

THINGS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- A word from our President, Johnnie Ross, introducing our theme
- Women's Retreat information to be held on September 11, 2021. You don't want to miss this! It will be at the Daniel Springs Retreat Center.
- Information about our project from our Project Promoter
- Report Form to send in at least once a year and anytime you have money to send for either the Project or General fund
- Financial Report from me, Jo Strong, your corresponding secretary

Corresponding Secretary Report

By Jo Strong

Most of you know that the responsibility of the Corresponding Secretary is to send out this newsletter. I am also the treasurer. We use the General Fund to pay for our website, our Progress page, newsletters, officer expenses, retreat and state meeting expenses, speakers, etc. I have asked you to switch to getting the newsletter by e-mail, but some of you still need it in print form. I do understand that. Some of you I never hear from, so I don't know if the newsletter is getting to the correct person. I have designed a report form for you to use to send in your reports to me quarterly. One is enclosed with this newsletter and you can make copies to use. The report form allows you to choose who the contact person is that should receive this newsletter and whether you want it by mail or e-mail. When you send the report you can also enclose the money your local auxiliary wants to contribute to the project and general funds. I really appreciate getting the reports from you. It is not necessary to report quarterly, but please send me something at least once each year. The officers decided to only mail out two newsletters this year to save money. We will be doing more mini-newsletters via e-mail. All newsletters and report forms can also be found on our website www.texaswma.com. Alicia Johnson our Historian is also our webmaster.

Just a quick financial update: To date we have raised \$4394.88 for our project. We have \$1286.88 in our general fund

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Shipwrecked, Yet Joyful

Recently I received an email devotional from BibleGateway, written by John Piper, entitled Fifteen Tactics for Joy, based on Psalm 15:11. "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Then he asked the question, "How shall we fight for joy?" Following are his fifteen tactics.

1. Realize that authentic joy in God is a gift.
2. Realize that joy must be fought for relentlessly.
3. Resolve to attack all known sin in your life.
4. Learn the secret of gutsy guilt — how to fight like a justified sinner.
5. Realize that the battle is primarily a fight to see God for who he is.
6. Meditate on the Word of God day and night.
7. Pray earnestly and continually for open heart-eyes and an inclination for God.
8. Learn to preach to yourself rather than listen to yourself.
9. Spend time with God-saturated people who help you see God and fight the fight.
10. Be patient in the night of God's seeming absence.
11. Get the rest, exercise, and proper diet that your body was designed by God to have.
12. Make a proper use of God's revelation in nature.
13. Read great books about God and biographies of great saints.
14. Do the hard and loving thing for the sake of others (witness and mercy).
15. Get a global vision for the cause of Christ and pour yourself out for the unreached.

As I studied lesson eleven in our current Baptist Expositor (Safe in the Storm), taken from the 27th chapter of Acts, I considered that it could just as easily been titled, Shipwrecked, Yet Joyful.

Our theme this year is "Shipwrecked", and although we may not literally be shipwrecked as Paul was in this passage, we often times face the same obstacles.

- Sometimes we wait until past the optimal time to accomplish a task.
- Sometimes we base our actions on the advice of others, instead of depending on God.
- Sometimes we lighten our load by throwing away precious cargo.
- Sometimes we give up hope.
- Sometimes we forget that God is in control – all the time.
- Sometimes we forget that our health is important.
- Sometimes we need to abandon what we are relying on.

Remember what the first three verses of Psalm 121 tells us: *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber.* Our God is never asleep on the job. He never slumbers. He works tirelessly for us, as we worship him through obedience. What should we do? We should look to Him. We should preach to ourselves the promises of God. We should really, really believe that every word, every promise, in scripture is true, and we should fight for joy!

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Does life have
you feeling
a little . . .

Shipwrecked

Recharge, Refresh,
be Encouraged, and
be Spiritually Fed.

BE STILL, AND
KNOW THAT
I AM GOD
PSALM 46:10

TEXAS WMA
Women's Retreat

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

DANIEL SPRINGS BAPTIST CAMP | GARY, TEXAS

9:00 A.M -3:00 P.M.

Women invest a lot of time and energy into their families, churches, communities, and work. Set aside a little time for yourself. Renew and deepen your relationship with God.

- Breakout Sessions: Women of the Bible
- Coffee and Doughnuts 8:30 A.M.
- Lunch Provided
- Silent Auction



GLORIA IRVING
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

\$30 Registration Fee

Mail registration to:
Cherokee District WMA
P.O. Box 1633
Jacksonville, TX 75766

Deadline for Registration 9/1/21

JOHN MENDEZ
AND
MAKAYE KEY
WORSHIP IN SONG

TEXAS WMA and Ladies ministries
across Texas
are joining hands with
Daniel Springs Baptist Camp



To raise funds to help make major reconstruction repairs to the camp swimming pool which was built in the late 60/early 70's. There are major leaks both on the interior and exterior areas of the pool.

