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By All Means

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 Tallasahatchie First on April 20th. Eleven of our Coosa River Association churches were represented by the 35 who registered. An offering in the amount of \$176 was received and sent to Alabama WMU for WorldSong.

Pastor Craig Hamm welcomed attendees. Juan Bowden sang a solo and also led a congregational hymn. Kelly Hamm introduced the calendar of prayer for our missionaries. Linda Cotton shared announcements. Just prior to our speaker, Pam Geiger sang a special song. This year's Eagle Award recipient was Charlene Cleveland, WMU Director at Tallasahatchie, who was recognized for the many ways she leads in mission efforts in her church, in our county, and in our state.

Theme for the meeting was "Defining Moments" and our special speaker, Sandy Wisdom-Martin did an excellent job in sharing many of the defining moments in her own life that led her to the current chapter in her walk with God. She is now serving as Executive Director/Treasurer of national WMU.

Special thanks to all at Tallasahatchie First who had a part in providing an abundance of delicious refreshments and for allowing us to enjoy historical articles they have collected. It is evident God is blessing this congregation and we rejoice with you in all that has been accomplished.

Missions Celebration

On May 1st, Village Street hosted our Missions Celebration with 45 people from 14 of our churches registering for this event. An offering in the amount of \$136 was received and given to Coosa River Baptist Association Pioneer Missions offering.

Dr. Randy Hagan greeted attendees. Bro. Tommy Harmon welcomed everyone and led our opening prayer. Pastor Sam Walker had to be out of town for a funeral, but his congregation didn't miss a beat. WMU Director Wanda Lawrence led our congregational hymn. Marion Aldridge shared announcements. Joan Morris read the names of missionaries who have a May 1st birthday and prayed for them. John Vogel sang special music. David Dennis did a beautiful job on the piano. Our missions emphasis was presented by Eddie & Kathy Varnadore from Mignon. She shared about their most recent mission trip to Guatemala and he shared about mission trips to Uganda.

Bro. Eddie Varnadore also gave a report on our Raceway Ministry and encouraged others to get involved, with the next opportunity right at hand.

After our benediction, we adjourned to the fellowship hall for an array of delicious refreshments. Tables were decorated to represent various countries. Displays honoring Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Kathleen Mallory and other missionaries were strategically placed. Everyone received a gift and we even had drawings for door prizes.

A big THANK YOU to everyone at Village Street who had a part in making this an educational and enjoyable time for all who were present.

"Camp of Champions" Snacks

Thanks to generous donations from members of Bon Air, Brecon First, Cartersville, Childersburg First, ChristPoint, Cragdale, Jenifer, Lincoln, Mt. Sharon, New Hope, Oak Grove First, Odena, Pleasant Grove, Rocky Mount, Shiloh, Stockdale, Sylavon, Talladega First, Tallasahatchie First and Village Street, all who attended

the Alabama Baptist Children's Home Camp of Champions at Shocco had plenty of snacks, drinks, and bottled water!

Last year's Camp of Champions had 770 attending, with 26 who made professions of faith. Our association's ambassadors to the children's homes, Danny and Linda Cotton, spent time in training during the camp this year. Our association is well represented by this couple and we appreciate their love and concern for children.

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all age groups. So, if your schedule doesn't fit times offered, you may train at your own pace, in your own home!

School Prayerwalk

Saturday, August 5th, 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, will again serve as our leader for this project. School assignments will be sent in July.

ABIDE at WorldSong

This is the inaugural year for ABIDE, a weekend for young women in their 20's and 30's. Those in this age group who are intentional about missional living will enjoy this time with others who are like-minded. Dates are Sept. 22-23 at WorldSong. Cost is \$45 each and covers meals and lodging. Contact Malory Ford at Alabama WMU for further info.

Women on Mission Meeting

On Monday, Sept. 11th, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our annual Women on Mission Meeting at Childersburg First. We are so excited that Hope Stephens and her daughter, Kaley, will be our guests at this event. Kaley is a recent college grad. Hope wears several hats in her duties with Alabama WMU. I know you'll enjoy hearing from them. This meeting will be early during our Week of Prayer for State Missions. So, prayer emphasis will be part of the program. Please make plans to attend.

Week of Prayer for State Missions

This is the second year for our **Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering**. Week of Prayer dates are Sept. 10th—17th. A worthy goal of one million dollars has been set. Last year, gifts totaled more than \$950,000. This far exceeded our state goal and was just a bit short of our hallelujah goal! Your gifts help support: Alabama WMU, Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Alabama Partnership Missions and Church Revitalization.

Annual Planning Meeting

Your associational leadership team will be meeting on Saturday, June 24th beginning at 10 am. Please pray for God's leadership. We always want to obey Him!

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 10-13 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

Bathroom cleaner	Clorox bleach
Counter top disinfectant	Clorox spray cleaner
Dish liquid soap	Febreeze
Dryer sheets	Mr. Clean
Shout spot remover	Mr. Clean Magic Eraser
Gain Laundry detergent	Swiffer duster pads
Toilet bowl fresheners	Swiffer Wet-Jet pads
Lysol Air spray	Swiffer Wet-jet liquid
Dishwasher powder or liquid	cleaner

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

Save the date! Alabama WMU will host EQUIP leadership training at Shocco on July 21st and 22nd. Rookie leaders, seasoned veterans, and all those somewhere in between will benefit from this event. Training is offered for leaders of all age groups. Bible study leader this year is Sandy Wisdom-Martin, Executive Director of national WMU. General interest conferences, missionary speakers, bi-annual WMU meeting 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.

Local Training

Again this year, we will offer training for leaders of each age group led by members of our leadership team. This is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 pm. We need a church to host this event. Please let Anne Churchwell or Linda Cotton know if your group would be willing to help with this.

Other Training Opportunities

One Day training is offered by Alabama WMU on Saturday, August 19th. Time is from 9:30 am 'til 12 pm. Cost is \$10 and includes materials and snacks. Locations are Eastern Hills in Montgomery or Seventh Street in Cullman.

National WMU offers on-line training for leaders in

FUTURE EVENTS

June 24	WMU Leadership Annual Planning Meeting
July 10—13	Collection week for supplies for Oxford Children's Home.
Aug 5	School Prayerwalk
Aug 15	Local Leadership Training, place TBA
Sep 11	Women on Mission Meeting, 6:30 pm at Childersburg First
Oct. 22	Coosa River Association's 184th annual meeting at Sylacauga First, time to be announced.
Oct. 6-7 or Oct. 13-14	Fall Missions Festival for Children at WorldSong
Oct. 17	Fall Missions Festival for Adults at WorldSong. 10 am—3 pm, Cost = \$16.
Nov. 6	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer