

The Lady Messenger

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION
BLACKWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, VIRGINIA

<p>July 2009 Volume 1, No. 4</p>	<p>.....to serve and share in Christian love</p>	
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<p>2009-10 WMU Theme: Called to Love</p> <p>2009-10 Watchword "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)</p> <p>2009 Project HELP: Poverty</p> <p>WMU International Study and Focus: Venezuela</p> <p>WMU of Virginia Emphasis 2009: Live it! "To Live is Christ." Philippians 1:21</p> <p>Virginia WMU: www.wmu-va.org</p>	<p><i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Welcome to Betty Britt, our <u>new</u> WMU Director at Sycamore Baptist Church. Betty has been involved with WMU ever since her participation in GA's! She has been a member of WMU for 44 years! Going out of office (but not the WMU) is Nancy O' Berry. Nancy is recovering from knee surgery and a minor stroke. Nancy served as WMU Director for 21 years! Best wishes and prayers to Nancy in her recovery!</p>	
	<p>Blackwater Association Library .. In our last BBA Newsletter, Nancy Greene noted 2 new books added to the library that emphasize WMU. Book #265 <i>Called to Love</i> by Kaye Miller highlights our 2009-10 WMU Theme. Book #267 <i>Reflections from Alma Hunt</i> by Alma Hunt features the life of our "Virginia Grand Lady of Missions". Contact Nancy for check out procedures.</p>	
	<p>Where is Black Creek Baptist? <u>From Suffolk/Windsor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Turn L onto 258 toward Franklin -Turn L immediately after the tracks onto Blackwater Road -Cross Blackwater River & turn L onto One Mile Road -Continue <u>straight</u> after the Stop sign onto Black Creek Road -Take R onto Vicksville Road <p><u>From Newsoms area</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Turn onto Hunderdale Rd. at intersection of Clay & Hunderdale -Continue <u>straight</u> for 3-4 miles and turn R onto Black Creek Road -Turn R onto Vicksville Road 	<p>Thank you to Hillcrest Baptist for hosting our Annual Meeting in April!</p> <p>What's inside? Flyer for August 29 Prayer Meetingsee page 2 Mission News and Needs.....page 3 Area WMU Directors page 3 WMU Calendar page 4</p> <p>Did your WMU have a special <u>Christmas in August</u> Project? Are you planning new <u>fall & holiday missions</u>? Please contact Amy Herrmann and share your project ideas. Amy will feature these in the next newsletter to share with other WMU's!</p>

Blackwater Association
WMU Prayer Breakfast
“Called to Love”

Matthew 22: 37 – 39

Saturday, August 29, 2009
8:30am – 11:30 am



Black Creek Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
Franklin, VA



Cost: \$5.00 per person

Speaker: Dr. Stacy Scott
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Raiford Psychological Services, PLLC
“Stress Today and the Scripture”

Breakfast Menu:

Spiral Ham, Scrambled
Eggs, Grits, Fruit Cup,
Biscuits, Mini-muffins

Coffee, tea, juice

Please bring a gift of
canned food/meat, grape
jelly, Macaroni & Cheese,
or Jiffy Corn Bread mix
for donation to the
Franklin Cooperative
Ministry Food Pantry.

Reservations: On or before August 21, 2009
Church office: 562-7745 or Anne Gardner 562-4915

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Calendar of Events:

Blackwater Baptist Association WMU

2009

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| July 12 - 18 | Missions Trip to Eastern Shore Migrant Workers. |
| August 21 | Registrations due for Prayer Breakfast (Call Church office: 562-7745 or Anne Gardner 562-4915) |
| August 29 | Saturday, 8:30 am - 11:30 am WMU Prayer Breakfast "Called to Love"
See Flyer included in this issue |
| October 13 | Area I Meeting Great Forks
Area II Meeting Millfield Baptist
Area III Meeting Courtland Baptist |
| October 17 | West End Baptist WMU Missions Bazaar (crafts, baked goods, canned goods, white elephant, church & everyday items, plants & garden items) |

**Blackwater Area Churches
WMU Directors**

AREA I

Great Fork:

