

# About Amy Lively

When recently asked to describe my religious background, I quickly replied: "Pagan!" Because I have a Bachelor's Degree in Practical Ministry, I know a pagan is defined as someone who does not acknowledge God. But because I lived like a pagan for 20 years, I remember how I hardened my heart like a stone and stopped up my ears so I would not hear the Lord's voice. He stopped up my ears, too, and during a struggle with hearing loss I finally returned to my sweet Savior.



Today, I lead a neighborhood Bible study called The Neighborhood Café in our home. I teach other women how to do the same through speaking engagements and my website at [www.TheNeighborhoodCafe.net](http://www.TheNeighborhoodCafe.net), where I provide practical tools, prayerful encouragement and powerful inspiration so churches and individuals can host their own Neighborhood Café Bible Studies with women God has carefully placed around their homes—the best place for forming new friendships and deepening old ones.

My passion is to help women magnify the name of Christ in their homes, marriages, families and communities. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full," Jesus said in Luke 14:23. The Neighborhood Café helps women fill their homes with fellowship and friendship, so that God's house will be full!

I am on the pastoral staff at Life Church ([www.LifeChurchOhio.com](http://www.LifeChurchOhio.com)) and I'm also a contributing writer at [womensministry.net](http://womensministry.net), a ministry of Jennifer Rothschild. My husband of 22 years, David, and I live in Lancaster, Ohio with our teenage daughter, Emma.

**Statement of Faith:** I believe in our Triune God expressed as Father, Spirit, and Son. I believe in God the Father, eternal, immortal and invisible, to whom is all honor and glory forever (1 Timothy 1:17). I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, crucified, risen and coming again (1 Cor. 15:3-6). I believe in the Holy Spirit, who takes what is God's and makes it known to us (John 16:14). I love God's word, our infallible and perfect Scriptures. I believe man was created in the image of God to seek, perhaps to reach and to find Him, although He is not far from each one of us (Acts 17:27). I believe in salvation through Christ alone, our sinless Savior, and baptism as an outward sign of a born-again inward condition. I believe God designed the church to be His body to display His wisdom. I believe each one of us is called to personal ministry, no matter what our vocation, and we are gifted, equipped and prepared to do good works to glorify God's name and build up His church.

My speaking and teaching are appropriate for multi-denominational audiences. I am accustomed to teaching women who belong to Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic, Nazarene, Church of Christ and Church of God churches as well as non-denominational congregations.

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