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...but through love, serve one another.

— Galatians 5:13

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Grateful to Serve Him



Due to the recent Coronavirus pandemic, we have learned how to do many new things and stay connected in new ways. We were saddened to cancel our Missions Extravaganza meeting scheduled for April 24-25 in Charlotte. After consultation with national WMU and state Baptist leaders, our Executive Board met through Zoom to approve the budget and accept the Nominating Committee report for officers and new Board members to fill the positions for 2020-21. These actions will be ratified at our

next Missions Extravaganza, or a called meeting where 200 are present as described in our bylaws. Please know that I am honored to serve as President along with our returning and 13 new WMU NC Executive Board members. I am grateful that God has brought us together to serve Him with our gifts and talents and ask that you pray for me and our entire Board.

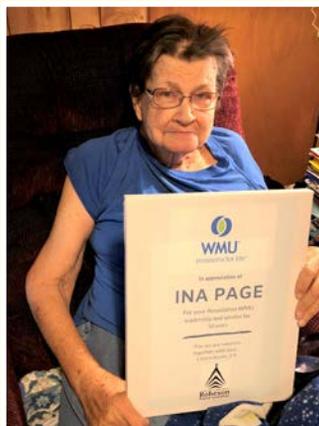
I have been very blessed by many WMU leaders throughout my life and I humbly pledge to continue that influence and legacy to the best of my ability. As I have been reading through many historical documents I have been reminded of the many ways God imparted wisdom to the leaders before me and provided for the ministry needs of WMU NC. No matter how difficult the relationships, economy, public relations, or the unchartered times the organization may have been going through, He was there. We continue to ask for His wisdom and guidance today as we maneuver through this unprecedented time and pray that together as local churches, Executive Board, staff, and leaders WMU NC will continue to be a missions organization whose purpose is to challenge, prepare and equip Christian believers to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. I hope that we can stay focused on this goal. May the words from Jesus in Matthew 6:33 set our focus, *“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”*

Deborah Taylor

Deborah Taylor
WMU NC President

Remembering Ms. Ina Page

Ms. Ina Page was one of my WMU influencers. She served in Associational leadership for the Robeson Baptist Association in Lumberton for over 50 years. She was recently diagnosed with recurring cancer and passed away on May 23. This precious woman of God faithfully prayed for missionaries, read about God's



workings around the world, and challenged others to be involved in missions until her passing. She served as a Missions Friends teacher and WMU Director at her local church as well as a Baptist Young Women leader, Assistant WMU Director and WMU Director at the associational level. She participated in mission trips to Alaska and Pennsylvania, where she worked with children, VBS, and church planters' wives. She also served local ministries including: Red Springs Missions Camp and Disaster Recovery after hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Matthew. What a legacy Ms. Ina leaves behind and I am forever thankful that the Lord placed her on my path.

— Deborah Taylor

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus Always.... Even During a Pandemic



I have been deeply touched by all the acts of kindness done during the pandemic. When the pandemic hit, I asked myself, “What does God want me to learn during this season, and what does God want me to do during this season?”

We each have opportunities that God places before us. I pray that your eyes will be open, along with mine, to the needs and opportunities around

you, not just in this season, but all the time.

One of my greatest joys was delivering masks to the Raleigh Women’s prison made with love from Windsor, NC. In a zip lock bag was a mask and a piece of paper with Isaiah 41:10 on it and these words, “This mask was made by someone that loves Jesus and loves you!” The nurse at the prison was so touched by this extra gesture of love.

It would be impossible to mention all the amazing deeds done by the Executive Board members of WMU NC and other WMU’s across our state. In this issue we would like to share as many as our space allows.

You may even find some creative ideas of ministry that are a bit more “outside the box.”

“Be steadfast and immovable (even during a pandemic), and be always abounding in the work of the Lord (during a pandemic), knowing that your labor is never in vain (even during a pandemic).”

— 1 Corinthians 15:58

In His Love,

Amy

Amy Boone,
WMU NC Executive Director/Treasurer



One recurring theme during this time was PROVIDING FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED:

- ❑ **Sandy Page of University Hills Baptist Church, Charlotte** shared about the “Each One Feed One” ministry that pairs church families with local families in need, who live in a low-income housing area. They are also helping with Baptists on Mission through the “Farmers to Families” food distribution project.
- ❑ **Corby Bunting of Pinetops Baptist Church, Pinetops** provided goodies for the staff at their local nursing home and for the respiratory therapists at the local hospital, and lunch for the staff at the local medical clinic.
- ❑ **Gina Smith of FBC, Buies Creek** shared the women prepared two hot meals a week for the elderly/shut-ins in the community and delivered them.
- ❑ **Karen McCracken of Stecoah Baptist Church, Stecoah** is partnering with the school system to provide meals for children and youth. Twice a week a school bus arrives at the church and the church members unload the food. Then the food is distributed to the elderly, while others come and pick it up.
- ❑ **FBC, Murphy** serves approximately 150 meals every Monday.

MAKING AND DELIVERING MASKS was another area of need:

- ❑ **Gina Smith** shared how ladies in her church are making masks for area nursing homes, pharmacies, grocery stores and even sending them to their sister church and missionaries in NYC.

- ❑ **Suzanne Locklear and the ladies from Island Grove Baptist Church, Pembroke** made masks for a Navajo church in New Mexico and the Navajo Reservation. As they sewed, they prayed over the masks and for the people that would be receiving them.

I cannot thank our WMU leaders enough for being so creative and putting their MISSIONS EDUCATION MEETINGS ONLINE and on ZOOM for all ages!

- ❑ At **Sandy Page’s** church, the children’s minister provided online meetings with the Children in Action (CA’s) twice a month. One week the children were encouraged to make cards for the homebound members.
- ❑ **Duronda Hood of FBC, Murphy** is sending Mission Friends and CA’s their lesson each week by mail, Facebook, email and uploading them to the church website. They are appreciative for the GAs, RAs and Mission Friends lessons via video that National WMU has produced each week and made available.
- ❑ **Lynn Odom of Yates Baptist Church, Durham** is doing Mission Friends and CA’s on a Zoom call. They watch one of the suggested videos in the CA material, then show them the craft and play a game about the country they are studying. They conclude their time by praying for the missionary. (Before the call, they send each parent a student guide with a list of materials needed for the craft).
- ❑ **Corby Bunting** has been delivering care bags and Sunday School lesson materials to all the children on a weekly basis.

