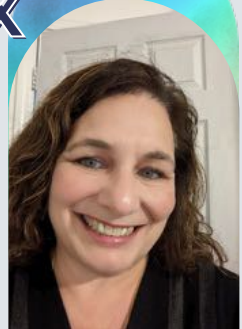


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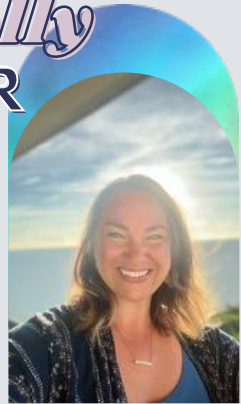
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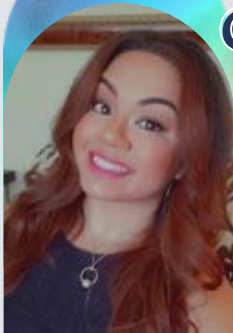
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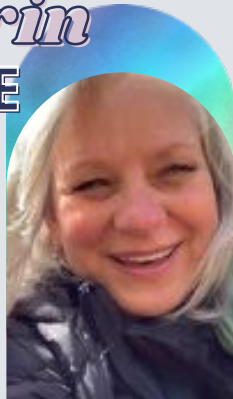
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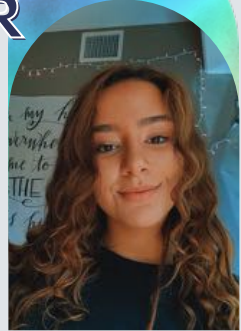


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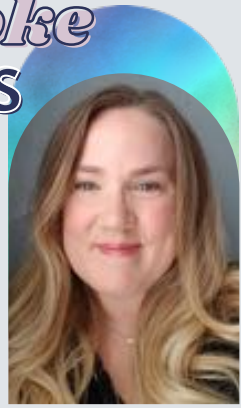


Laura has led community women's Bible studies since 2007, and for several years presented Bible teaching and leadership training at ladies' Bible conferences in Kenya. She currently leads women's ministry in her local church. Laura looks forward to speaking at a women's retreat in Brown County, Indiana in April 2022.

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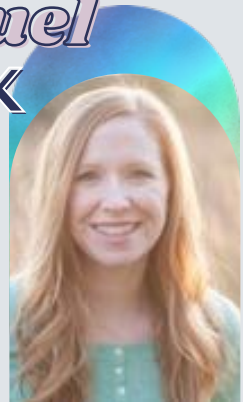


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KOPYLOV

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