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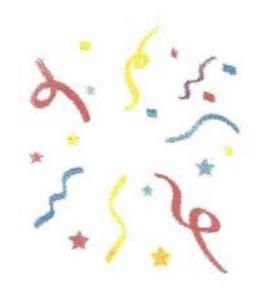
Your Texas WMA Officers - 2023-2024

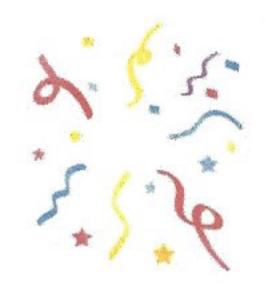
Lots of information in this newsletter:

Greetings from our new President with information from the State meeting
Information from our 2nd Vice Pres on the new Theme
Project goal and ideals from our new Project Promoter
All officers' addresses and contact information
Registration information for July Retreat
And Just one more note: Our final Project amount raised last year \$22,031.90!!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If you at thinking it isn't New Year yet you are correct, BUT we have begun our new WMA year. We had a great meeting at Crossroads Church in Rowlett. There was a sweet spirit of unity in the meeting and the hospitaltiy extended by the church was wonderful.

Before I tell you about the meeting, let me tell you about myself. My name is Cindy Allen and I am the new (well, kind of new) Texas WMA president. It has been my priviledge to serve you wonderful ladies before and it is an honor to once again serve in this capacity. My family attends Cornerstone Baptist Church in Jacksonville. I am a RETIRED teacher/librarian and I have the most supportive huband, Greg. We have two grown sons. They have attended as many WMA meetings as many of you have. Kyle (our oldest is an Ag teacher) and Colton is a firefighter (following in his dad's footsteps).

If there is anything I, or any officer, can do for you or your group, please reach out to us. My contact info is at the bottom of this page. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve with you. May God richly bless our efforts for his kingdom.

Now back to the meeting. On Monday afternoon, two breakout sessions were presented by the Texas WMA. Diana Morris led a session on fellowship and hospitality that was enjoyed by several ladies. Charlotte Johnson led a round table discussion for pastors' wives. These ladies enjoyed the time of sharing.

Our WMA meeting theme was "Taste and See that the Lord is Good". And we sure did see his goodness! 66 ladies were in attendance with 35 churches represented.

We not only reached our project goal this year for the Texas Missions Department but we went OVER. Our total given was \$21,958. Give yourselves a round of applause!! Of that money, a little over \$20,000 went to the missions efforts. Bro Heith told us, with much excitement, about the Bibles they were able to purchase for distribution as well as material to help the church planters as they work in their fields. 10% of the project goes to the youth fund and to the general fund. Thanks to every one who helped reach our project goal!!

We voted for our new project to be the air conditioning system in Buckner Chapel at Jacksonville College. Dr. David Erickson explained to us the need to restore the Chapel and the expense it would involve. Our project promoter set the goal at \$25,000. This seems like a large amount but it just a fraction of the much needed funds. Please be in prayer for Dr. Erickson, the board, and the staff of JC as they have a huge task ahead of them. But as I watched people in our meeting and the general assembly respond to Dr. Erickson's reports, I think God is already working in the hearts of his people. Remember we serve the God who can do abundantley more than we can ask or think. As Tammy Wood challenged us, "If our dream is not bigger than we are, we need to dream bigger."

We had two great speakers. Paige West spoke to us about David's life. He trusted God and God saw him through many things. Tammy Wood shared with us concerning prayer and its importance and power. Lindsie Bruchett did an great job of leading us in worship.

During our business meeting a new slate of officers was elected. These ladies are excited about the new year and already have some great plans in the work.

The theme for our new year is "Broken Crayons Still Color" based on Psalm 174:3, "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." We already have a date and place for our retreat this year. There is more information in your packet. Please make plans now to attend this great meeting, July 19-20 in Conroe.

Our Sunbeams and GMAs shared information about their year. These auxiliaries are so wonderful and give our kids a great foundation in the Bible and the BMA. If your church has an interest in either of these programs please reach out to their promoters (their information is on the officer list).

I would invite you to visit the Texas WMA webpage, texaswma.com. It is full of information and resources. Also, like us on facebook, Texas WMA. Both of these will keep you up to date with our latest information. Again, please reach out to any officer that can be of assistance to you. We love you ladies and pray God's blessings on you as you serve him.

Love, Cindy Allen, Texas WMA President 903-570-0066, cindylynn90@gmail.com

Broken Crayons Still Color

By Charlotte Johnson

Greetings from your second vice-president of the Texas Women's Missionary Auxiliary. The theme for 2024 is *Broken Crayons Still Color* and the theme verse is Psalm 147:3 "He health the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

One day my children and I were shopping in a store. One of them accidently broke a glass vase. As it fell to the floor, I thought "Oh, no. How in the world am I going to be able to pay for that?" I had the choice to walk away and act like nothing happened, or be honest and tell an employee. I knew I had to do the right thing, so I went and found an employee. When the employee came, she said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything!" What a relief I felt.

Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you!

Collect the pieces of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you. God will heal all your wounds, and I assure you that your sins and mistakes will be forgiven.

You see, we all have the same insurance, and it's called Grace. When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and ask for forgiveness, the Manager of the universe, GOD, will say to you "Everything has already been paid for, now go on your way, all is forgiven!"

We all at some points have been broken, some more than others. Trials and unexpected tribulations have warned us out, leaving us feeling depleted with nothing left to give. And, that subconscious childlike thought can creep up again, making us feel useless and unworthy.

But in my personal experience, even when I had hit rock bottom, God somehow met me in that dark broken place. He patiently spoke worth in me, building me over again. And in hindsight, I now realize the value of brokenness. That there are some things God can only do in us when we are broken.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18.

When we are broken, we are open and more willing to listen to God. God uses this moment to reveal defects in our character, that would otherwise be difficult to see. And because we are willing to see those flaws, we are now able to ask God to help us have victory. Have you ever noticed that test and trials, tend to draw us closer to God? That's because subconsciously we realize, we cannot overcome it, in it of yourselves. Our power or intellect cannot make our current struggle, pain, anxiety go away completely. It can only offer temporary relief. We need Jesus. Matthew 11:28-30 says "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

The Texas Ladies retreat that is sponsored by the Texas WMA will be held at Northside Baptist Church, Conroe, Texas on Friday night and Saturday, July 19-20, 2024. Find information sheet enclosed in packet. You don't want to miss this great time of fellowship with ladies across the state. It also a great time to get to know ladies that come with you to the meeting from your church.

May the Lord use this theme to help us realize we can do nothing in our own power, but if we give the broken pieces to him then He will carry us through. So, ladies keep coloring with those broken crayons and let Jesus design the perfect picture for your life.

Color our roof HAPPY

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support the WMA project for 2024



Chapel on JBC needs a new AC & roof





What part of our \$25,000 goal can you contribute?

- Give up one \$5.00 cup of that name brand coffee you drive thru for in the mornings?
- Bypass the coffee and breakfast sandwich one day a week?

\$5.00 a week for a year = \$260 a year (sounds small – many hands make light work)

Send Offerings to: Texas WMA – 413 Junell, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

Texas Ladies Retreat Sponsored by Texas WMA

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Theme verse Psalms 147:3 - "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Where: Northside Baptist Church

701 N. FM 3083; West Conroe, TX

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Date: Friday & Saturday, July 19-20,

2024

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Late registration June 1, 2024-\$55.-00 & no shirt

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