



**PRESIDENT – Janet Southerland**

It is time for another Tellhergram article! I have lots of this and that to share. First – it was a wonderful Spiritual Growth Retreat at Mt. Vernon First Baptist! Thank you to Janet Wion for planning it for us! We were blessed to have Denise Jones as our Bible Study Leader. She put some light on our new Focus, “Sisters Seeking Wholeness”. Denise shared about “Being Whole – Not in a Hole”. Barbara Duncan enlightened and amused us on the inner workings of being a telemarketer. Nancy Cain led us in singing with the assistance of Barb McDonald on the piano. We enjoyed learning about the call and plans of Tim and Stacy Reese (They are headed for Haiti – won’t you help them get there?). Through it all we were refreshed through God’s Word. And, of course, we had good food! Thank you to all who made that possible. If you missed it – mark your calendar for 2020, it will be September 25 & 26.

Have you set aside June 12 & 13, 2020 for our Annual Women’s Conference? We will be at The Bridge in Sunbury, Ohio. Aline Davis is busy securing our Bible Study Leader

Have you participated in the free webinars that ABW National is providing? As I write – we have had two and I made it to my computer to participate in one of them. It was very good. I listened to the one on Life Coaching. You can find info on the coming ones and listen to the recording of the ones you missed by going to [abwomensministries.org](http://abwomensministries.org) All of the details can be found there under Events.

Right after our ABW/OH conference next year, there is an opportunity to gather in Green Lake, Wisconsin. In place of our usual National ABW conference, we will be joining several other ABC ministries in the Radical. Redeemed. Ready. Women’s Event – June 16-19, 2020.

Be sure to stop by the ABW/OH table at the Annual Gathering on October 8&9 at the Crown Plaza North in Columbus.

The STEAM event (sponsored by ABW National) in Cleveland was a success! Thank you to Rev. Christine Smith (Cleveland) for making it happen. Let’s study what we learned and see if we can apply it to areas around Ohio. The girls enjoyed the week-long event. (For those that might not know STEAM is science, technology, engineering, arts and math.)

Speaking of technology – ladies – we need a web master. Is there someone, preferably a woman, who would like to serve in that way? Our website is fairly current, but it needs more updating. We currently run on Weebly. If you have to ask what that is, this probably is not the job for you. But, please pass it along to your technology minded friends! Communication is vital!

I can't imagine that you have not heard – but our good friend Rev. Dr. Larry Swain has arrived in heaven. If you wish to send a card to his wife, Linda, please send in care of the ABC/Ohio office in Granville. The Home Going Celebration was September 28 in Newark. I believe it was an old gospel quartet song that comes to my mind – “More to go to Heaven for than I had yesterday!”. Heavy sigh....

In closing, the news is spreading that I am moving to S. Carolina. It is true. My husband has taken a job there. I will be joining him sometime after the first of the year. I have notified our current ABW officers – they have the option to replace me at any time. The only hold up is finding someone to fill my spot, or their spot if they move into my spot. My plans, hopefully God agrees, are to be present at the June 2020 conference. I will be available by phone and email after I move. Isn't technology wonderful? So, please be in prayer for our state officers. Also please be in prayer as to how you can help keep ABW/OH moving forward.

Even though Israel was going through a particularly rough patch, God gave them this hope through his prophet, Jeremiah “I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (NIV) The Lord knows our needs and how we fit into His plan. Please be willing to be a part of His plan for ABW.

Blessings,

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**SECRETARY – Susan Stotts**

Hi, welcome to fall. I do hope that all is going well with you and your women's groups. A request for the Ohio ABW Ministries officers list and contact information made me realize that more of you might appreciate that information, too. Your state officers are always glad to answer questions, but you have to know who they are and how to contact them. So, I present you with that information.

Also, if your association officers have changed or have changes in their contact info, please let me know so I can update the directory and get those changes to your Presidents to pass along. Thanks!

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**TREASURER – Becky Winsley**

I certainly hope this is being typed legibly as one of my cats is trying to be helpful and catch the curser. Tends to block my view of the screen.

June, the Conference, and my first full year as your Treasurer have passed, and we are now starting a brand-new year. It's time to start collecting for the new state project and all the other funds you wish to support. All monies collected for the following funds should be sent to my address (**1924 Euclid Avenue, Zanesville 43701**): General Fund/Dues, State Project, Scholarships, Ohio AB Girls, State Officers Training, Women & Girls Fund, Refit, National Support, National ABWM Endowment, National AB Girls, and Leadership Development. Be very sure to make the check or money order out to **AB Women's Ministries of Ohio** and please enclose a listing of where (what funds) you want the monies placed. Thank you!