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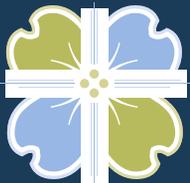
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"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." -Nehemiah 8:10



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NC Baptist Heritage Award

As you can tell from reading *Tarheel Talk*, many exciting things are happening with WMU NC. We would not be where we are today without the dedicated people, who years ago, laid the groundwork. Each year WMU NC, in partnership with the NC Baptist Foundation and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, honors one of these individuals with the North Carolina Baptist Heritage Award. This year we proudly honor,

Ms. Charlotte Cook Smith



Charlotte Cook Smith was born during the beginning years of the Great Depression. No doubt she encountered hardships in her younger years; however, she developed a wisdom that would help her keep WMU NC on the right track during some of its challenging times. Anytime you endeavor to accomplish something great, there will be nay-sayers

and when Charlotte was put in these positions she learned to respond with grace. Long ago, God gave Charlotte a passion for missions. No matter the season, she remained involved in WMU at all levels and encouraged others to be involved. When others were uncertain about the way forward, she gave them support and helped them to focus on being faithful to God's calling.

In the 90's, Charlotte was part of the WMU NC Executive Board. She served on several committees and was the Secretary for many years. During this time, she was part of pivotal decisions, such as being on the search committee that brought Irma Duke

to WMU NC as Executive Director in 1995. Her life's work as a paralegal provided her with experience, from which WMU NC benefitted. She helped WMU NC draft bylaws and policies. One Board member recalled, "she kept us honest, current, and on the right track."

Charlotte Cook Smith was actively involved in Baptist life in her church in NC and nationally. She served on state and national committees. She was even nominated to be 1st Vice President of the BSCNC. Unfortunately, she was not elected, and sadly her husband died shortly thereafter. Undaunted, she continued her work with Baptists and WMU NC. In 2004 God blessed her with love to share again with someone and she married Dr. Roy Smith, retired Executive Director of the BSCNC and WMU supporter. Together, they ministered and were some of WMU NC's greatest advocates. During a particularly difficult time in WMU NC history, they formed the group "Friends of WMU" whose purpose was to support WMU NC both financially and verbally. In 2018 Dr. Smith passed away.

When I think of the quote, "There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer," Ms. Charlotte Cook Smith comes to my mind. In crucial times she was there, providing encouragement, direction, and focus for the way forward. Congratulations! My hope is the legacy of Ms. Charlotte Cook Smith will inspire you to continue your radical involvement in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Note: Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the NC Baptist Foundation was unable to hold their annual banquet and honor its recipients. The Foundation has shared that all 2020 recipients will be honored at the 2021 banquet. We look forward to Ms. Charlotte Cook Smith being honored at that time as the Heritage Award recipient.

— Karen Burnette McCracken

2020 Edna R. Harris Memorial Scholarship

WMU NC is pleased to award scholarships to **Susanna Elliot** and **Kaitlyn Shirmer**, both students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Susanna is a member of Christ Church, Rolesville and is the Director/Doula Counselor for Childbirth Education at New Creation Counseling in Wake Forest. She is one year away from her degree program as a licensed therapist. She is also a counseling intern at Called to Peace Ministries where she works with survivors of domestic abuse. Her goal is "to be able to offer Christian counseling in a field where there is not much acknowledgement of God." She also hopes to obtain



Susanna Elliot

her PhD so she can teach and equip others for this compassion ministry.

Kaitlyn is a new mother to Thomas; she and husband, Paul, are members of Colonial Baptist Church in Cary, where they are youth leaders. She served in missions in Cuba and is a former



Kaitlyn Shirmer

leader with Young Life in Boulder, Colorado. She is also a Supervisor/Shift Lead at the Raleigh Rescue Mission. She enjoys writing for multiple Christian online publications and teaching. Her passion is to disciple women to have a "life-changing love for the God who gave Himself for them, who loves them more than anything."



Challenges Shine Light on New Methods for Meetings, FBC Salisbury, Salisbury

During the month of May, we conducted weekly Women on Mission meetings by Zoom. Each week a missionary was invited to join our call and share her testimony, her mission and her needs. Our guests included Kerri Johnson, Mission Service Corps worker in the Bronx; Melissa Lamb, WMU President New Mexico who ministers to dairy farmers; and Sharon Ellington, WMU Executive Director Montana. This was a delightful way to meet ladies across our country whose lives are much different from ours. Having announced our meeting on social media, women from several cities across our state joined our Zoom meeting as well. Though nothing can completely replace our need for face-to-face contact, perhaps this unexpected opportunity has shown a creative way to learn about missions in the future.



Chasity Drum, East Maiden Baptist, Maiden

What a time to think out of the box! While we had to maintain social distancing, my heart still desired to lead, teach, and be a part of my GA girls' lives. I wanted to pour into our young ladies and build them up, full of knowledge of WMU and of missionaries. I also wanted to guide them to be accountable and dependable to others. While we were able to start a weekly Zoom meeting, this held us accountable to one another and unified as a group of Christ followers and friends. We immediately mailed individual copies of their GA books and copies of WMU resources to the girls. Most weeks I would provide 'homework' or projects for them to complete and share. I did notify parents and grandparents ahead of

time of any supplies needed. It was exciting to see each other, study our weekly lessons, make crafts, recite our pledge and verses, all while keeping our prayer and praise time each week, but most importantly – still guiding my girls with the ABC's of becoming a Christian. When we take a leadership role in our church, our role can't stop just because we are not in our church building worshipping together. I believe our role, my role, became even more important during this pandemic. I want my GA girls to know I'll always be there and they can always count on and depend on me.



Quick to Respond, FBC Salisbury, Salisbury

Like many other Women on Mission, the ladies of First Baptist Church Salisbury contemplated how to meet needs presented by the Coronavirus pandemic. FBC member Stacy Byrd, a Rowan-Salisbury middle school teacher, suggested we make masks for our school system's food service women and men who prepare roughly 12,000 meals each day for pickup or delivery. In just a few days, ladies made 100 masks. April Chandler, FBC member and Registered Dietitian for Rowan Salisbury Schools, presented the masks to the Director of Nutrition Services following spring break and asked the director about coordinating to make more masks. April, the director, and several others in the school food services department set to work. They quickly converted a large conference room in the system headquarters into an impromptu sewing shop to create masks for workers still in buildings and out in the field. In just a few days, the group

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had sewn masks for all bus drivers, school nutrition workers and custodians. One recipient wrote, “Dear Woman’s Missionary Union, thank you so much for the



masks that you have handmade and provided for us to wear as we deliver food to the children in our community. They are very pretty and help to keep us safe. The children like them as well. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.”

Maddy Davis, WMU NC and WMU National Acteens Panelist, Deep Springs Baptist, Peachland

When it was suggested to be socially distant, because of the Coronavirus, I decided to host our Monday-night Bible study over Skype. Unfortunately, we could not meet either in my church basement or at our youth leader’s home. My close



friend, Lydia, helped me equally in this endeavor. The Lord has certainly used this platform to grow folks closer to Him and it has been a blessing to witness first hand. Attendance has ranged anywhere from 6 to 20 individuals. Through this time of study and fellowship we have all made friends with one another. We have even had some dear brothers from Brazil and Ghana join us! We try to rotate teachers each week, pulling from our different attendees. By doing this,

it provides the opportunity for each person to boldly share what the Lord has laid on his or her heart. From this we all have been able to glean. We are so thankful for the goodness and providence of our dear Lord, Jesus Christ!