Ernestine Baggett 986-4692

Hillcrest:

Vivian Young 986-4637

Carol Tinkham 934-1810

Holland

Virginia West 657-6250

Southside

Nancy Umstot 539-2431

West End

Amy Herrmann 617-9813

Western Branch

Debbie Hills 925-7911

Whitehead's Grove

Wilroy

Linda Asbell 539-5536

Nancy Turner 923-0450

AREA II

Battery Park

Linda Thornton 356-1661

Carrollton

Debra Rhodes 255-0512

Central Hill

Betty Crocker 367-3517

Colosse

Jennifer Boykin 562-1619

Lisa Parker-Little 562-4203

Dendron

Ivor

Alice Joyner 859-6576

Millfield

Susan Stone 899-6051

Moore's Swamp

Smithfield

Sharon Holleman 357-3436

Surry

Betty Murphy 294-0096

Windsor

Stephanie Witt 562-6204

AREA III

Beaver Dam

Gail Allen 657-6454

Black Creek

Anne Gardner 562-4915

Shirley Blythe 569-8460

Boykins

Barbara McDowell 654-0067

Burdette

Kaye Shepard

Courtland

Audrey Gagner 562-6219

Franklin

Sharon James 562-5135

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Sycamore

Betty Britt 654-6219

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Deadline for next issue: Sept.15

MISSION NEWS

NEEDS....

- **Children's Underwear** (boys & girls—all sizes) needed by August 1 for Bland County Missions Trip. **Central Hill Baptist** will be going in the first part of August. Contact Rose Nurney, Betty Crocker, or the Stevensons for questions/delivery.
- **Clothing for boys& girls for newborns** up to 6 months, crib sheets, blackest, bottles, and anything for newborns, cribs, or bassinets. Franklin Cooperative Ministry has 6 clients all due this summer! Contact the FCM at (757) 516-6322
- **Clothing for toddlers** up through age 3. Franklin Cooperative Ministry.

Do you need new suggestions for missions work?

Are you wondering if your WMU is reaching those that have the most needs? Do you want to invite sister churches to work with a very ambitious mission project? If you answered yes to any or these questions, or perhaps paused or hesitated to answer, contact Rose Nurney in Missions Involvement (357-2328). She has resource information, can tell you who to contact in different organizations, and will be glad to help you and your WMU in any way!

Thank you to all the churches that responded to the Eastern Shore Migrant Worker Missions! We took over 150 drawstring fabric bags and 7 "lawn & leaf" size bags of toiletries to the packing day over in Portsmouth. **Newsoms Baptist** is taking a team over to Eastern Shore to help with VBS for a week in July.

Congratulations to Courtland Baptist for a successful missions trip to Peru! They were able to send 4 adults and 8 young people to help with Vacation Bible School and assist in home repair and building.

Please remember **Reverend Bunn from Boykins Baptist** in your prayers this summer. He will be returning from the Congo August 13, working with the Clean Water Wells project and village missions.

The Multitasking Woman

Multitasking has received a lot of notoriety in the 2000's describing the working woman in today's society. The woman may be in her early years with a new job and young children or she may be older with many church and community meetings and family events from older children and grandchildren. Either way..... she's busy!! Did a woman multitask in Biblical times? You bet! The Bible describes it in Proverbs 31: 10 -31 with a multitude of blessings! The 2009 May issue of *Missions Mosaic* featured Proverbs 31 in an article called "A Common Bond."

Proverbs 31 describes a woman of strong character, great wisdom, many skills, great compassion, and lives according to God's ideals. (interestingly enough, it never describes her physical appearance) One commentary I read said, "Do not attempt all of these tasks and model yourself in every detail—your days are not long enough! Instead, see her as an inspiration!" . Be pleased with yourself in all of your tasks, small or large.

So, if you find yourself frustrated, tired, and in need of encouragement from your busy schedule, turn to Proverbs 31: 10 – 31. It will refresh you in your value and worth to your family, friends, and to God. Your hard work and deeds do not go unnoticed!

--Amy