



PRESIDENT – Janet Southerland

Ladies, I know I should have some inspiring theme to share with you. I don't. I do have quite a bit of information. Hopefully this information will be encouraging and inspiring!

First, we had a wonderful Spiritual Growth Retreat at Mt. Vernon First Baptist. Seventy-two of us gathered for Bible Study, fellowship and food. Thank you to Jan Wion for all of her work preparing the retreat. We enjoyed Debby Johnston as our Bible Study Leader. She shared Jesus' Timeless Touch with us. Of course, there was music with Sheryl and Nancy. The joy of singing with all of you in beautiful harmony made my day. Don't miss the retreat next year!

We had a Board meeting on Friday the 21st before the retreat. Our nominating committee is beginning to work. Barb Rockwell is the chair and Peggy Burke, Susan Nicholson and Conni Morrison round out the committee. They are looking for President, Secretary, Conference and Mission II officers. Be that woman- answer their call.

At Board we also prepared our information for the ABWM table at the Annual Gathering. Stop by and visit us. It is October 2 and 3 in Columbus.

We are working revising the by-laws. We should have something ready for a vote at our annual meeting in June. Speaking of June, we have tentatively set the date for Conference next year in Zanesville. June 7 and 8 are the dates. We just need a Conference Coordinator. We all enjoyed conference this year (thank you Princesses). Many of you expressed the desire for conference next year – it would be our 85th year. Please help make it happen.

Our National Office is moving soon. It is just down the street, but they will need a lot of financial support. Besides paying for the movers, they will need some new furniture, computers and support equipment. The executive committee of ABWM National is asking us to "Dig in for New Digs". The goal is to raise \$40,000 by November 20! Our ABW/OH Board voted to send money, but I want to invite you to see how you can support our National Office. The Office is moving because the building they were in was sold. It would not have been our choice to move the office at this point. It is a great

opportunity to upgrade our worn out furniture and equipment. Most of our “stuff” in the office won’t fit or else won’t survive being moved. (See the flyer on our website at abwmohio.org.)

Lastly, I encourage you to be a Vital Partner. In our home budgets, it is very helpful to know that there is a regular paycheck coming. Vital Partners pledge a minimum of \$120 per year to National Support. It can be sent all at once or it could be set up on a payment plan for \$10 a month. However you give, you are helping to insure the ongoing ministry of American Baptist Women. (You can give more if you want!)

Let me know how I can assist your local ABW,

Being and wanting to help you be Christ’s hands to a hurting world,

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PS - Don’t forget to promote our State Project. We are refurbishing a room for a chapel at Judson Care Center.



SECRETARY – Paula Duncan

I recently read this devotional and it really resonated with me. I hope you will be encouraged by it.

“Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.” Hebrews 10:35-36

There are some tough times that go with living. They’re inescapable. That’s when our confidence in the Lord’s salvation and our relationship with Him get tested! It is one thing to sing “it is well with my soul” at the end of a peel the paint worship service, but it is quite another to be able to sing it when they auction your house off at the courthouse steps, you are told you have a long-term debilitating illness, or you lose a child to death. Faith can’t take a holiday when we travel through the suburbs of hell or we’ll never find our way out. So don’t throw it away. Persevere! Keep putting one step in front of the other trusting that God will give you the strength for the next step. No matter how hard it

is at the moment, don't give up to despair. Be like Job or Jeremiah who both argued and complained to God, but never let go of God. Don't quit. Christ is coming! For you with grace, or in glory once and for all!

PRAYER – Holy and Almighty God, today is a good day. However, I am profoundly aware that some of those I love are close to throwing away their confidence in your love, mercy, grace, peace, and deliverance. Please use me to encourage them. Even more, dear Father, I ask that you use your Holy Spirit to renew their hearts. I pray that you intervene directly to change the course of events and give them relief and make your gracious presence known to them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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TREASURER – Becky Winsley

As your new state Treasurer, I am still trying to get everything figured out. But God is good in providing people to guide me. Thank you for your patience.

All the funds that should be sent to me are listed on a form that can be found on our website (www.abwmohio.org). On the left side of the home page, click on ABWM Ohio Forms and Documents, then click on ABWM Incoming Funds to Treasurer. You can print this form. Please fill in the appropriate information and mail with a check made payable to **AB Women's Ministries of Ohio** to Becky Winsley, [1924 Euclid Ave, Zanesville, OH 43701](#).