“Eggciting” Opportunity, Deep Springs Baptist, Peachland

During the Coronavirus epidemic/stay home time, people were challenged to help their neighbors in various ways. For Marie Bagley of Deep Springs Baptist Church, Peachland, she recognized a certain food shortage, eggs. Marie was able to purchase a crate of eggs to share with her neighbors.



Joyce Rogers, Gayle Jones and Rita White, Asheboro, NC

These three women were a part of the mission team of 15 who traveled to West VA last August on a WMU prayer walking mission trip. They decided to put those walking shoes on and hit the pavement in their hometown. Since February these ladies have prayer walked Randolph Health, Asheboro on Tuesdays and Thursdays.





Wandering in the Pandemic Wilderness:

complaining, eating manna, and building golden calves

Jason B. Hobbs LCSW, M.Div.; photo by Luca N, Unsplash.com

As a clinician in an outpatient mental health practice, I have been searching for the right analogy to what this time has felt like for my patients ... and for me. As with many traumas, there is that initial shock and denial. As Kübler-Ross wisely observed, next will often come anger and bargaining perhaps settling into a sense of depression and finally acceptance.

But unlike a specific traumatic event that may have a beginning-middle-end, we don't yet have a sense of the scope and duration of this pandemic. It feels more like a series of waves that continually crash upon us, a tsunami at first, then a series of other waves, some deceptively small, others overwhelming.

You can feel like you have gotten a good breath and then relief. Then at other times, we may feel that we are flailing about in the water unable to feel the mushy ground underneath or to have something stable on which to hold. It is hard to swim or to even know which direction we should go.

Yet also as a person of faith who works in the "Bible Belt," the image that I keep returning to is the Exodus from Egypt and that time of wandering in the wilderness for the children of Israel. There were lessons there for the people ... and maybe for us too.

The people complained a lot.

Over and over and over they complained. The people complained to God; they complained to Moses their leader and to Aaron their priest. And especially early in that journey, those complaints took a form that was not unlike grief or mourning. Even though what they had left may have been oppressive and difficult, the people longed to be back to what they knew, what was stable, what was "normal."

We too complain about what we miss and what may be lost. We miss the communities where we sat/worked with others. Perhaps it is congregational singing, passing the peace, hugging each other. Maybe it is the restaurant and the sounds of clanging dishes, the variety of smells of food around us. It may be children playing together that are now socially distanced from the parks and playgrounds.

Our grief is appropriate because we have experienced loss. We should honor our mourning ... but not allow it to stop us putting one foot in front of the other.

The people learned to eat manna.

Out of the complaints of the people on this long journey, God provided manna. This food was their daily sustenance. They would gather enough for the day and no more. On the day before the day of rest (Sabbath), they could gather enough for two days. If they took more than what they needed, the food would spoil. This continually reminded the people that they should only gather what you need for that day.

And when they were sick of manna, the people complained again. God sent an abundance of quail, but not without making the point that God was frustrated with the people for not being

satisfied with what they had been given.

For many of us, we too may have to learn to have enough. We may have to look around at what we have for the day, to recognize that there is enough and to be content there.

And although God is not happy with their complaints, God still responds. As a parent, I am reminded of the times when I have had to acknowledge that my children needed what they were asking for ... even if I had initially said "no" or failed to give it.

We remember that the God with which we are presented in Exodus is a God who seems to have lots of feelings about the people, sometimes loving and gracious, sometimes frustrated and vindictive. Regardless, this is a God who remains in relationship with the people with whom God is covenanted, committed to, through all the ups and downs of that journey. This is the sort of steadfastness that one needs in a companion on this wandering path.

We are tempted to build a golden calf.

During one long stretch when their leader was absent, the people pressured their priest to build an idol. The people wanted something solid and tangible, not this God who said "I am that I am." With the accumulated jewelry and metal from the people, they melted down their desire in order to form a golden calf.

There is a strong desire in all of us for predictability and control. We look to our leaders and experts for this. But we should be careful not to make an idol of them.

My work as a clinician reminds me that when we are anxious and fearful, angry, and in pain, we will try nearly anything to find relief. This is a normal response. The desire to have life feel predictable again or to feel that someone somewhere has control or an answer helps us feel safe.

But there is danger in the easy answer. Someone offering a quick solution that appears tangible and "real" could be an idol of our own making.

Life in the wilderness is hard. And when we want it to be over, we can find ourselves holding on to someone or something that is not our answer.

In many ways, this "building the golden calf" is a sort

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Who is in Control?

Linda C. Moore, MDiv, MS, BCC

... if we live by the spirit, let us also be guided by the spirit. Galatians: 5:25

The past few months have been strange and surreal, to say the least. The world has been shaken, in our communities, hospitals, nursing homes and schools. Everything seems out of control, no matter how much control we try to have. We are anxious, scared, and overwhelmed by the uncertainty of what will happen next. Do I wear a mask everywhere I go? When will churches open up? Are my parents going to make it through this? How soon will this crisis be over? Why is this even happening? So many questions with few answers and that scares us. However, it does not have to take us down.

As a hospital chaplain, I see a lot that I do not have control of, from car collisions to cancer diagnoses to unexpected deaths. I see these situations every single day. We all do. Now that we are in the midst of this pandemic, the unexpected moments have greatly increased and so have our levels of anxiety. We do not know what is coming, or when it will. There are procedures and protocols in place to be prepared for the unexpected, but that is the part we cannot control, the unknown. A valuable lesson that I have learned in all of this is not letting the virus, or any uncomfortable experience, control me.

Thankfully, I learned this lesson long before the virus made an unwelcome appearance in our lives. I used to allow other people and circumstances to control me. People's behavior, the anxiety of others, or someone else's thoughts about me; all of it controlled my reaction, my behavior and my anxiety. I allowed my fear to be controlled by circumstances and people that were out of my control. I allowed their spirit to control my spirit. It was when I gave permission for my spirit to be taken away from me, that I realized I needed to change.

That lesson brings me to today and the Coronavirus. We have to be careful that we do not allow the virus to take our spirit and control our faith. Don't get me wrong. We should be concerned about a virus for which we do not have a vaccine. We do not know what impact the pandemic will have for quite some time. People can be walking around with no signs and symptoms, yet

are still carrying the virus without even knowing it. We do need to plan and be cautious. Let's do what we have always done and practice appropriate hygiene and social distancing. Be sure that we are taking care of and providing for the vulnerable. We may all be vulnerable, anxious and worried at some point and that's ok. However, we do not have to let it take over our lives and more importantly, our spirit, the very spirit that was given to us by our faith in God and Jesus Christ.

