

# Merry Christmas

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Your TX WMA Officers - 2022-2023

## Texas WMA Officers 2022 - 2023

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# THINGS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- Greetings from your officers with all contact information
- Update on the old project, just completed in November for South Asia Missions
- Information about our new project and "Bibles for Missions" from our Project Promoter
- Report from our Editor about our State Meeting
- Information about the upcoming Spring Retreat in Lubbock
- Information from our Sunbeams and their Project information
- Report form to send in at least once a year and anytime you have money to send for either the Project or General fund

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## *General Information & Treasurer's Report*

By Jo Strong 413 Junell St., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

Last year our project was South Asia Missions. Our final total for that project was \$13,364. Of that amount I sent \$12,027 to the BMAA Missions office for our missionary and put \$668 in our General Fund and \$668 in our youth fund.

Now let's get busy on our new Project of supporting Texas Missions to provide study Bibles and other study materials for our Texas Missionaries. Our Texas Missionaries are ministering to different people groups in Texas with different languages other than English. They need Bibles and study materials in their languages. We want to provide quality translations and study materials for them.

Our new theme for next year will be "Taste and See" taken from Psalm 34:8. Dianna introduced this theme at the meeting and I am sure we will be hearing more from her about that.

In July at their houseparty, the Sunbeams elected a new project, Larry and Tammy Wood serving in the Czech Republic helping the Ukrainian Refugees. I have included a flyer about that project and if you would like to help them Support these missionaries, you can send your money to me, and mark it "Sunbeam Project". Many of us know Larry and Tammy and might like to help with this.

Our current General Fund balance is \$1052 so don't forget to support the general fund when you send in your reports. As usual I have included report forms for you to use when you send in either Project or General Fund Money. Please report to me at least once a year and every quarter you have money to send so that we can keep a current list of our active Women's Ministries. At our state meeting last year, we adopted a new Manual and Guidebook, so that we can keep our state work in line with our national work. This year we added some changes to it. That handbook can be found on our TX WMA website, [www.texaswma.com](http://www.texaswma.com). One of the changes from the past is that you don't have to be called WMA to be a part of our Texas WMA or our National WMA. Any local women's ministry can be part of our work and are entitled to send messengers to our state and national meetings. I look forward to hearing from new churches because of this change. If you know of a church that is not receiving this newsletter, please send me their information so I can add them to our e-mail and mailing list.

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## *Bibles for Missions*

By Jeannie Walker, Project Promoter

There is so much to think about with our new project. When it was chosen I personally thought about the number of Bibles I have in my home. I have several of my mother's, my husband's and many of my own in different translations and I had to think, am I using them as God would have me to. If I answered honestly I would have to say probably not. The psalmist vows to use God's Word to shine a light on his path. He is saying God's Word helps him to understand right from wrong as he faces choices today.

We ask our missionaries to do the job of reaching the lost in their cultures and training them to walk the path of righteousness without the most important of tools, The Bible, God's Holy Word. I think of the scriptures "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path Psalm 119:105 and Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11. It is God's word that teaches us right from wrong and how to live a life of obedience.

I am setting the project goal again for \$15,000; however this is a goal I firmly believe we can surpass. Let's look for creative ways to get our ladies and our church families engaged in providing God's Word to all our mission points in Texas.

## *Texas WMA End 2022 Strong, Excited for the New Year*

Texas WMA met November 8, 2022 at Livingston Baptist Church. President Kristi Key presided over the business portion of the meeting and gave a warm welcome to everyone. Jackie Ricks led the opening prayer. Ms. Key then read Matthew 5:14 and a special poem written by Claudie Thompson, in tribute to Ann Pugh, who recently passed away. Betty Blakley welcomed everyone to Livingston BC.

Visitors, missionaries, church planters, National WMA officers, former state WMA presidents, pastor's wives and pastors were recognized.

National WMA president Charlotte Johnson encouraged the ladies to attend the national meeting next year in Conway, Arkansas. She then led the WMA motto. Song leader Cindy Allen, accompanied on the piano by Vera Koonce, led the WMA song, "Called".

GMA promoter Hayley Rasco introduced her younger sister, Aileena Maynard, who is representing the state as Texas Junior Miss GMA. Ms. Maynard read from Matthew 6:23. We had the opportunity to view a video by Texas (and National) Miss GMA, Audrey Johnson. She spoke on Isaiah 60:22 and Romans 8:28.

Cindy Allen and Glenda Chamberlain awarded door prizes. President Key called the business meeting to order with the seating of the messengers. Sunbeam Promoter Vera Koonce spoke of the fun Houseparty held during the summer at Jacksonville College, and encouraged all churches who have children to make plans to come to the 2023 Houseparty. Theme for next year will be "Tis So Sweet"

Hayley Rasco gave a report on the GMA Houseparty held at First, Jacksonville last spring. She mentioned the next houseparty will be at Daniel Springs March 10-11, 2023. Theme will be "Spread the Word."

Project promoter Jeannie Walker gave a brief report of our project, JW of Southeast Asia. Ms. Walker presented certificates to the churches with the top donations. Year-to-date donations total \$13,192.77. All monies received through the end of November will be applied to the current project.

President Key announced the following committees: Registration – Alicia Johnson, Cathie Ross, and Melissa Halley; Petitionary letters – Sandy Jones, Berenda Mewborn, and Joan Decker; Finance – Jo Strong, Charlotte Johnson, and Johnnie Ross; Resolutions – Ann Bergman, Sandra Kizer, and Bettye Wilson.

Kerri Heuermann of the project selection committee presented the two choices for projects for the coming year. Johnnie Ross spoke about the need to provide Bibles for our Texas mission locations. Then a video was shown about the Jeevan Prakash School in India. After a vote, the Texas mission project was selected and made unanimous after a motion and second.

The slate of new officer nominations was accepted as a whole. Texas WMA 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president Diana Morris presented each officer with a delightful bag of holiday stovetop simmer. The simmer represented her theme for the coming year "Taste and See" from Psalm 34:8. Kristi thanked Elizabeth Midkiff for her many years of work as a recording secretary.

After nominations were open for the new position on the nominating committee, Elizabeth Midkiff was elected. Also elected from the floor were the new advisory council: Bro. Jed Whitaker, Bro. Leon Ross, and Bro. Adam Key.

The registration committee gave their report of 54 messengers and 19 visitors for a total of 73 present from 45 churches, 1 state and 1 foreign country.

Cindy Allen led the group in singing "I Love to Tell the Story." Then we were blessed by Lindsie Burchett singing "I the Lord of Sea and Sky." Diana Morris introduced the guest speaker, Cheryl Hughes.

Ms. Hughes spoke of how we could all help carry out the great commission of Matthew 28:19-20. She told of her many BMMI trips to various countries. She encouraged us to consider going on a mission trip by saying "You are never too old and it's not too late."

Diana Morris and Jason Prewitt did a skit to highlight the national project of Daniel Springs Encampment. Following that, Bro. Jason blessed the delicious BBQ lunch which Livingston BC provided.

Following lunch, Kristi reminded everyone about the upcoming 2023 retreats: spring retreat at LakeRidge, Lubbock and fall retreat at Cornerstone, Jacksonville.

Diana Morris introduced the afternoon speaker, Rose Ng. Rose spoke of her journey to salvation and education for her mission work. She shared her ten-year plan for beginning a school in Cambodia to help the children of the boat people.

Kristi Key led in the final prayer before dismissing the WMA meeting.

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*Register Now!*

2023 Spring Retreat  
LakeRidge Baptist, Lubbock

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Psalms 95:6

March 31 & April 1  
Friday 6:00p - 9:30p  
Saturday 8:30a - 3:00p



Special Guest Speaker  
and Concert  
by 2 time  
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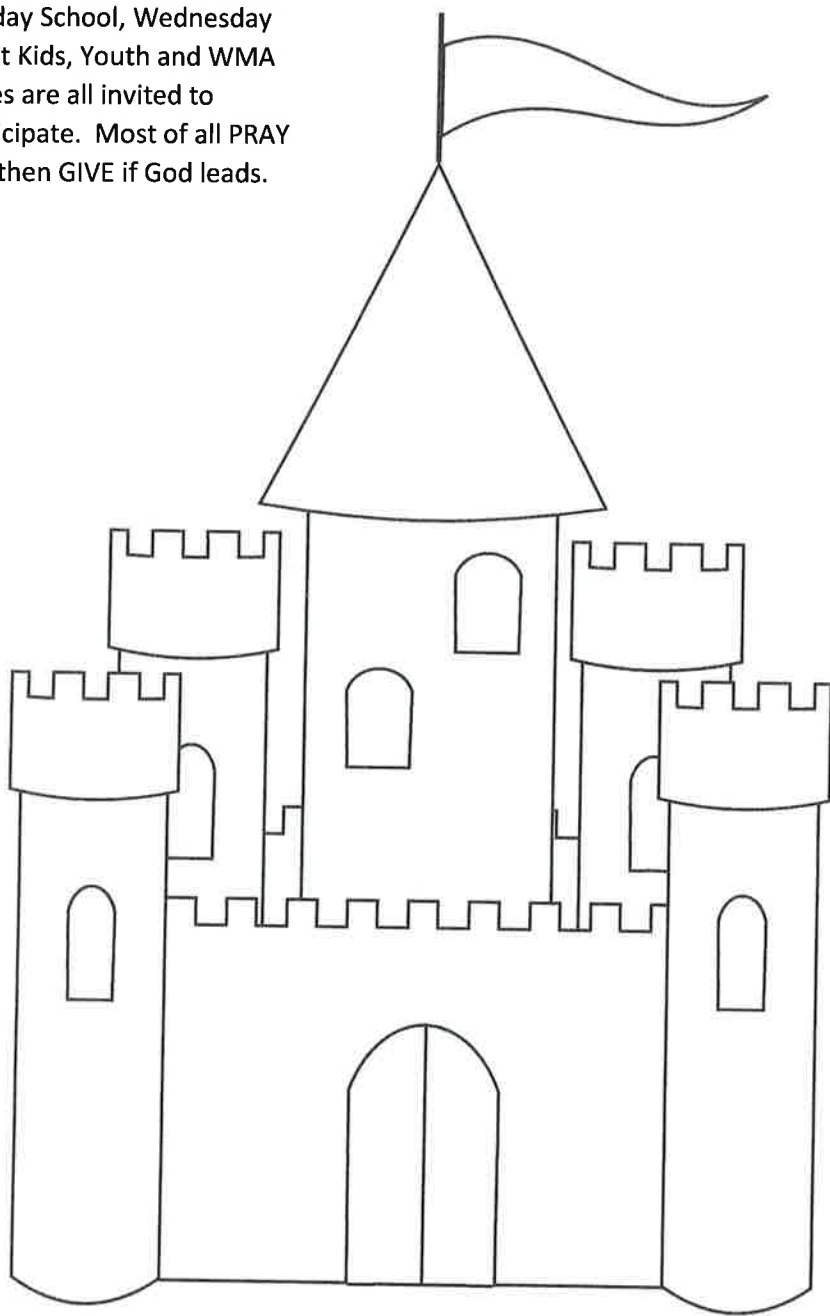
[springretreat2023@mylakeridgebaptist.org](mailto:springretreat2023@mylakeridgebaptist.org)

All Workshop information, hotel information, agenda/schedule are on the registration form. If your church would like a "paper" form emailed so you can print it and mail it in with a check, please let me know! We're so excited to host and have WMA ladies at our church. Please don't wait to register...the sooner the better. ☺ God Bless Y'all! ~ Barbie Reynolds (806) 470-9384

# STATE SUNBEAM MISSION PROJECT: BRO. LARRY AND TAMMY WOOD

## HELP TO BUILD HOUSING FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES - GOAL 2000 DOLLARS

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.



Build a castle while you raise money for our missionaries in the Czech Republic. Bro. Larry and Tammy Wood are serving in the Czech Republic helping the Ukrainian Refugees. Our project money will help build housing for people who have lost everything in the war. Europe is known for the many castles scattered through the countryside. It will be fun to see how big your castle can grow. Let each piece of the castle represent an amount of your choosing. Design your own or use the castle pieces provided.

As the money comes in, add pieces to your castle! For example, each castle piece (provided) could represent 5 dollars. When your castle is finished, you will have raised 110 dollars! Please send all offerings to our state WMA treasurer, Mrs. Jo Strong. Make your check out to Texas WMA, and note in the memo line: State Sunbeam Project

Texas WMA  
413 Junell Drive  
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

May God richly bless you as you pray and give to help the Woods family help the Ukrainian people.

If you would like more information, please call, text, or email  
Ava Pool, Sunbeam Project Promoter  
[Avanpool1956@gmail.com](mailto:Avanpool1956@gmail.com)  
903-790-5598  
I will be glad to send you the template for the castle.





**Local WMA Secretary/Treasurer Report  
to the Texas WMA Treasurer**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer getting WMA news via: ☐ mail ☐ E-mail  
(Please circle one)

Local Officers: President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

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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

**Attention: Secretary and/or Treasurer: Please use this form to send with your offerings to Tx WMA.**

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Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

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