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**COORDINATOR OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT –  
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A few years ago, someone gave me a book entitled IF GOD WROTE YOUR BIRTHDAY CARD.

Imagine God sending you a birthday card. God says to you,

Your birthday is a day to celebrate you. *I have loved you with an everlasting Love. Jeremiah 31:3*

My child I've know you since you were born. *I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart. Jeremiah1:5*

I gave you unique gifts. *God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10*

I want you to shine brightly because, dear child, you make Me smile. *The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of your life. Psalm 37:23*

Some people do not like birthdays, especially the counting part. *Teach us by the number of our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12*

Give Love...to Me and to others  
*Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matt. 22:37. Love your neighbor as yourself. Matt. 22:3*

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## **CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE – Tammy Hubb**

Hi everyone. I am now Mission 1, which has Care and Share and State Projects as my main goals. I will also be working closely with Mission 2, which is Pat Rice.

Care and Share lists have remained the same as the past few years. Racetrack Ministries has been dropped from our White Cross quota, but we can still collect for them through Care and Share. If you have things for Racetrack, please contact Rev. Vincent Harris at 216-338-3075 and he will set up how to get them from you.

Our State Project for 2020 is Dayton Christian Center. Below explains it all. We have set a goal of \$15,000. Please share with your Church and let's make it happen.

“Dayton Christian Center (DXC) is one of 21 Neighborhood action centers that are supported by National Ministries American Baptist Churches, USA since 1921. Our mission work was started by faithful Christians determined to provide essential and supportive service to individuals and families seeking to better their lives. Our unwavering commitment to serve the community continues today.

“DXC offers many programs for all ages and we welcome the opportunity to assist you with one or more of our quality services. An exceptional year-round childcare program in West Dayton and City-wide collaborations with other faith-based agencies enables us to provide high quality comprehensive programs.

“Tasha Johnson is Executive Director of DXC. An early childhood professional with 19 years of experience working with young children, Tasha's passion is to serve every person regardless of their ability. As a Christ follower, she is sold out to a vision where all children and families are able to fulfill God's plan and purpose for their lives.”

We asked Tasha what was needed that we, ABWM, could help with for our State Project 2019-2020.

After much prayer and consideration, I am hoping the American Baptist Women would be willing to help us with a new (used) bus to transport our children. In 2017 we were able to purchase a new bus to replace one of our aging 15 passenger vans; however, we have needed a second vehicle to transport our kids. With the renovation of the Hospitality House, we anticipate increasing our capacity to serve additional children and the need is present for us to purchase an additional Multi-Function School Activity Bus. With the support of the ABW-Ohio, we will be able to purchase an additional vehicle. Thank you for your consideration.



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### **FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT FOR DAYTON CHRISTIAN CENTER**

My name is Doug Smith, and I am the Board of Directors President for The Dayton Christian Center “DCC” in Dayton, Ohio. At our board meeting last night Tasha Johnson, our Executive Director, handed me your address and I am anxious to write you. Tasha explained the American Baptist Women have pledged to help us at DCC purchase a vehicle to transport children. We are all so very grateful for your support! With 64 children enrolled in our care, this limit can be a challenge—nothing insurmountable, but at times an inconvenience.

However, your financial support, while certainly a blessing, is not the greatest need. Although small, our Board of Directors is comprised of people who believe God hears the petitions of His people, so we believe in the power of prayer. Your prayer support on behalf of the children and their families—and our staff—is what we the board crave. Although not true for all, most children are coming to us from unchurched homes, some hearing the gospel at DCC for the first time. I do not mean to overplay any characterizations, but some have never heard that Christ died for them or that God loves them and that they are precious in His sight. So, we ask that you pray for Rev. Dr. Marva Hughes, our Spiritual Life Director, as she continues to develop curriculum for the different age classrooms, leading them in songs and prayers. Please pray for our staff, that God fill them with His spirit to overcome the challenges to patience children can sometimes be. Please ask God to send His choice of candidates to Tasha as she interviews applicants

looking for additional staff members. Finally, please thank all the women of your organization for their financial support and tell them our board is praying for you and your organization. Everyone in this world needs a relationship with the Creator. Praising and loving Him is what we were created to do. We are so thankful to share this connection with American Baptist Women.

On behalf of the Dayton Christian Center, thank you, thank you, thank you!



**CHAIRWOMAN OF WHITE CROSS – Patsy Rice**

Ladies,

Just a friendly reminder that we need to send in our missionary money, fill our requests (Christmas is less than 3 months away), and help support our State Project. We are *one-third* of the way into this program year already. Just eight months to Conference. We need your support in these missions.

Thanks to all who are working on the Birthing Kits.

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