I have anxiety and have for a long time. I have allowed that anxiety to live a life of its own, in my life. There have been circumstances I have experienced that were out of my control and shook me up. There have been people whose actions and behavior knocked me down. The actions and experiences took control of my spirit. Did you read that correctly? *The circumstances and the actions of others, took control of my spirit and I allowed it.* Thankfully, I have some close friends and a counselor who witnessed the changes in me. I was too far in the darkness of my anxiety to see it for myself. My friends saw something was wrong and my counselor reminded me that I had to let go of what I didn't have control of or else it (or they) would control me.

With this pandemic, we can allow a healthy fear to guide us in our responsibilities and best practices or we can allow our anxiety to completely take over our response. I once heard that we can plan all we want, but please leave the window open for the Holy Spirit. Of course, we need to continue to make arrangements and plan accordingly for the virus and our well-being. We also need to recognize what we do not have control of and let it go.

This leads me to my question for you. *What do you have control of?* The only things we have control of are the person in the mirror and the reaction and attitude that come with that person. We have our spirit to carry us to the other side of this unknown wilderness, to keep us strong and resilient through this time. Remember what you have control of and let go of all the rest. God's got you. God's got me. God will get us through and we can stand on the other side of this with our spirit and our faith intact.

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of bargaining, a trying to gain control one last time before acknowledging again our sadness at what we have lost and taking our steps toward an uncertain future.

In the wilderness, we walk with God, day by day, step by step.

We accept where we are. We eat what we have. We camp for the night. We move on the next day. This is the cycle of wandering in the wilderness ... and perhaps what is best during this pandemic.

We may not necessarily know where we are going. Our vision is limited to where we presently are. We try to worry less about the future by grounding ourselves in what is present. This is not the same as walking blindly, but accepting that we can only know this step ... then the next.

We will not be returning "home" anytime soon ... if ever. There is grief to acknowledge in that.

Perhaps this new place has lessons to teach us. Maybe there are promises there that we cannot quite fathom yet. But for now, we'll pack lightly, walk one step at a time, continue to follow the signs that God has given us, and try to get used to the taste of manna.

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Hello and Thank You

Hi everyone! I just wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself. I'm Rebecca (Beca) Lindhout and I am the new WMU NC Consultant for Adults. I cannot thank you enough for putting your trust in me and I am excited to jump into ministry at WMU NC with both feet! I am joined in this adventure by my husband Gavin who is from Johannesburg, SA and teaches science at Western Harnett High school, and my two precious and precocious daughters Jozie (10) and Phoebe (4).

I cannot remember a time when WMU was not part of my life. Some of my earliest treasured memories are of helping my grandmother prepare for her WMU circle meeting in her home. I remember the care she took in her preparations, because it was a special and important occasion. I still believe that anytime a WMU group meets to learn about missions and inspire missions action amongst one another and their congregations, it is a very special and important time.

My formative years were deeply impacted by WMU missions programming. I was in Mission Friends, GAs and Acteens from age three through high school. GAs only happened once a month at my church, and I loved it. My missions teachers were like rock stars to me. When an IMB missionary from my home church named Phyllis Thomas shared about her ministry in Chile, I thought to myself, "I'm going to do that one day!" I was eight at the time! I joined my best friend's Acteens group at Jonesboro Heights Baptist so that I could be a part of a group focused on actively supporting and doing missions. Missions education has not only been something I have loved but also something I have sought out and even taught in several capacities throughout my life.

With the full support and encouragement of Antioch Baptist Church's WMU, I have traveled to Romania to teach English in a small farming village, to Australia to be a

youth minister, led Resort Ministry at Kure Beach, NC and Charleston, SC. I have also served as a Bible Study leader and Camp Pastor at Passport Camps and studied the role of the church in Apartheid in South Africa along with many other short term missions projects in the U.S. I cherish the time I have spent traveling abroad and in the United States as a missionary and missions educator. Antioch's WMU also supported me throughout my seminary career. It was such a blessing to have my WMU president and fellow WMU members smiling at me as I received my degree at my graduation ceremony.

WMU stands at the precipice of a new era of ministry, and I believe with my full heart that it has an exciting future continuing to minister to women like myself who have grown up in its programming while also reaching out to a new generation of millennials and beyond who have not had the opportunity to experience missions education through WMU's ministries. I know that WMU has relevance not just in traditional churches, but in church plants, mom's groups, and small groups that will be the future of missions sending and education. There are new "circles" of ministry yet to be formed and I am excited about the possibility of being part of all that WMU can and will be!

Blessings on our journey together,

— Beca Lindhout



A Global Perspectives Collection

Rebecca Lindhout, WMU NC Consultant for Adults

Although we have wonderful lessons in our *Missions Mosaic* and children's *Missions Leader* guides, sometimes you just want to do a little...extra. Every year WMU encourages us to throw a WorldCrafts party and I have to admit, in the past, I have just wanted to do a "Myowncrafts" party with my students instead and make whatever cutesy Pinterest craft that is blowing up online. It wasn't that I didn't think it was a good idea, I just hadn't made the effort to "engage." After I saw Amy, our Executive Director's video about shopping WorldCrafts for Mother's Day, and having just started the May WorldCrafts unit with my Children in Action group, I thought "I could always use a cute necklace." The one Amy modeled was so fun, so I was just going to go online, get the felt pom-pom necklace, and call it a day. I was blown away by the number of products and artisans! Of course, I had to take a look at the African Global Collection,

since my husband is from South Africa. I looked at the materials and thought it was something I could use to supplement my children's missions programming. So I ordered the kit and two additional African pennants for my girl's rooms. Ladies, this is a game changer! I always wish there were more cultural activities in the children's curriculum and it was like someone had read my mind.

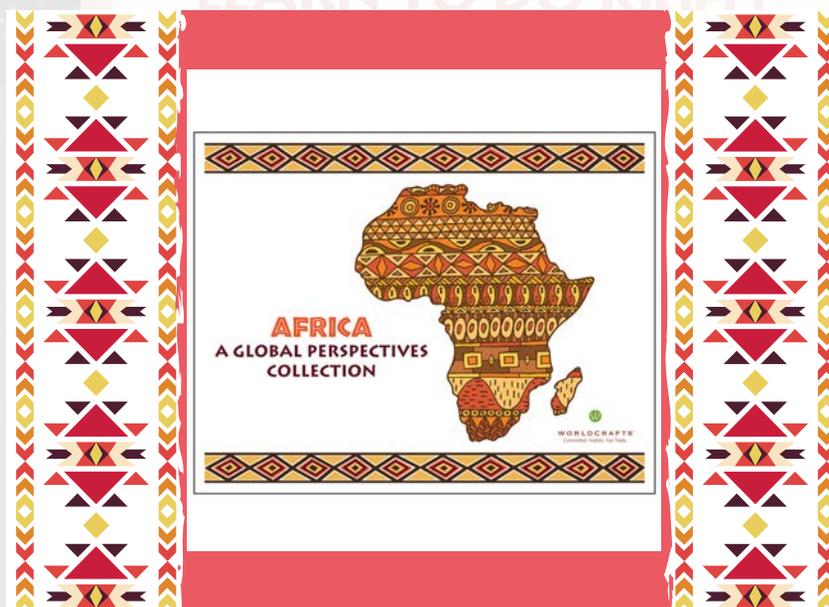
This little box is the "extra" we all need in our missions education back pocket. The handmade African pennants by the "More Than Sparrows" artisans in Rwanda are the bling, but the information is the star of this box. Africa: A Global Perspectives Collection includes:

