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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LIVING A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE? Several of us have decided that we have not honored, as God would have us, the wonderful bodies He gave us. How about you? Sept. 6th from 10am—noon, ladies desiring to begin a journey toward a healthy lifestyle that's attainable & sustainable, are invited to join us in the Youth Room. The study will be ongoing and examine the components of: FAITH + FOOD + FITNESS + FOCUS + FRIENDS. Loosely modeled on "The Daniel Plan" by renowned authors Rick Warren, Daniel Amen, MD & Mark Hyman, MD, we will learn simple ways to steward our temples (bodies) for God through conquering cravings with healthy replacement foods and discovering exercise we enjoy. We're praying our efforts will result in more energy, weight loss, clearer thinking, healthier eating but, first and foremost, a closer relationship with God and others! For more info, please contact Sharon Warren 757-879-0862.

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