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The Newsletter of the American Baptist
Women's Ministries of Wyoming



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May you enjoy many
blessed celebrations
of our Savior's birth
this holiday season.

May you enjoy the
promise of a New
Year as we enter
2009.

May grace and peace
be yours in
abundance from God
the Father, Jesus the
Son and the Holy
Spirit.

In Christ, Jenita

I will be contacting our board members about a meeting in late October or early November. We have lots to discuss.

Earlier this week I got an e-mail from ABC-USA concerning hurricane relief. I have enclosed the web site. I know many of you are interested and this is a way to help.

<http://www.abc-usa.org/news/2008/20080912a.htm>

Every day we serve others. Every day we do ministry. Every day we are the faces of Jesus to people who don't know Him. Most of the time we go about doing these things and never realize that we are doing God's will. Angels don't descend from heaven, Gabriel doesn't blow a horn, there is no news flash on CNN, and, thankfully, lightning doesn't write it in the dirt at our feet. We are women of God, chosen to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I am blessed to be a part of ABWM of Wyoming.

"We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If any one acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And we know and rely on the love God has for us." 1 John 4:13-16 I leave you with these wonderful words of hope and encouragement. The physical distance between us makes fellowship difficult. Let's be in prayer for opportunities to gather together, to lift each other up, and to make a difference in our

A note from 2008 Conference:

At conference we decided that we had an excess of funds to meet our ministry goals. We decided to spread out the blessings to others. This is a brief re-cap of where monies were sent:

~ \$400 to Camp WYOBA. Plus %586 that was left from other projects for WYOBA was used to buy a gas grill.

~ \$500 to National Support

~ \$800 to help meet our White Cross quota for overseas

~ \$1800 to our special interest missionaries.

In addition the state project for the year will be the ministries of our missionary speakers, Rakmi and Estella. Please send in your funds to help these wonderful ministries.

Jenita Calton

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Please contact any of these women if you have questions or concerns. They have servants hearts.

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A few highlights from our ABWM in Laramie:

Several women participated in a 4-week summer Bible study on I Peter, led by Mary Burman.

During the summer our women finished making 300 cards for sending to one of our local military young men in Kuwait. He will then distribute them to the members of his company. Those of you who attended the State ABWM participated in making some of these cards also. Phyllis Flock, a member of FBC, contributed all the "makings" for these cards which carried messages of thanks, of prayer, of encouragement, and of friendship to our military personnel.

Another project that we completed over the summer was an afghan, directions which we found in the knitting book, "Knit for Peace." Each of the 49 pieces is 9" x 7", could be any color and type of yarn, and of any knitting pattern; thus the idea of many hands entering into the project. It has now been sewed together and will be given to the Laramie Youth Crisis Center where our hope is that it might comfort some young person who is having a difficult time.

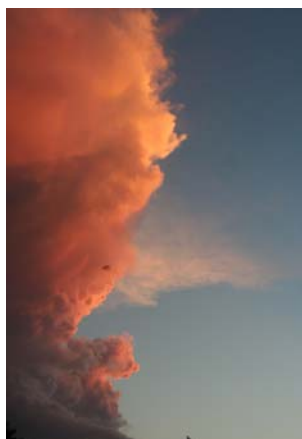
Our garage sale for Missions brought in \$500.

Our September meeting included an introduction by Margaret Prine to the book "Modeling Mary in Christian Discipleship" by John Burns. Hopefully, several ladies will want to read it; we have 3 copies available. April Johnson introduced our White Cross quota. Angela Brown (who presented the dramatic portrayal of "Arise, My Love" at the State ABWM meeting) presented a butterfly tale about starting anew and having patience to let things happen at the right pace!

October 1 Sherry Wilson and Karla Davis will share with us and the ladies from Cheyenne First and Cheyenne Calvary (weather permitting!) about their participation in the ABCRM mission trip to Bulgaria where they worked alongside Tom and Terry Myers. Their program will focus on our theme of "Break the Chains" as there are women and children whom they served who are in danger of being sold for sexual purposes. Sherry and Karla will provide a Bulgarian dinner to the congregation to thank them for the mission support that made it possible for them to go on the trip; this dinner will be Friday, September 26.

Our church is participating in a 40-day reading of the New Testament, using CD's provided by "Faith Comes By Hearing."

Mary Burman, President, Laramie ABWM



‘Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.’

Psalm 107: 15

For the next Baptistar

Welcome to Fall, we have many leaves turning and if no one believes that this is a work of The Lord, I feel sorry for their souls.

We are having a beautiful fall. It is farm and sunny most days.

The Women of First Baptist Lander are busy. We have already completed our White Cross Quota and will get it ready for mailing. We have so many helpful people here.

The Ruth Circle had a Salad luncheon, to begin our meetings for this year, and it was delicious, Baptist women are definitely good cooks. With so many notable women in the Bible and we have just 9 meetings a year we are going to continue with that as our programs. We have learned about many of the women already.

We thank you all for the prayers for our Search Committee and we are very happy to announce that we have called Pastor Scott Engelhart and wife Pam to our pulpit. They will be coming the end of November. Interim Pastor Bill Shermer and Pat have been a great help in the transition.

On October 5th the African Children's Choir will be singing in our Church. It will be at 7 pm. We are looking forward to this.

We pray a blessing on each and every one of you.

Kay Harvey, President ABWM Lander First Baptist.

The ladies of Trinity Baptist, Douglas, will begin meeting on September 18 for their normal Bible Study together. The choice of study material will be decided on at that first meeting. They meet each week on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. and Dolly Thompson is the study leader.

The whole church works on White Cross and Rachel Crockett has begun the process of getting that organized.

The teen group, Trinity Teens, has begun selling calendars as a project to raise money to attend Acquire the Fire in Denver next spring. They will also raffle off a wire basket Christmas tree and wreath for the same project.

We are excited about the new season and pray everyone has a great fall as well.

Deanna Dyer

More About Break the Chains

Did you know?

Approximately 800,000 to 900,000 victims annually are trafficked across international borders worldwide.

Between 18,000 and 20,000 of those victims are trafficked into the U.S.

The majority of those victims are women and girls.

The goal for the AB Women's Ministries "Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21st Century" national mission project is \$250,000, to be raised from 2007-2009. Won't you help us meet this goal? We have already raised \$206,048.

The funds received will be directed to ministries that address the sexual exploitation of women and children: 50% for ministries in the U.S. & Puerto Rico, and 50% for ministries that are international.

As ministries are chosen to receive funds, information about those ministries will be posted on this website--you'll become familiar with what the ministries are doing and what they plan to achieve, with God's help.

Visit www.abwmbreakthechains.org for more information on this important ministry.