

A Journey With God

Hearing God Through Cancer Treatment

Susan Parris, wife of SBC of Virginia's current president, Stan Parris, and author of *Cancer Mom: Hearing God in an Unknown Journey*, shares in her book her journey after a cancer diagnosis, including the clinical trial that led to a life-saving treatment for many women, herself included.

"Many women and their families took significant risks to participate in the clinical trial," Parris explained. Susan received Herceptin six months before surgery and six months after surgery. Prior to the clinical trial, Herceptin was only given to metastatic patients for 12 months. However, in 2006, Parris' trial became the standard treatment for all women diagnosed with Her2NU-positive breast cancer.

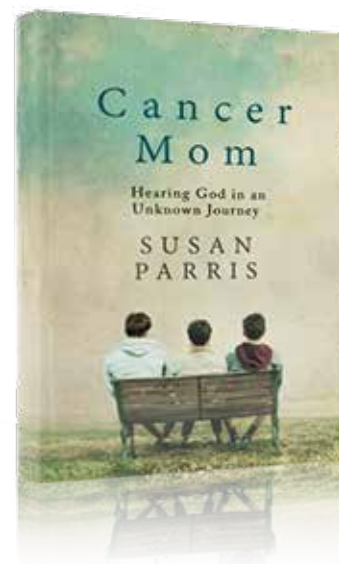
Susan Parris spoke at the women's ministry dinner at SBCV's Annual Homecoming, where she shared her cancer journey and gave her book to those in attendance. Bre Neudeck was in attendance. Through Parris' story and book, Neudeck realized the clinical trial in which Parris participated was the same treatment approved for her type of cancer.

Neudeck was diagnosed with stage two Her2NU cancer in 2007, just a year after Parris' medical treatment was approved. Thanks to that trial, Neudeck had a lumpectomy and 12 months of Herceptin during chemo and radiation.

"It is a gift to be able to say thank you to one of the many women who participated in that trial, which dramatically changed the outcome of my cancer,"

Neudeck shared. "I praise God for my healing, but the story of how the drug even got to trial is a miracle. Meeting one of the women who participated in that trial is an honor." ■

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Bre Neudeck serves as the women's ministry director and worship ministry administrative assistant at Swift Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian, VA. She also serves on SBCV's Women's Ministry Team.



RESOURCE:

Look for an interview with Susan Parris and Bree Neudeck in SBCV's Not Alone Podcast.

 sbcv.org/podcast



Above: Kristianne Stewart (left) and Susan Parris (right)—Check out the incredible work that Kristianne Stewart and Compassion That Compels are doing for women battling cancer, go to compassionthatcompels.org.

Left: Susan and Stan Parris at the 2022 SBCV Annual Homecoming