Please note that the form does NOT include Love Gift. Many churches/associations give to Love Gift but those funds should be sent directly to the Treasurer's Office ABC/USA, [P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851](#).

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COORDINATOR OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – Judy Douglas

Our theme for the next two years is **FEEL**:

F...Faith, Family, Forever, Face

E...Encourage, Empathy, Emotion

E... Enthusiasm, Enlighten, Engage

L...Love, Light, Lord, Laughter, Live,

If we put all of these feelings together we can make a difference in our world.

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CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE – Tammy Hubb

Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

It was so good to see so many of you at the Spiritual Retreat this past weekend. God is truly working in our lives and I am so thankful I get to share time with all you wonderful sisters in Christ. I have been blessed by so many of you.

State Project for this year is a Chapel for Judson Village in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Goal is \$12,000. Here in part is the proposal. The Baptist Home & Center of Cincinnati (now known as Judson Village) has its origins in the work of American Baptist Women of Ohio. From its opening in 1948 to the present days, the elderly and disabled residents of Judson Village rely on the volunteer work and generosity of American Baptist Women to brighten their lives. Today, over 90% of Judson's residents are financially indigent and many do not have significant family support. American Baptist Women have always been there to assure that Judson residents have special care and gifts that remind them that they are truly loved. The caring and generosity of American Baptist Women at Judson Village is a tangible way that Judson residents know and feel the love of Jesus Christ. We would like to have a place in Judson Village where all residents, visitors, staff and volunteers can see, hear, and feel that Judson Village is a Christ centered place of love and caring. We have identified an existing room in the nursing unit that we would like to renovate into a place of meditation, prayer, and solitude. In addition to its use for private times of reflection, and expressions of faith, resident family members, chaplains, social workers and Judson staff or doctors may use the room for private discussions. It will be equipped with ample natural and soft lighting, comfortable seating and a state-of-the-art sound system for songs of faith, preaching and prayers. The renovation of the room will include new flooring, lighting, ceiling panels, sound system, window treatments, furnishings and Christian artistic displays. The space is approximately 640 square feet and will meet commercial building standards. Please keep this in mind and

work hard so we can reach the goal to help in this project.

I still need your Association Care and Share Reports. They can be sent to me at:
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God is so Good.

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**CHAIRWOMAN OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT –
Susan Stotts**

It seems that we still have some confusion about Love Gift and the Women and Girls Mission Fund. I'm going to try to unconfuse you.

Love Gift is the over and above giving that supports the entire ABC/USA family. It is used for everything from office supplies and salaries to mission projects, as decided by the office of the General Secretary and the ABC/USA Board. AB Women's Ministries gets 15% and uses it for operating costs, including salaries. Love Gift is to be sent directly to ABC/USA.

The Women and Girls Mission Fund supports AB Women's Ministries and our projects to empower women here, and around the world. 20% of undesignated donations are used for the ongoing ministry needs (operating costs) of ABW Ministries. The other 80% goes to grants that support and empower women. These grants do things like purchase seeds and farm tools for a group of women in Kenya, and train them how to grow nutritious vegetables and fruits for their families and community. Or, give a scholarship to a Syrian Baptist woman to study at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Lebanon. Or, support a project at a New York neighborhood action program where fifth and sixth grade girls are learning respect, responsibility and self-sufficiency. If you prefer, you can designate your donation to go to AB Girls, Leadership Development, Refit or a national mission project like Break the Chains. Women and Girls Mission Fund monies go from your church, to your Association Treasurer, who will send it to our State Treasurer, Becky Winsley. She will send it on to ABW Ministries/USA. I hope this was short and sweet enough to help. If you run into questions about any of our funds, don't hesitate to contact me.

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SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT UPDATE

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the loving support I have been receiving as your 2018-2019 scholarship student. The notes of encouragement and gifts have really meant a lot to me. As my books have been delivered this fall, I have been both overwhelmed at the amount of reading I have to do this year and excited about the changes God has in store for me as I finish up the Leadership Academy course. I truly covet your prayers as I face the challenges ahead!

Susan Nicholson