

# Merry Christmas

From Your Texas WMA Officers





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## From our President

The annual meeting of the State WMA of Texas is in the books. The ladies from Angelina District and First Baptist Church, Keltys hosted the meeting beautifully.

There were several highlights of the meeting for me. One of them was the approval of a recommendation to award a GMA scholarship for VSM trips to qualifying recipients. It's exciting to have a part in the awarding of this scholarship this coming spring.

Another highlight of the meeting was the selection of the Martha Johnson School as the 2019 – 2020 project. How wonderful it will be to have a part in the building of new classrooms for the school.

Holly Meriweather, lead writer from the offices in Conway, encouraged us to: trust God in order to encourage others; rely on Jesus by speaking God's Word; support others through prayer; and be active in our local churches. Her words were especially encouraging to me, seeing that they mirrored the resolutions we had just adopted. Why am I always amazed at God when He works as He does?

I'm really looking forward to a second spring retreat. We know the theme will be "Miracles of Jesus" but we are still waiting on dates and location. Pray that this will be a retreat blessed by God and that it will touch the lives of many women.

One last highlight I'd like to mention is the theme for the coming year, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" with the key verse being Ephesians 6:18. Again, there are no coincidences with God. I am currently involved in a WMA Bible Study on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10 – 19), and I must here quote Priscilla Shirer. "Turns out, there aren't only six pieces of armor, as most people think. There are seven. Prayer is the linchpin that holds our armor together. It is what activates all the other pieces and fortifies you as a soldier in battle."

Our last lesson in the fall quarterly of the Baptist Expositor was from Colossians 4:7 – 18, and asked the question, "Why did Epaphras pray so hard?" The answer was that he wanted the believers to mature in Christ and accomplish what God has planned for their lives. He was praying for well-rounded believers in the faith.

The quarterly also asked, "When was the last time you agonized in your prayer life for a fellow believer to mature in the faith?" How do you answer this question? We need to daily put on the armor of God, but we also need to link that armor together through prayer – for ourselves, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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## Sweet Hour of Prayer

What is prayer? We all know that prayer is "talking to our Heavenly Father". Communion with our Savior. When do you pray? Do you have a specific time set aside each day? Do you pray before meals? At bedtime? When you wake in the morning? Or do. You talk to Him all day long? Is your prayer a me, me me, prayer? Is it a prayer of thanksgiving? Prayer of praise? Are you even spending time in prayer these days? Is there a difference in the way you pray? When things are going great, how often and how do you pray? When things go bad, when you loose a job, illness, death of a loved one, how do you pray?

Ephesians 5:18 says "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

Over the next year, we will explore what prayer is, what it looks like in different situations. Prayer is sweet communion with our Lord. No matter our circumstances, no matter our feelings, no matter what, God wants to hear from us. He wants our love, He wants our honesty, He wants our praise and He wants to comfort and heal us. He is by the way, our best friend, our confidant..... our Savior and Lord.

Sweet hour of prayer, Sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Fathers throne, make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and of' escaped the tempers snare, by the return sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear, to Him whose truth and faithfulness, Engage the waiting soul to bless, and since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

I want to challenge each of you, to Join me this year in studying more about prayer, dig a little deeper into what prayer looks like, think about the ways you can deepen your prayer life., Get a prayer journal and watch how the Lord moves in your life. Spend more time with the Father in adoration, thanksgiving, petition for others, and petitions for your self. Let Him guide you , direct your steps and comfort you no matter what you are going through in life.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer May I thy consolation share. Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height I view my home, and take my flight. This robe of flesh, I'll drop, and rise, to see the everlasting prize and shout while passing thru the air, farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!

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Dear TEXAS WMA ladies,

Merry Christmas to you all!

Our last year's project, Swimming Pool Repairs for the Texas Baptist Home for Children has come to an end. The total amount of money raised for our 2018-2019 project was \$15,206.99. We sent \$13,789.29 to TBH and put \$708.85 each in our youth fund and general fund. We exceeded our goal. Good job ladies!!

Our new project will be to help build classrooms for the Martha Johnson school in Mexico. Lets all work hard to raise a lot of money for this worthy project!

We also elected new officers at our state meeting. I have included a list of these and their contact information in this newsletter. Please contact any of us if we can be of any help to you.

Just a reminder that all newsletters and our report forms can be found on our website, [www.texaswma.com](http://www.texaswma.com). Alicia Johnson, our historian is also our webmaster. Please check the website for these and a list of our districts and district officers. If you need to update anything with her please e-mail her at [Saliciajohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:Saliciajohnson@yahoo.com)

Another reminder, we have a Progress page once a month and you can get a lot of valuable information about WMA there. Glenda Chamberlain is the editor and she would be glad to hear from you if you have any church or district news to share. Please e-mail her at [Gcharm33@yahoo.com](mailto:Gcharm33@yahoo.com)

I have attached a report form to this newsletter. Please send in a report when you send it your money for the project and general fund. If you do not have money to send, please go ahead and send a report once a quarter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact myself or any of our other Texas WMA officers. We will be glad to help you.

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## Resolutions Committee Report – 2019

The 2018-2019 theme, *More of Jesus, Less of Me*, based on John 3:30, “He must increase, but I must decrease,” has encouraged us to seek to bring honor to our Savior, instead of glory to ourselves. In seeking to glorify Him, we should resolve to:

1. Trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and encourage those we meet daily to do the same. We know that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23) and unless we are His, we “shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.” (II Thessalonians 1:9). We are aware that we can do nothing on our own to gain salvation, and must completely rely on the One Who “gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)
2. Seek to place God’s Word as our authority in all areas. First, knowledge of God’s Word is necessary, so we must study it daily, and apply it in our lives, making sure we “hold fast that which is good” (I Thessalonians 5:21), and truly believing that “all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (II Timothy 3:16-17)
3. Spend quality time in prayer, for through prayer we have peace and we have power. We are told to “be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7) We know if we seek “first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)
4. Be a light for Christ, as commanded in Matthew 5:16. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” If we belong to the Father, we “should walk in newness of life” because “our old man is crucified with him.” (Romans 6:4-6) We must live “in this present world; looking for that blessed hope” remembering that Jesus gave himself for us to “purify unto himself a peculiar people.” (Titus 2:12-14) Through truly being a light for Christ, we deliberately seek to make a difference in the church and the world.
5. Be committed to a local church. Christians are “fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.” (Ephesians 2:19-20) We are commanded to gather together as Christians to declare our love for God and His Word, while encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:23-25) and working in unity to proclaim the gospel to a lost and dying world.

If we commit to these resolutions, we in turn accomplish the six parts of the WMA Plan of Work – missions, bible study, evangelism, benevolence, youth auxiliaries, and Christian education – impacting the world for our Savior. There will be *More of Jesus, Less of Me*.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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