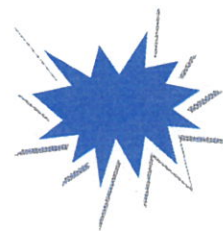
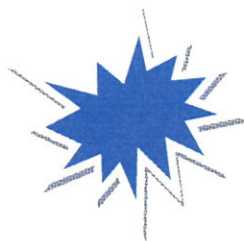


THINGS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- Project Promotion ideas. Our goal is \$30,000. Currently we have received \$13,756. Also included is a project nomination form if you would like to nominate a project for next year.
- News from our President, Cindy Allen, talking about our theme and a report from the national meeting. Cindy was elected as our new national WMA president. Congratulations Cindy!
- A letter from our 2nd V President talking about our retreat theme “A Cup of Friendship” and with information about our retreat.
- Women’s Retreat information to be held on July 25-26, 2025 in Gilmer at Rosewood Baptist Church along with a registration form.
- Information from our Sunbeam Promoter with some details about the Sunbeam houseparty and also a page from the Sunbeam Project Promoter about the Sunbeam Project.
- Report Form to send in quarterly with project and general fund offerings so that we have current information on our local WMA groups.



If you need to contact any of our Texas State officers
or have any questions, you can e-mail
txwmainfo@gmail.com with your questions.

We also have a website with lots of information:
texaswma.com Please check it out!



WMA Project

Texas Baptist Home for Children

Money will be used for signage around the facilities.

Fund raising ideas:

- Look around your church and give a donation of \$1 for each sign you see.
- Create cute signs, with scriptures or sayings, and sell them.
- Challenge different groups in your church to create a sign and have people donate to the sign they like the best. The one with the most money wins, and so does the project.

Texas WMA
Project Nomination Form

Local WMA recommending project _____

WMA Contact (name/number/email) _____

Date of Submission _____

Organization of Person benefitting from project (must be a BMA work)

Contact information for organization- Person (name,number/email)

Description of Project _____

Estimated Cost _____

Will they be seeking additional funds from other sources? Yes No

If accepted, this project will be nominated at the TX WMA state meeting in November. You will be notified if the project is selected for support. Thank you for you submission.

TX WMA Project Selection Committee: Ava Pool, Chairperson, 11248 FM 852, Gilmer, TX 75644

Email: avanpool1956@gmail.com

From our President

A Cup of Friendship. As I think about our theme for the year, I think about how important friendships are and have been over the years. Some of my closest friends have been ladies I worked with or went to church with. People that have common interests and goals. When our boys were younger, our friends were the people we sat in bleachers with on game nights or visited with during ag mechanics shows. As our boys got older, we began to enjoy a friendship with them.

Friends come in all shapes and sizes and we all need them. Our Bibles are full of true friendships: David and Jonathan, Paul and Timothy, Mary and Elizabeth, the list goes on and on. God built us to need community, to need friends. We need to be pouring into our friends and we also need friends who are pouring into us. In today's world, we don't have to look very far to see people who are yearning for friendship. Can you offer them a "cup"? The cup may be time, or a listening ear, or a ride. Let us be on the lookout for new friends, we can never really have enough.

I was excited to see old friends and make new ones at the National WMA meeting in Waxahachie. We had 139 people registered at the meeting. That's a lot of friends! Heritage Baptist Church was a great host and thanks to many WMA ladies across Texas for filling goody bags and helping make ladies feel welcome.

The meeting was filled with inspirational sessions encouraging us to live out the new National theme, "Go and Tell". We also had a great report that over \$90,000 was given to our project, the Bible Institute in Zambia! They received enough money to fully fund the project. Our new project is Just the Crumbs disaster relief organization.

As you look through your newsletter, you will see updates and information about Texas WMA. We hope you can join the opportunities that are coming. Don't forget our state project, Texas Baptist Home for Children.

I hope each of you have a peaceful summer and gets to enjoy some down time. Maybe you could even grab a friend or two and spend some time together.

May God bless you and your service,
Cindy Allen
Texas WMA president

A Cup of Friendship



Do any of you collect cups? Or do you have a favorite cup you drink from all the time? Let's examine a cup. First, most cups have a handle. In comparison to the "handle" all of us handle things differently in our lives. There are different things that each of us have to deal with in our lives.

Some have illnesses, some maybe have wayward children, some might have a divorce to deal with, or having to handle sick parents to take care of. In John 4, the woman at the well had a lot to deal with in her life. She had been married numerous times and was living with someone that wasn't her husband. She had to deal with the other women in the town not socializing with her when she came to draw water. Jesus knew all she had been through. But when the Samaritan woman met Jesus that day, her cup was filled with living water.

Do you ever over fill your cup? Maybe too much creamer. Our lives sometimes are overfilled with sweet things or even good things but it can exhaust us. All of these things can overwhelm us and cause us to not be able to focus on the important things. Are you allowing yourself to be overwhelmed? We all want to show kindness and serve the Lord but we must learn to make priorities. Burnout doesn't do anyone any good. We must give ourselves permission to refresh and recharge.

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God!" Take time out to be with Jesus. Just as we grip the cup to keep it from spilling, we must let the Lord keep us in His grip and control our lives. What are we pouring into our lives? Is it good things, or is it things that just keeps us busy and not really spending time with the Lord? We need to pour good things into our cups, Jesus' things so we don't lose sight of what He is calling us to do. Do you say "whoa" when our cup is filled to the right level? As we get busy with life, sometimes we need to just say "whoa" and take time to rest in the arms of Jesus.

Sharing a cup with a friend. Mark 9:35-40 says, "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. There is nothing sweeter than sharing a cup of coffee, tea, or something with a friend. But something sweeter is sharing a cup of Jesus with someone we know.

Don't forget that the Texas WMA will host a retreat July 25-26, 2025 at Rosewood Baptist Church in Gilmer, Texas. The theme is "A Cup of Friendship" and the theme verse is John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Make arrangements to come share a cup of Jesus with friends or even come make some new friends.

Shirley Hoffpauir will be the main speaker and there will be four breakout sessions with ladies sharing insights into Godly solutions for making contacts and becoming friends with people from different churches and ladies' groups across the state. Belinda Caudle and Wendy Garcia will host breakout sessions for the Hispanic ladies.

There will be breakfast on Saturday morning, a catered meal on Saturday at lunch, music, skits, games and a craft that is free. Door prizes, snacks throughout the meeting.

Get your registration in to save your place for the retreat because this ladies conference will change your life and you will make new friends from across Texas. The registration fee is \$60.00 if postmarked by 6/23/25. \$70.00 after 6/23/25. Registration form is included with this newsletter.

Charlotte Johnson, TX WMA 2nd V President

Texas WMA Retreat

July 25-26, 2025

\$60 by June 23

Late Registration: \$70

A Cup of Friendship is the theme.

The theme verse is John 15:13—"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."



Where: Rosewood Baptist Church, 8260 Arrowwood Rd., Gilmer, Texas 75644

**Date: Friday and Saturday, July 25 & 26, 2025; Friday night begins at 6:30—
Saturday, Registration, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Hotel—Executive Inn—Gilmer; 920 U.S. Highway 271, Gilmer, TX 75644 USA; Phone: (903) 843-6099 For more information: Charlotte Johnson, 1044 S. Mimosa Rd., Gilmer, Texas 75644; 903-790-1385 Make checks payable to: Liberty District WMA

Bring supplies to fill BMMI Christmas shoeboxes.

Texas WMA Retreat
July 25-26, 2025
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July 25-26 is the Texas WMA Retreat at Rosewood Baptist Church in Gilmer. It is Friday evening and Saturday. The cost is \$60 whether you attend both days or just one of them if you register by June 23. Late registration is \$70.00. Send registration to Charlotte Johnson, 1044 S. Mimosa Rd, Gilmer, Texas 75644. For more information, contact 903-790-1385. Make check payable to Liberty District WMA.

From our Sunbeam Promoter

Dear Ladies,

The countdown for our Texas Sunbeam Excursion is on. It is planned for July 19 at Jacksonville College. Our Sunbeam ladies will be meeting via Zoom on Sunday, June 1st to make our last plans for our meeting. We are welcoming churches to participate whether they have Sunbeams or not. Our project this year is Bro. Sasha Grebenyuk, pastor of Water of Life Church in Lutsk, Ukraine. Bro Larry and Tammy Wood are coordinators for this ministry. Please see more information about this project and where to send funds on another page in this newsletter.

We are very excited about the program we are planning for July. Ava Pool will lead the children in visiting our European mission fields. I will engage the children with all the “sweet gifts” from God using scriptures. There will be time for singing, crafts, Bible events and of course the plan of Salvation. We cannot predict the attendance, but I feel we will be able to host this “Excursion”. I will revisit churches to encourage attendance. We have 3 or 4 personal testimonies for the June Baptist Progress sharing how Sunbeams has made a difference in 2 teachers and 2 young adults’ lives. Please keep our ministry in prayer as we prepare. I am excited to finally be able to present our newest version of “Tis So Sweet”.

Elvera Koonce, Texas State Sunbeam Promoter

STATE SUNBEAM MISSION PROJECT: BRO LARRY AND TAMMY WOOD

Sasha Grebenyuk, Changemaker

Hello Ladies,

Our State Sunbeam Project is once again, the Ukrainian people. This year we want to support a new ministry of our church in Ukraine, Water of Life, under the leadership of Sasha Grebenyuk, pastor. He is our BMA Changemaker missionary in Ukraine. This ministry is called, "Elim" (Elohim) described by Sasha as "an oasis of hope and restoration for children, families, and future ministers." Exodus 15:27. Elim will have two wings of service: 1. The Adaptation Center, for children and families in need who need protection, love and a new beginning and 2. The Missionary Center, to train and equip leaders who will carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

We know that just as our God provided for the Israelites in the desert, He can provide for the hurt and needy in Ukraine in the midst of war and uncertainty.

Bro. Sasha mentioned a recent Easter celebration there...

This year Easter became a real day of God's presence. About 160 children gathered to hear the most important truth: Jesus Christ is ALIVE! There were lots of fun, games, laughter, gifts...

But what moved the most was how the children praised God with all their hearts. They sang:

"You came to my Egypt, He took me by the hand, And set free to the Promised Land."

These words sounded as prayer and prophetic testimony over the life of every child that God is bringing out of darkness into His light.

And we believe – God is already leading them to His promised land!

(Translated from Bro. Sasha's Facebook page.)

Sunbeams, AWANA groups, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Kids, Youth and WMA ladies are all invited to participate. Most of all PRAY and then GIVE if God leads.

Thank you for always supporting our children and children across the globe.

Please send all offerings to our state WMA treasurer, Jo Strong.

Make your check out to Texas WMA,

and note in the memo line:

State Sunbeam Project

Jo Strong

413 Junell Drive

Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

May God richly bless you as you pray and give to help our BMA changemaker, Bro. Sasha Grebenyuk, pastor of Water of Life Church, Lutsk, Ukraine.

If you would like more information, please call, text, or email

Ava Pool, Sunbeam Project Promoter

Avanpool1956@gmail.com