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By All Means

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Watchword

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."
 (1 Corinthians 9:22-23, NIV)

REPORTS OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was hosted by Talladega First in April. It was a pleasure to see all our leadership team among the 42 attendees, representing 14 Coosa River Association churches and one other church. It was great to see past association WMU Directors Carolyn Grizzle and Ann Casaday who represent several years of our WMU legacy. An offering in the amount of \$275 was received and sent to Alabama WMU for WorldSong.

Pastor Robert Klotz welcomed everyone and led our opening prayer, as well as the two hymns we sang during the meeting. He also prayed our benediction. Calendar of Prayer was shared by Jan Floyd. Announcements were made by Linda Cotton. Amy Williamson, GA Director at Sylacauga First, received The Mission Educator's Award. This year's Eagle Award recipient was a surprised Jan Floyd, WMU Director at Talladega First who was honored for the many ways she leads in mission efforts in her church and our association.

As chair of our nominating committee, Linda Cotton presented the slate of candidates who were elected to serve as our association's WMU Leadership Team for the 2018-2020 term. Those elected:
 Director: Anne Churchwell, Asst. Director: Linda Cotton,
 Treasurer: Sandy Locke, Adult Consultant: Marion Aldridge
 Youth Consultant: Laurie Vines
 Children's Consultants: Crystal Pomeroy & Lisa Compher
 Preschool Consultant: Judy Maness
 Pastoral Consultant: Randy Hagan
 Growth Consultants North: Jan Floyd & Daricer Shoemaker
 Growth Consultants South: Charlene Cleveland and Debbie Pearson.

Project leaders were elected to further enhance major mission endeavors:

Prayer walk Coordinator: Martha Brooks
 Backpack Coordinator: Lisa Compher
 Children's Home Ambassadors: Danny & Linda Cotton
 Facebook Specialist: Crystal Pomeroy
 Operation Christmas Child Specialist: Daricer Shoemaker
 Sav-A-Life Representative: Laurie Vines
 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Coordinator: Charlene Cleveland

Theme for the meeting was "Our Legacy Matters" and our special speaker, Rosalie Hall Hunt, enthralled us by relating experiences from her own life that led her to share the Bread of Life with many during her missionary career with her husband, Bob. She certainly covered our theme and encouraged us to follow God's call on our lives. Her legacy continues in retirement as she writes books that inspire others to continue our missions legacy. Her latest is a historical narrative titled, "The Extraordinary Story of Ann Hasseltine Judson, A Life Beyond Boundaries."

Delicious refreshments and great hospitality were shared by the ladies of Talladega First. Thanks to all who had a part in making this meeting a joyful occasion.

Quoting from an email received from Rosalie Hunt the morning after our meeting: "Fellowship with the dear Coosa River ladies encouraged my heart and I hope the story of Ann will encourage them, as they think of serving the same great Savior. Tell the ladies I am going to have the privilege of sending \$250 to Alabama Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment — thanks to Coosa River ladies!"

Web Page up and running

You're encouraged to go to RosalieHallHunt.com where you can hear various presentations by this dear lady. You will be inspired by this website.

"Camp of Champions" Snacks

Thanks to generous donations from members of Bemiston, Bon Air, Cartersville, Childersburg First, ChristPoint, Cragdale, Fayetteville, Hepzibah, Lincoln, Mt. Sharon, Mt. Vernon, New Hope, Odena, Oldfield, Patton Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Ridgeview, Shelvin Rock, Sylavon, Talladega First, Talladega Springs, Tallasahatchie First, Trinity and Village Street, all who attended the Alabama Baptist Children's Home Camp of Champions at Shocco had plenty of snacks and drinks! Members of these 24 churches brought 824 drinks and 4091 snacks, plus \$631. Thanks to Danny & Linda Cotton for serving as ambassadors to the children's homes for our association.

COMING EVENTS

Pounding for Children's Home

For many years, our association has collected supplies for the Children's Home in Oxford. Since school begins in early August, we have been asked to have the supplies to them by mid-July. For this reason, we ask that you please bring items to the association office during the week of July 9-12 between 8 am and 4 pm. We will deliver them to Oxford. Here are the items requested:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Baby wipes	Hand sanitizer (Germ-X)
Book covers—jumbo size	Liquid antibiotic soap
Clear back packs	Notebook dividers w/pockets
Paper towels	Copy paper, reams of white & colored
Pencil bags—cloth or plastic w/zipper	Post-it notes
Folders w/brads & pockets	Dry erase markers
Highlighters, green, pink & yellow	Water bottles
Ziploc bags, gallon & sandwich size	Kleenex boxes
Binders—3 ring, 1 inch, black sturdy cover	
Binders—3 ring plastic, flexible	
Multi-color ink pens	Tab dividers
Mechanical pencils and extra lead	Lunch boxes

CLEANING PRODUCTS

Pure & Free laundry detergent
 Lysol wipes
 Lysol deodorant spray
 Note: Friendship House recently received a large donation of cleaning supplies. For this reason, they **only** need the items listed.

EQUIP ... for Missions, for Ministry, for Life

Save the date! Alabama WMU will host EQUIP leadership training at Shocco on July 27th and 28th. EQUIP is for everyone, not just leaders! But, rookie leaders, seasoned veterans, and all those somewhere in between will benefit from this event. General interest conferences, missionary speakers, and corporate worship are some of the things we anticipate. Emerging leaders will be there, along with WMU members from all across Alabama.

Cost is based on meals, lodging, etc. For pricing, contact Shocco at 256-761.1100 or www.shocco.org.

ENHANCE Leadership Training

Again, we are offering training for leaders of each age group. **Pat Ingram** from Alabama WMU will with us to train leaders of all adult groups. Other training sessions will be led by members of our leadership team. This is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 pm at Mt. Olive in Talladega. If you lead in any capacity in WMU, we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity!

Other Training Opportunities

One Day training is offered by Alabama WMU on Saturday, August 18th, from 9:00—11:45 am. Cost is \$10. Locations are East Gadsden Baptist and Troy FBC. National WMU offers on-line training for leaders in all age groups. So, you may train online at your own pace!

School Prayerwalk

Saturday, August 4th, is the date for our annual Prayerwalk around Public Schools in Talladega County. This date is not set in stone. Some groups prefer to walk on Wednesday evening. The more we have praying for our schools, the better! Just remember to pray. Our children and youth face many temptations and we need to keep a hedge of prayer around them. Martha Brooks, WMU Director at Sylavon, is again serving as our leader for this project. Assignments will be sent in July.

ABIDE at WorldSong

This is the second year for ABIDE, a weekend for young women in their 20's and 30's. Dates for this event are September 21-22. Guest speaker is Katie Orr. Those in this age group who are intentional about missional living will enjoy this time with like-minded sisters in Christ!

Backpacks

For 2018, there are a few small changes to Christmas back-packs. For example, different colored ribbons will be used as guides on the outside of each backpack rather than cards. Be sure to check Alabama WMU's website for the most up-to-date information.

And ... Coosa River Association will serve as a collection site this year. Hours will be published as we near the October 29th—November 3rd collection at the association office. This is another opportunity week. Pray about being involved as Linda will need assistance to share the gospel through the Christmas story, as we share a gift of love with a child in need at Christmastime. Other opportunities are available to assist with backpack distribution and/or long-term ministry site partnerships.

Mission Adventure Camps

The campus at WorldSong is buzzing with activity and excitement as campers from around the state are enjoying weeklong adventures in nature and in God's Word. Pray for them, for their cabin leaders and for all others involved.

Women on Mission Meeting

Mark your calendar for Monday, September 10th, 6:30 pm, at Mt. Sharon Baptist Church. Our Women On Mission meeting will feature the theme, Prayer As A Lifestyle, with a guest speaker. More details will be sent as the event gets closer.

FUTURE EVENTS

June 23 WMU Leadership Annual Planning Meeting

July 9—12 Collection week for school supplies for Oxford Children's Home.

Aug 4 School Prayerwalk

Aug 14 ENHANCE, 6:30 pm at Mt. Olive

Sep 10 Women on Mission Meeting, 6:30 pm at Mount Sharon (Prayer As A Lifestyle)

Oct. 21 Coosa River Association's 185th annual meeting at Talladega First, time TBA.

Oct. 12-13 or Oct. 19-20 Fall Missions Festival for Children at WorldSong

Oct. 23 10 am—3 pm Fall Missions Festival for Adults at WorldSong. Cost = \$16.

Nov. 5 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer