

# The Baptistar

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Women's Ministries of Wyoming



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Hello Fellow Christians,

I think we enjoyed a near perfect summer and are having an equally glorious autumn. I hope that you have been blessed in many ways, old and new.

I've been reading 'Journey to the Well' by Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie. It is a book about the Samaritan woman that Jesus met at the well. In one of her lessons she talked about kairos time. Kairos is not the calendar or the clock. It is God's time, Sabbath, the idea that each 'time' is pregnant with purpose. Hear how Bishop McKenzie describes kairos:

"A woman in time is not driven by the human organization of time. She is cognizant of its usefulness and constraints but she has learned that when it's God's time, things flow easier; a flower blooms, visions are realized, and plans come together. When she does it on her own time, she may get things done but it will be the hard way. A woman in time has learned to live by the promptings of the Holy Spirit to let her know when to turn aside to see what God is doing."

I have learned about kairos before. Yet, I need to learn it again and again. It is so easy for me to slide into the world's way of thinking. My intellect wants to say this can't work, but I know better. My intellect also says that God's Son would never die for my sins, but I know better.

Don't forget to live by faith. Faith in Jesus Christ, faith in God the Father, faith in the Holy Spirit. Don't forget to live **IN** time and grace.

Jenita

## TO THE WONDERFUL WOMEN OF WYOMING

Are you eagerly anticipating our beautiful fall or are you "hanging on" to whatever summer may remain? Our summers always seem so desperately short for all that we want to accomplish, so we hate for them to end, don't we? But our fall is so beautiful as we watch the leaves change and the weather cools to a more comfortable level. Even now our mountain has lovely bright yellow areas as the sun shines on it. Fall would be ever more enjoyable if we didn't know that (usually rather suddenly) the temperatures would be falling BELOW those comfortable levels and the loooooong winter would be here. Aren't we glad for the changes that let us know that God is still in control? Aren't we pleased by the beauty he has painted on the trees and hills? Isn't it a wonder to recognize how He has taught the animals to prepare for the days to come? What a marvelous God He is--and He loves each of us in so many abundant ways.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our all-region gathering in Grand Junction on 19 October. We get to see each other so seldom, any occasion for fellowship is appreciated. It seems so much happens during each year that we need to be together to catch up on details of events. That is the only way to really know where God is leading our churches. He is at work among us, of that I am sure. Are you joining Him in His ministry to our hurting world? Do you know about our present projects for "Breaking the Chains--Slavery in the 21st century? Join us at the AB Women sponsored banquet on Friday night at gathering and we will help you understand what is happening around our world--even in South Dakota!

All officers and each church should have received our latest AB Women's Ministries directory. It has the contact information for our national and state officers and those from each church who are encouraging ministry among women. If you have not received a copy, or just need another one, please contact me as I have extras to provide so you have information you need at your disposal.

Our newsletter, put together so capably by Jenita, needs to hear from you about the ladies of your church. I KNOW you are busy--tell us what you are doing, no matter how minor it seems. You may be doing something another group would love to be doing and they need your suggestions and encouragement.

I pray that most of you are participating in the White Cross projects. I also would suggest that we need more of you to participate in the Love Gift offering (reported by each church treasurer). Our national office receives a portion of the national Love Gift offerings to take care of the items they provide to us. They are NOT a part of the ABC budget so really need what you give through Love Gift and other AB Women's Ministries to provide for the leadership they give us. We have wonderful leadership that helps us not to be trying to do all our ministry alone.

Have a great year in the Lord. Please let me know if I can provide you with anything you need for your programs or ministries, or if you would like me to meet with you, for any reason. I pick up "pounds and pounds" of information at Green Lake every year, but don't always know who needs what.

In His Love,  
Barbara

Some fun from our President:

Beauty of Math!

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Brilliant, isn't it?

And look at this symmetry:

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Now, take a look at this... 101%  
From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?  
Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?  
We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER 100%.  
How about ACHIEVING 101%?  
What equals 100% in life?  
Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
Is represented as:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

If: **H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K**  
 $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

And: **K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E**  
 $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But: **A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E**  
 $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

THEN, look how far the love of God will take you:  
**L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D**  
 $12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will  
get you there, It's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

Bethel Baptist ABWM

Bethel ABWM started the year with a picnic at the home of Connie Bailey, and there was nine in attendance.

We discussed things that we will do this year. Among them are gift cards for Kodiak and support for Murrow Indian Children's Home in Oklahoma. It was decided that gift cards is the most cost effective way to do this.

Also discussed was White Cross and Gifts of the Heart. So far we have sent 19 school kits, and this will be an ongoing project for a few months.

We are working on raising \$250.00 for Nicaragua for White Cross. In November, we will have a White Cross work day

Connie Bailey  
President

## State Women's Project

Our State Women's Project for the next Year, as was decided at Conference in Lander last June; will be Murrow Indian Children's Home located in Muskogee, Oklahoma. After contacting them, I found out their needs. I have two DVD's that can be used on loan They are short, about 10 - 12 minutes. in two parts "Children are Important" (10 minutes) and "Murrow Indian Children's Home" (12 minutes)

Their needs are many, and I have found out from Joan Brown that they will accept gift cards from Walmart and JC Penney. This would save on postage and dollar for dollar more could be purchased because we save on postage. Cash or Gift Cards can be mailed to Dorothy Beatty, Treasurer, 284 Columbine, Casper, WY 82604, Then our State Project and your group would get credit. PS: on the envelope it would be good to list the dollar amount. .

Some needs are paper goods, bedding for twin sets, personal items, cleaning supplies. If you want a detailed list we can get this. Sponsors are needed for special education expenses and supplies, transportation and other needs. etc. \$25.00 a month you can sponsor a child. If interested please contact Susan at 918-682-2586.

I have a pamphlet of what they do and also historical Information.

Sincerely,  
Connie Bailey 307-234-2833  
307-234-2833

Hello from Lander. We had our first Ruth Circle meeting on Sept 20th with a carry-in Salad Luncheon. It was fun, Lots of good eats and conversation. We have fill in our program and hostess schedule and voted to continue the Women of the Bible as our programs, each woman picks the woman that interests her and gives a report on her.

We have shared the White Cross the the congregation and they have done a great job of helping us. We will be ready to mail our package at the appropriate time.

The Church Family has worked hard to make our Interim Pastor Willy Maxwell welcomed and he has been a blessing to us. We do ask that you pray for his son Gavin who is two. He has a liver disfunction and has to go for testing etc. about every 3 months. They are in St. Louis as I write this to see if he will need to be put on the transplant list.

The Christian Ed Board held a Teacher appreciation cook-out on The 30th, it was a fun time. Each of the teachers was given a loaf of Homemade Bread. Yum!!!

There was an all church Picnic the end of August and also a Cook-out the latter part of June. We Baptists do eat good

We hope that this year will be a Blessing for all of you.

Kay Harvey, ABWM Pres.

## Laramie First Baptist ABWM:

In June 10 members of FBC went to Crow Community Baptist Church, Crow Agency, Montana, for a week of work at their church. Four of the ten were women, plus a teenage girl! We participated in a number of work projects: scraping and painting entryways to church and parsonage, potluck with some of the church family along with a song fest in the yard, a craft afternoon for a few of the children, spreading sand for a volleyball court. Diana Kocornik, Mary Beth Mankin, Mary Burman and youth Kevin Moe gave a report to our September ABWM meeting, along with pictures of our activities. It was a great week, and we hope we were an encouragement to the pastor Wayne Gentry, his family, and the church.

In July and August we had a noon book discussion on "Practicing our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People", edited by Dorothy Bass. After a brown bag lunch, a different person each week led discussion on one of the chapters: Hospitality, Saying Yes and Saying No, Keeping Sabbath, Discernment, Forgiveness, and Healing. We would recommend the book highly!

ABWM and our Mission Board are sponsoring monthly "Mission Showers" for local community agencies. In June we donated art supplies to Our Families: Our Future for use in their therapy sessions. In August we brought easy-open containers of fruit for Interfaith/Good Samaritan as many transients have no means for opening tin cans. Canned fruit is not often donated in the food drives. In September we brought paper products (bath and facial tissue, paper towels) for use in SAFE House, a shelter for battered spouses. The gifts are brought on the first Sunday and carried forward at the time of the offering and placed in front of the communion table.

Our "High Tea" will be Sunday September 23 with guests enjoying stories about hats, tea, and fancy sandwiches and desserts. This is a time to invite friends.

Our October meeting will feature Terry Myers, home from the mission field in Bulgaria for a few weeks to help emphasize the World Mission Offering. Cheyenne First and Cheyenne Calvary have been invited to join with us to hear her message.

Our Docras, Mary, and Martha Circles will resume meeting in September.

Mary Burman, ABWM President, Laramie FBC

**WYOBA BOARD Meeting**  
**August 11, 2007**  
**10:00 A.M., FBC, Casper**

Members present: Deanna Dyer, Zach Fuhrimanm Dick Glandt, Carl Hildebrand, Eric Moorhouse, Bob Riedel, Brenda Schladweiler. Guest: Zach Becker, Camp Administrator

Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:00, introduced new board member, Zach Fuhriman from Lander, and welcomed all to the meeting which opened in prayer.

Zach Becker gave a short report about the summer season. The water treatment building was cleaned, the spring house was cleaned and spruced up for the EPA on-site visit. The dishwasher (sanitizer) was repaired, the steps for the campfire circle were installed, the dining hall chimney repair is ongoing and should be done in the immediate future, and the dining hall and the men's shower house were painted. The kitchen had a Health Department inspection and all was well, except he noted the refrigerator was running a little warmer than they liked. The refrigerator is one of the projects that need repair (the compressor needs to be located on the outside of the building or a thermostat controlled exhaust fan needs to be installed). Discussion followed about this and coordinating this with the re-roofing of the dining hall. Becker noted that future issues are: a hand railing needs to be completed on the lower stairs at the chapel, a firewood shack needs to be erected on the boys' side, a chain saw is needed for cutting firewood, a drill is needed to replace the one lost, new signage at the entrance, individual showers in the boys' shower room, marking boundary lines with new fencing, and firewood needs to be cut later this fall (perhaps at the closing weekend). Discussion followed about the fencing and having the property lines surveyed. Moorhouse has found all the corner markers and could work with the surveyor if necessary. Becker is to contact surveyors to get cost estimates.

Riedel reported that the new grants can't be completed until we get the by-laws completed and filed. We have received \$2500 from the Zimmerman Foundation and a letter of thanks has been sent.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration was great. Approximately 29 people attended and all had a good time. Everyone attending received a commemorative key chain, polo shirts were sold (\$15 each) and mugs are available by special order (\$5 each) by contacting Deanna Dyer.

Additional needs are as follows:

- 1) Range hood fire suppression system needs to be replaced because it cannot be fixed anymore—it is outdated. The deep-fat fryer is hardwired in and if it is removed the cost of the new system will be considerably less.
- 2) Bills are still being sent to the Region Office (or Black Forest) and are slowly getting changed to the local address.
- 3) The phone system needs to be consolidated with one bill for both the downtown phone and the camp phone. Karen Van, Region Administrator, is working on getting this done.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Carl Hildebrand distributed copies of the revised by-laws. He and his wife will donate the fee for the 501(c)3 application. Discussion followed. Dyer asked for the board to review the changes and e-mail approval or disapproval recommendation by August 31. If no e-mail is received from board members, it is assumed to be a "yes" vote.

The Policy Manual was discussed. Three separate documents are needed: paid staff, program people, and renters. Dyer will contact the Region Administrator to see if there are documents already completed at the American Camping Association (for example) that could be adapted for Wyoba usage. Becker recommended adding emergency procedures to the policies. An emergency signal is also needed on the property, such as a siren or walkie/talkies (Glandt recommendation).

Dyer will check with the Region Office to see if funds for the chimney repair have been received (from Church Mutual).

Moorhouse continues to update the web site. Discussion followed about what is needed. One recommendation received during the birthday celebration is a password-protected alumni list. Another was a calendar that could be sent to churches with camp pictures, and church visitations twice a year. Fuhriman recommended advertising on TV one month before camps begin, and checking with movie theatres for the cost of advertising in their facilities.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Budget concerns were expressed. Some things to be purchased or used to enhance the facilities for future use are a low ropes course (what happened to the one at Black Forest?), tent camping (ibid), hosting a biking camp or music camp. A marketing brochure is in the works with Cynthia Rigsby and Deanna Dyer meeting with Jessica Fischer in the Region Office. Fuhriman recommended a paint ball course, archery and shooting sports as possible additions as well as horses for the camping season.

Camp dates for 2008 are: July 6-12 Junior Camp, July 13-19 Junior High Camp, July 20-26 Senior High Camp and July 27-30 Primary Camp. Moorhouse will post these dates on the web site. Camp dates for 2009 are: July 8-11 Primary Camp, July 12-18 Junior Camp, July 19-25 Junior High Camp, and July 26-August 1 Senior High Camp.

Wyoba will have a booth at the Region Meeting October 19-20, 2007 (\$25 cost). Dyer asked for volunteers to man the booth to answer questions and distribute brochures. Hildebrand will ask a member of the Glenrock church to make a banner.

Discussion followed about additional equipment that could be used at camp such as audio-visual supplies and perhaps a wireless internet. Glandt will contact Woodward about the Merefild memorial completion.

FBC Casper will use the camp for a picnic on August 26 and there may be a Catholic retreat on the last weekend in September. Restoration Fellowship (Casper) will be using the facilities during the last week of August for a training session.

Deanna Dyer, Board Chair