What can you do as your part? Let's reach deep and fill those cracks!

Send your offerings to:
Jo Strong
149 NW Suzanne Terrace
Burleson, TX 76028

FUNDRAISING SUGGESTIONS

Cornhole Tournament

Cornhole is the perfect game for the no frills, no sweat summertime athlete. Determine the MVPs in your church with a laid-back tournament. Borrow boards from church members and be sure to serve concessions. You could charge a small entrance fee to the event with a cake or pie for the champion.

Home Run Derby

Players are given a time limit to hit as many homeruns as possible. The players with the most can then be put head-to-head for a grand finale. You can charge people to enter the competition and offer a prize for the winning hitter. As you change out hitters have your volunteer "outfielders" (little ball players) to pickup all the balls on the ground and run them back to home plate.

Just make sure you have a wide-open space available and you have picked a day with great weather. Make this a church picnic day. Prize for top hitter could be a box of cracker jacks or a large bottle of coke and popcorn. Little ball players win an ice pop for grounding the balls.

Calendars

There is just something great about a paper calendar. Google a "31-day calendar" (ex. March 2021) and print it. Have people pick a date on the calendar and give that amount towards our project. Below is a statement you can add to your Facebook page with a copy of your calendar to help reach out to others. You could add your PayPal or Venmo accounts then turn the dollars over to the treasurer. \$496 raised per 31 day calendar.

Our Texas church's Ladies Ministries are raising funds to help with major reconstruction repairs to our youth camp's Olympic size swimming pool. Can you help us by picking a date on the calendar and donate the amount of money for that day? Ex. March 1=\$1, March 15=\$15. As people donate, I will write their names on the squares. Payments can be in cash, checks to (your church WMA group).

Thank you so much for your donations. Our youth love attending camp and the swimming is always a highlight of their day in the summer heat.

Host an Adult and Kids' Bingo Night

This is a church wide event that all ages participate. Bingo is a fun and easy game that even the youngest children can play. Since everyone loves prizes be sure you have plenty, so you better hit up the Dollar Tree. Throughout the night, remind attendees of what you are raising money for and encourage them to make contributions during the event. However, most of your proceeds will come from selling admission ticket and concessions.

Local WMA Secretary/Treasurer Report

to the

State Corresponding Secretary

Church Name _____

Church Address _____ City, Zip _____

District _____

Report year: _____ Quarter: (please check one) One (Jan-Mar) _____

Two (Apr-June) _____ Three (July-Sept) _____ Four (Oct-Dec) _____

Contact Person for reports: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

E-mail address _____ I prefer getting WMA news via: **mail** **E-mail**
(Please circle one)

Local Officers: **President** _____

Address _____

Secretary _____

Address _____

Treasurer _____

Address _____

How often does your WMA meet? _____

Average attendance at meetings: _____

Total amount enclosed for State Project: \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for State General Fund: \$ _____

Other TX WMA offerings: \$ _____

Please list amount and purpose

Mail report to:

Texas WMA

149 NW Suzanne Terrace

Burleson, TX 76028

Attention: Secretary and/or Treasurer: Please use this form to send with your offerings you send to TX WMA. You do not have to use the reports that you order from the Baptist Publishing House. Please feel free to duplicate this form. Thanks, Jo Strong, TX Corresponding Secretary.

Please note e-mail address change: wmaoftexas@gmail.com Phone- (817)480-0888

**District WMA Secretary/Treasurer Report
to the State Corresponding Secretary**

District Name _____

Quarter Reporting: _____ October-December (January Meeting)
_____ January-March (April Meeting)
_____ April-June (July Meeting)
_____ July-September (October Meeting)

Contact Person for reports: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

E-mail address _____ I prefer getting WMA news via: Mail E-mail
(Please circle one)

District Officers: President _____

Address _____

Secretary\Treasurer _____

Address _____

Place and Date of Meeting: _____

Attendance at meeting: Ladies _____ Guests _____ Total _____

Total number attending meeting: _____ Number of auxiliaries attending: _____

List churches attending the meeting: _____

District Project: _____

Total amount enclosed for State Project: _____

Total enclosed for State General Fund: _____

Other TX WMA offerings: \$ _____

Please list amount and purpose

Next meeting date and place: _____

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For information contact:
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Phone: 817-480-0888

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