- Interesting fun facts for 15 West African countries
- 11 African games
- 10 African recipes
- 9 African crafts
- One-week prayer guide for Africa
- Storytelling how-to-guide
- WorldCrafts African Pennant Banner

So, this isn't actually a commercial, but a "one leader to another" hint that you need to get this box girl! I have struggled

with how to get my students to engage in the mission lessons and videos that I've been putting online so when I got this kit (Mid-pandemic) the games and crafts were something that I immediately knew that they would love. I took a look through the Global Perspectives guide and I realized that the crafts were simple enough that I already had most of the supplies on hand at church and I could make a mission kit for each child! Because I bought the kit, upon request, the national office sent me a PDF of the guide booklet so I could make copies for all of

the children. I hand delivered the kits to my kiddos and within minutes of dropping them off at their doors, I already had pictures from moms of their children doing the crafts! One little girl just sat down and made the Nigeria beaded necklace craft while I was chatting to her mom (six feet away of course)! The plan is for the children to do a craft or recipe from their guide online with me each Wednesday.



While I know not all of them will, for those who do, it will be an experience that they'll never forget!

The nice thing about this Global Perspectives Collection is that grown women will love the activities as well. It's Godly play as you do these mission activities, but also invites you into a time of intentional engagement with the prayer guides and cultural education of the area. Who doesn't want to do that? Leaders, why not make your WMU ladies a kit? It will bring so much joy to them to have a socially distanced visit and a mission lesson hand delivered with love!

So, this Christmas, don't get your WMU leaders a scarf (unless it's from WorldCrafts) or a lotion, get them something that will be a triple threat blessing: A blessing to the leader to have the resources and an awesome handmade gift; the blessing it will be to the folks who will experience the cultural games, facts, foods and crafts, AND a blessing to the "More Than Sparrows" collective in Kigali Rwanda, by helping the ladies leave lives of prostitution and poverty and provide for their families.

Teacher to teacher, hint, hint, nudge, nudge... this year gift yourself and your WMU group through a WorldCrafts Global Perspectives Collection box (and then go buy the felt pom-pom necklace 😊).

A TENT MAKING OPPORTUNITY

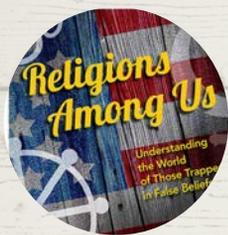


Julie Keith,
WMU NC Consultant for Youth, Collegiate & Young Women

Jessie Yates is an adult Third Culture Kid who was born and raised on the mission field in Nairobi, Kenya. She returned to the United States to receive her BA at Wake Forest University and has been making her way through that cultural transition ever since. Her experiences working with HIV/AIDS relief and internally displaced peoples in Kenya led her to realize that, despite cultural and lifestyle differences, teenagers all around the world are facing similar obstacles and are having to learn the same interpersonal skills and personal life lessons. After a small detour at Southeastern Seminary, she switched her professional aspirations from Biblical counseling to education and received her Masters of Teaching at UNC. She's now in her seventh year of teaching English in North Carolina. She views teaching as her tent-making opportunity. It puts her in a place where she can create avenues of communication and build relationships with students who need some guidance, a little push, a healthy dose of a world perspective, and a lot of support as they figure out who they are and what their place is in the world.



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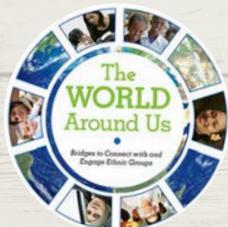
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People don't fear change, they fear loss. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic we understand that everyone has experienced change, and subsequently lost something. We also know that loss is felt differently according to the stage of life we are in and what rite of passage moments are being missed. Preschoolers miss the end of their career before moving into Kindergarten (which is where our family sits with our oldest son). Elementary school 5th graders miss out on the last moments before transitioning into 6th grade and middle school. Middle school 8th graders miss their final months as the 'top dogs' before heading to high school. But in high school, 12th graders are missing out on the culmination of all the years of elementary, middle, and high school. Graduation is a moment most all students look forward to, where they can be recognized for their hard work, perseverance, and accomplishment in receiving their high school diploma. It's a huge moment in the life of a student and many feel like this has been stolen from them. Yes, there have been the *SGN virtual graduation and some principals who have delivered signs and diplomas to students but they don't add up to the same experience. We must name and recognize the loss of our 12th grade students and sit with them in the middle of the mess.

Once we have sat with our students in the midst of grief, where do we go from here? It's a good question and I don't have the end all be all answer, but let me share what I read by the Fuller Youth Institute. The article didn't

To the Class of 2020, we honor you and celebrate this milestone in your life. May your next chapter be one that you confidently enter. We pray God's protection, guidance, discernment and the call He has on each one of your lives. May you daily seek Him and respond to the opportunities He places before you to share His love, grace, joy, hope, mercy and forgiveness with others. — WMU NC

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provide the perfect idea to celebrate our high school seniors, instead they provided some helpful advice which said, 'in a time where so many negatives surround our students, see how you might be able to create a unique and fun experience they won't forget.'

In the midst of these times God is working and we are simply the vessels that say, "Yes Lord, use me and work in and through me." When we do that...no matter how we end up celebrating our graduates during this time God will make amazing things come from it.

— Dane Martin, Minister to Students at Ardmore Baptist Church

Dane has been the Minister to Students at Ardmore Baptist for 4 years. He has two energetic boys, Finley (5) and Brooks (3). He and his wife Gretchen enjoy playing board games, taking fun walks with the boys, and going on adventures.

*SGN (Some Good News) created by actor John Krasinski during quarantine and featured as a weekly segment on YouTube.

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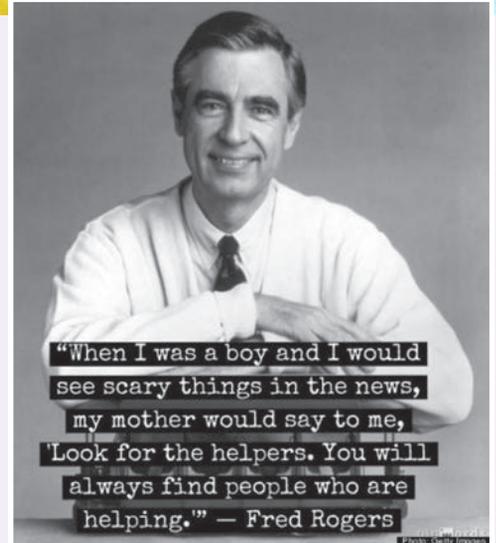
That is one of the most well-known Mr. Rogers quotes. It brings us comfort when things are uncertain and we often use it to talk with our own children when they are anxious. However, it should also be a call to action. We, as God-followers, should be the helpers that others can look to and from whom they feel comforted. We should be setting the example for children and others to follow. It is not enough to point out the good work of others. We need to be doing the work.

I have been impressed with how churches rose to the occasion during 2020. A time where church buildings were closed, everyone learned to adapt and kept the love of God flowing to their congregations and communities. I have seen people connect with church members on the phone who might have just been a passing hello on Sunday mornings. I have seen GA, CA, and RA leaders learn how to send video lessons to their kids and hold Zoom meetings for the face to face interaction. I have seen drive-in church services, online communion, and pastors become tech savvy!

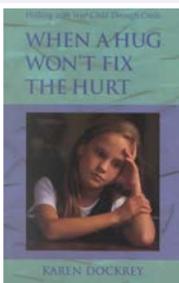
2020 has forced us to show the world what we knew all along: church is not a building, but a group of people worshipping God and a group who shows the world His love. The church has been the helpers that Mr. Rogers told children to look for when they are scared. The church has been what it has always been, the love of Christ.

So I want to say thank you. Thank you for being the helpers in the world during this time. Thank you for putting others before yourself. Thank you for helping kids feel safe because they see that God still loves them, their church has not abandoned them, and that there are helpers in this world. May that safe feeling propel them to seek ways to be helpers themselves, now and as they grow.

We do not know what the rest of the year will look like for us personally or for us as a church. So may we continue to rise to the challenge of keeping our children feeling safe by helping those around us and putting the needs of others before our own.



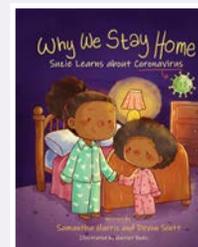
Resources for Helping Children During a Crisis



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The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

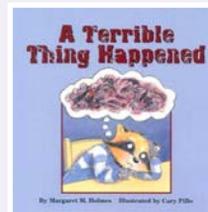


Why We Stay Home: Suzie Learns About Coronavirus by Samantha Harris and Devon Scott

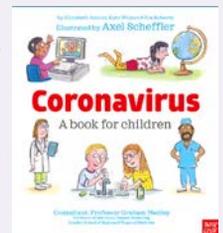
It Will be Okay: Trusting God Through Fear and Change by Lysa TerKeurst



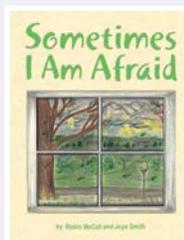
A Terrible Thing Happened by Margaret M Holmes



Coronavirus: A book for children by Elizabeth Jenner, Kate Wilson, and Nia Roberts



My Hero is You by Helen Patuck



Sometimes I Am Afraid by Robin McCall and Joye Smith

Online resource:
[Traumainformedparent.com](https://www.traumainformedparent.com)

The World Needs More RAs



By Pastor Stuart Lamkin

As a kid growing up in a Baptist church, I went to RAs on Wednesday nights. We still offer the RA (Royal Ambassador) program for school-aged boys at our church today—at least during normal times—as well as the GA (Girls in Action) program for girls. Over the last few weeks of pandemic life, I have found

myself remembering and appreciating the RA pledge quite often. Those of us long-tenured RAs (I've got the badges, pins, and pinewood derby cars to prove it) usually know it by heart, but here is what the RA pledge says:

As a Royal Ambassador, I will do my best:
to become a well-informed, responsible follower of Christ;
to have a Christ-like concern for all people;
to learn how the message of Christ is carried around the world;
to work with others in sharing Christ; and
to keep myself clean and healthy in mind and body.

Good things to which we can aspire. And some of the lines have felt especially pertinent these days. As I wash my hands regularly, keep hand sanitizer with me, watch what I touch, and wear a mask in public in order to protect others, I often think, “keep myself clean and healthy in mind and body.” I never would’ve thought it as a 3rd grader, but keeping myself clean and healthy now can actually prevent the spread of a serious disease that kills people.

I want to do whatever I can to keep the virus from spreading and protect folks who are high risk. Why? Because, like the pledge says, I should do my best “to have a Christ-like concern for all people.” Since a huge part of Jesus’ ministry was helping others heal and beat sickness, then I work hard to have his concern for all people. Whatever I can do to help people stay healthy or protect them from life-threatening illness, I want to do it. Even if wearing a mask is annoying (it is), and even if it always fogs up my glasses

(it does!). The world needs more RAs to help us remember how important it is to have a Christ-like concern for all people and to keep ourselves clean and healthy.

The other line of the pledge that keeps repeating in my head these days is “to become a well-informed, responsible follower of Christ.” I think we underestimate how important that is, being both well-informed and responsible. If we are one but not the other, we’re not being helpful. For example, if you are a responsible type person, but you don’t take the time to be truly informed of today’s reality, then you will make ill-informed decisions which can harm others. Likewise, if you are very informed and hear all the news about what is happening in the world, but you don’t act responsibly, then that also harms others.

I don’t like hearing bad news. When I hear something I don’t like, I always wish that it wasn’t true. But to ignore something because I don’t like the sound of it would be irresponsible. And I wouldn’t be keeping my RA pledge. Also, sticking my head in the sand is very tempting these days so that I don’t have to hear more bad things. But then I wouldn’t be informed about what’s really happening out in the world. Every RA pledges to do his best “to become a well-informed, responsible follower of Christ.” That feels harder now than ever.

Our society would be a better place if more people lived by that RA pledge. It’s hard to do, but we’re in it together for support and encouragement. That’s why part of the pledge is “to work with others in sharing Christ.” That means we’re here for each other as we keep things healthy and act responsibly out of concern for others. By working with and supporting each other, not only will we get through, but we’ll have made the biggest actual impact for carrying the message of Christ around the world, starting right here.



Note: Stuart is the pastor at First Baptist Church, Weaverville, and husband to Sara Lamkin.

If you are interested to know more about or how to start a Girls in Action (GA) or Royal Ambassadors (RA) program in your community contact Sara Lamkin at slamkin@wmunc.org.

"WE ARE SENT"
Matthew 28:19-20

Where and When?
Camp Mundo Vista
3140 Camp Mundo Vista Trail
Sophia NC 27350
Saturday, October 10, 2020
From 10am-3pm
(Overnight available Friday, October 9)

Who?
Boys and Girls in grades 1-6

What?
Guest speakers will be a missionary couple who worked in Turkey for 20 years.

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Friday and Saturday - \$50 per person (includes dinner, bonfire, breakfast, lunch, and cabin accommodations Friday night).
Registration will be: Aug. 24-Sept. 25
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CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY

CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY
"WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE" 1 PETER 4:10

Fruitland Baptist Church,
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Saturday, November 7, 2020
10am - 3pm

For boys and girls in grades 1-6

\$20 per person (includes lunch).
Registration will be Oct. 7 - Nov. 4

REGISTER at: wmunc.org/events

Be a Relentless Leader



Amanda Martinsen
Leadership Development Consultant and
Resource Coordinator

How many times in recent months have you heard the phrase “we are living in unprecedented times?”

Probably too many to count. The truth is, we are living in unprecedented times. Our lives do look different and even how we

worship has changed drastically. As leaders moving forward in the coming months, we will face questions like, “where do we go from here and how do we move forward?”

As leaders, we can look at all that has happened and become discouraged, or we can choose to see this as an opportunity to be *relentless* in our faith and pursue God in a brand-new way.

This summer, WMU will premiere its new emphasis theme *Relentless*, focusing on Hebrews 10:32-39. As we explore the *Relentless* theme and continue to implement WMU’s mandate “making disciples of Jesus who live on mission,” we will be challenged to be relentless in:

- Living authentic faith in Christ
- Seeking God in prayer
- Giving sacrificially
- Witnessing to others

Our watchword: “But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.” (Hebrews 10:39 NIV)

What does a *relentless* leader look like and how can we relentlessly pursue God and His will for us, during this unprecedented time?

Live an Authentic Faith in Christ

Authenticity in our faith walk is essential to not only pursuing a deeper relationship with God, but also strengthening our relationships with others. As leaders, authenticity is important because it draws people closer to us and inevitably closer to Jesus. As we think about this in terms of being relentless, I challenge you to ask yourself these questions as a leader:

Am I loving others the way Jesus calls me to love them?

Am I reaching out to my neighbors and fostering real relationships with them?

Does my outward life match my inward heart and my relationship with Christ?

Can people tell I belong to Christ by my every day actions and choices?

Seek God in Prayer

A leader who desires to be relentless must spend time with God in prayer. We will have a hard time leading others to have a close relationship with Jesus if we aren’t seeking Him in prayer and communicating with Him ourselves. Through prayer, our hearts are changed and our eyes are opened. In this time we can earnestly seek God and His will.

Give Sacrificially

There are a lot of ways we can give. We can give of our time, our money, our gifts, and talents. We can even give our knowledge or experience of something. I encourage you, in the coming year, to seek out ways that God may be challenging you as a leader to give. He may challenge you to give of your talents and gifts in a different way, or challenge your church to be missional in a new way; whatever the case may be, be open to His leading and come with a willing heart to give.

Witness to Others

Witnessing to others and sharing about Jesus is a vital part of our faith walk, but I find a lot of things hinder us as believers from being bold and sharing our faith. We don’t need to worry about the “right way” to share Jesus with others. We simply need to focus on telling others about the hope we have found in Him and reflecting that in our everyday lives. We need to remain relentless in our pursuit of God and in our love for sharing the Gospel. The world needs believers and leaders who are bold in their faith and passionate about seeing people come to know Christ.

As we all move forward in the coming months, I challenge each one of us (myself included) to pursue a relentless faith in Christ. I encourage you to continue looking at new ways to reach others and to do missions in your churches and communities. Do not be discouraged, be hopeful!

Be bold. Be open. Be willing. Be relentless.

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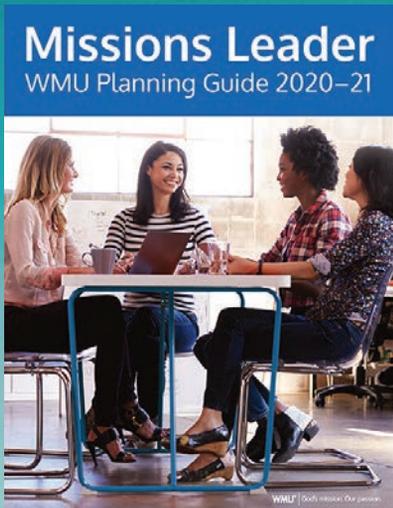
Encouraging & Equipping Leaders to Serve

In an effort to comply with the safety and health guidelines put in place by our state to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have decided to **cancel the Abound trainings planned for this summer across our state**. This was not a decision we made lightly, but one made with our attendee’s best interest in mind. We are exploring additional training options and virtual training opportunities will be offered this summer. Please check the leadership page on our website for the most updated information:

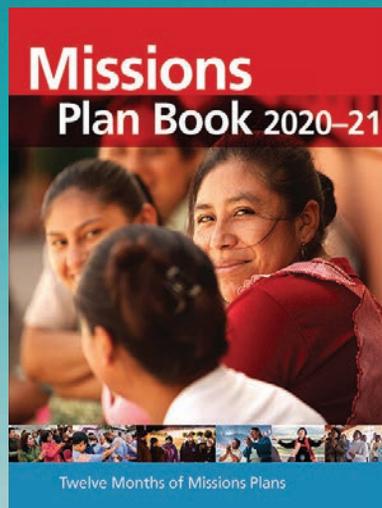
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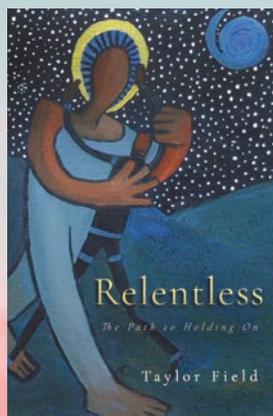
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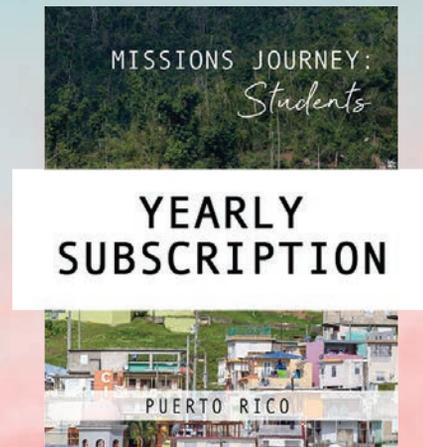
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Sharing the Good News ...in a changing world with Bad News

No doubt the world is changing every day. Bad headlines cause fear, anxiety and isolation. When we can't attend church to worship and support each other in the traditional way, then we have seen that the church will reach out and help people where they are. I have seen special Facebook groups set up for mission groups, age-level ministries and Sunday school classes, even Zoom calls for children and youth.

As you can also see and read throughout this issue of *Tarheel Talk*, we are finding many innovative ways to put faith into action! We have become digital missionaries!

When the church begins to meet in person, we need to be aware of how to best keep everyone safe and healthy. We will need to ensure there are policies in place to have disinfected facilities and ensure the health and safety of all who enter the doors.

Through love serve one another. — Galatians 5:13

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Nov 13-14, 2020
Camp Mundo Vista
"Look, Listen, Feel - Compassionate Obedience"

— Matthew 25:31-40;10:42

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Sisters Who Care

By Lisa D. Jacobs

As we face the challenges of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, our churches and ministries have had to make major changes to adjust to our "new normal."

A few months before the pandemic happened, I watched a fascinating YouTube video of a man catching fish by using Colgate toothpaste and eggs. In the video, the man dug a hole near a water source, cracked eggs into the hole and added toothpaste. He had no fishing pole, no line and no bait; yet he caught multiple fish! Although the methods that he used to catch fish were unusual, he was very successful. During this pandemic and stay home edict, I often reflect on this video and wonder what unusual methods can I employ to "catch fish?"

As a body of believers, we have also had to use unusual methods to "catch fish." Staying connected with other believers is important and scripture tells us in Hebrews 10:25 to "not give up meeting together." I am thankful that technology has allowed us to continue our sense of oneness and community. Because most churches have moved online and are more accessible, we now can "church hop" without missing our own church service. Each week, I am privileged to visit several worship experiences without even leaving the comfort of my own home.

By using our new methods of "catching fish," I have witnessed the younger generation of women become more engaged; asking questions and seeking answers, while attending services online

through Facebook, YouTube, Zoom and conference calls. This virtual platform has allowed SWC to extend our reach, connecting with a larger audience and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Even though we have been physically distanced, we have remained socially connected. As we look ahead to a new normal, we are planning, preparing and praying for the day when we can all be together again in sweet fellowship.

We would like to invite you to join us at a few of our tentatively scheduled upcoming events:

August – International College student backpack giveaway. We plan to gift 4 international students who attend St Augustine's and Shaw University with backpacks filled with supplies and essential items.

September – We will host the Alzheimer's and Dementia workshop during Hispanic Heritage Month at Raleigh Church of Christ.

October – Breast cancer awareness month workshop.

November – SWC Retreat at Camp Mundo Vista and partnering with Carolina Cares to sponsor 2 families for holiday meals.

December – Install decorations at Christian Life Home and SWC Christmas Fellowship.

January – SWC Vision Board Party

Our prayer is that through our events, workshops and seminars we will continue to "catch fish" for God.



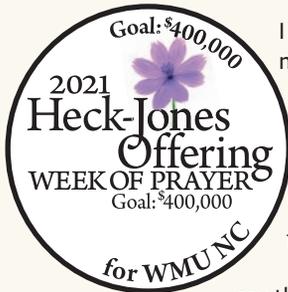
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To learn more about *Sisters Who Care*

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I recently helped friends make 75 sandwiches/bagged lunches for those in need in our community. Although we only got to deliver 12 bags, it was a blessing to see the look on those people's faces and the appreciation in their eyes. GAs & Acteens prepared me for a life of service to others, not because my God requires it, but because I get to share His love for me with others!

I am saying a blessing over this precious baby girl at the request of her family.

GAs & Acteens prepared me by teaching me that it's not the words you say that matter to God, but it's opening your heart to receive His love.

Why Give to the Heck-Jones Offering?

Because of your gifts to the Heck-Jones Offering women like Elizabeth are taught about the love of Jesus and service in His name in their formative years. The young girls in GA's and young women in Acteens become adults who then model these teachings to the world around them. Will you choose to invest in the children, teens, young men and women in your church/community?

— Elizabeth Stevens

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Left: "In the rain after delivering 8 bags to a grandmother who cares for several of her grandchildren."
 Right: Tanzania, July 2018

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Focus
in the
FALL

How to pray for the Mission Centers of Houston Trip November 7-14, 2020*

- Pray that God will call out the people that He wants to go on this trip.
- Pray for the decision about flying vs. driving to Houston.
- Pray for wisdom for Cheryl Chadwick and the staff at Mission Centers of Houston concerning how to minister to the community in a safe manner.
- Pray for wisdom on when and how to restart in-house ministries.
- Pray for good health for the staff and the participants on the trip.



* There is still time to sign up to be a part of this trip! Contact Sandy Page at (704) 661-6248 or jnpage@bellsouth.net

How to pray for the Haiti Mission Trip November 7-14, 2020*

- Pray for the good health, safety, and travel of the mission team.
- Pray for the spiritual development, strength, and growth of the partner church that the team will work with.
- Pray for the spiritual wisdom & loving service of the mission team.
- Pray for the flexibility of the mission team and to hear God's leading. Pray for strength, patience, healing, and love. Pray for open hearts to hear/see the gospel.
- Pray for patients, love & boldness in proclaiming the gospel.
- Pray for the Spirit to open blinded eyes and that unbelievers would see Christ in all of his glory.
- Pray for safety of travel from the guest house to the airport as the team leaves Haiti to go home. Divine appointments with ones we might encounter while traveling.



Calendar Talk

WMU NC 2020
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

August 2020

- 4-5 CWJC training, ZOOM conference
- 8 Virtual Children's Mission Day Camp, 10am-3pm, see www.wmunc.org for details
- 13 Leadership Luncheon, WMU NC Office, Raleigh
- 14-16 Military Wives Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista



September 2020

- 7 Labor Day Holiday (Office closed)
- 17-28 **Mission Trip:** South Africa
- 22 **Mission Trip:** Lake Tahoe, CA



October 2020

- 10 Children's Mission Day, Camp Mundo Vista
- 16-17 Carolina Girls, First Baptist Church, Morehead City
- 17 Missionary Parent Fellowship, Camp Mundo Vista

November 2020

- 2 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer*
- 9-10 **Mission Trip:** Houston, TX
- 9-10 BSCNC Annual Meeting, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro*
- 19 Leadership Luncheon, WMU NC Office, Raleigh
- 21-29 **Mission Trip:** Haiti
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holidays (Office closed)



December 2020

- Nov 29-Dec 6 International Missions Emphasis and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering **imb** | LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
- 24-31 Christmas Holidays (Office closed)

*Not a WMU NC sponsored event

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Prayer for America

God and Father of all,
in your love
you made all the nations of the world
to be a family,
and your Son taught us to love one another.

Yet our world is riven* apart
with prejudice, arrogance, and pride.

Help the different races
to love and understand one another better.

Increase among us sympathy,
tolerance, and goodwill,
that we may learn to appreciate the gifts
that other races bring to us,
and to see in all people
our brothers and sisters for whom Christ died.

Save us from jealousy, hatred, and fear,
and help us to live together
as members of one family at home in the world,
sons and daughters of one Father
who live in the liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

(Edinburgh: St. Andrew Press, 1994)

*split apart