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- Susan Stotts

Hello, all! I hope you are well and enjoying the beginning of fall. If you didn't get to come to the Spiritual Growth Retreat, you missed a great one. Our Bible Study leader, April Alexander, helped us see some of the walls that need to fall down. She works at that every day at Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries. She said that one thing she wanted to do during the Bible Study was to help us to realize, "I never thought of it like that" about some of the walls, and she accomplished just that. Rovaughna Richardson was with us and shared about her experiences in Ghana over the last five years. She has a real heart for the girls enslaved by the trokosi system and human trafficking. She plans to head back after her year at home. Thank you to Barb Rockwell and Janet Wion for a wonderful retreat. They are already making plans for next year. Don't miss out! Make plans, now, to join us in Mount Vernon on September 23 & 24, 2022.

We are planning to have a table at the ABC Ohio Annual Gathering on October 12 & 13. If you get to come, be sure to stop by and pick up information on the theme, scholarship students, state project, and more. I am sorry to not have plans to share for a June AB Women's Conference. Covid has really made it hard to plan a large gathering. I hope to have better news by the winter TellHerGram.

Ladies, be sure to visit our website, www.abwmohio.org. It has the ABW Ministries 2021-2023 theme information and logo, the latest updates we've received from our Care & Share recipients, information (with pictures) on our scholarship students, and more. We're trying hard to keep it up to date and helpful. It also has links to the national website, International Ministries, ABC Ohio, and more American Baptist websites.

Speaking of the national website, AB Women's Ministries has all kinds of events going on. You can safely join them as they are virtual. Some events have passed, but there is a Shalom Retreat on October 9, and four more free webinars this fall. If you want to see any you missed, they are archived to be watched later. May be a good program for a meeting. Check out all that is offered at www.abwomensministries.org or get there through our site. Here is the list to give you an idea what is offered.

Webinars Join American Baptist Women's Ministries for our Fall Webinar series. The webinar series will be focused on our 2021-2023 ministry focus, Let the Walls Fall Down.

- Empathy As A Tool For Transformational Change - September 9, 2021
- The Power of Storytelling for Racial Healing - September 23, 2021
- Understanding and Taking Action Against Human Trafficking – October 7
- God is Preserving You - October 21, 2021
- Debunking Domestic Violence Myths Through A Biblical Lens - November 4, 2021
- God is in the Details - November 18, 2021. That's all for now.

Blessings,

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TREASURER – Becky Winsley

I guess it's fall now. I got up the other day to find my furnace running since the weather turned rather chilly overnight. And the days have gotten shorter. My 7am walks are going to have to move to a later time very shortly or I'll have to start using a flashlight to see where I'm going! But the important thing to remember with ALL the changes going on in life, is that God knows where I've been and where I'm going and He is with me at all times. Trust in Him!

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always for the Lord God is the eternal rock. Isaiah 26: 3-4

Now to business. Because there was no Conference in June, the annual meeting was held Saturday, September 18th, after the Spiritual Growth Retreat ended. I reported that very little had come in during the previous year. Understandable because groups/associations had not been meeting. However, if at all possible, we need to support the State Project of Training Up New Leaders. The deadline for collecting the

\$13,000 goal is May 2022 and so far we have only collected \$2,555.00. Please pray about this. And also for the Scholarship Fund. We were able to give out 3 scholarships this year, but that total is now down to \$2,006.78. For any monies you have or are able to collect from your churches (and you have always been great in doing this), please send to me. Please write the check to **ABW Ministries of Ohio** and mail it to me at 1924 Euclid Ave, Zanesville OH 43701. Thank you for your gifts and prayers.

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COORDINATOR OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – SANDRA BANKS

Before the pandemic, church attendance had drastically declined. There are plenty of excuses to go around why one doesn't attend church. Many Christians don't think church is that important. They think they can be perfectly good Christians without being active in the church. Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us to attend not only for our own spiritual welfare, but that we may encourage others to draw nearer to Christ. It is the will of Christ that His disciples should assemble for worship of God and for mutual edification. We should responsibly care for the other church members, faithfully participate in all aspects of church, and reach out to others in need to draw them to Christ and His family. When we as Christians follow biblical principles, it is then that the Church will fulfill its main purpose, that of "Glorifying God."

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CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE/ TEMPORARY CO-PRESIDENT - Tammy Hubb

What a wonderful time we had at the Spiritual Retreat! It was so nice to see everyone that was able to attend! This year has been trying at times, but we just have to remember GOD is in control of everything! We got to hear of the great things going on at Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries.

Care and Share lists are on our web site. I am still updating a few so they will all be on there soon. Thank you all for giving all that you do. It is so appreciated by those that you help.

Our State Project is still Training Up New Leaders. Peter McCurdy first introduced us to this project and is one of the teachers. There is more in -depth information on our web site. We have not been able to meet in person for so long that it is difficult to push these projects, but they needed. Please do what you can. Checks are to be made out to AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES of OHIO. Please mail them to

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Again, thanks for all that you do and if there are any questions or anything I can do, please let me know.

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CHAIRWOMAN OF WHITE CROSS - Patsy Rice

White Cross requests have gone out to the Associations and, hopefully, to the churches. I still have not heard from national. Please do your best to fulfill your request. If you can't, be sure to let your association coordinator know. Someone else may be able to help.

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CHAIRMAN OF SCHOLARSHIP – Florence Smith-Heizer

Proverbs 1:8-9

“Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.”

Well, ladies, we have been diligent about safe distancing, wearing a mask, and taking precautions against COVID and we are still dealing with this pandemic. It has changed our lives over and over. It has left some of us without pay checks, without housing, without jobs, without schools, without finished educations. Even though we have not met or rallied around each other, let’s be diligent to our scholarship support. Keeping our Scholarship Fund going is pertinent in enabling us to help our applicants continue learning and not fall short of schooling.

Please keep in touch with the scholarship student assigned to your area/association with encouraging notes, cards, and gift cards and small gifts. Encouraging cards may bring a ray of light on one of their gloomy days.

Contact them. Ask them how they are doing. Invite them to your church when they are available. Get to know them and let them tell your group or church about their education and their path to success. Above all, keep them in your prayers and on your churches’ prayer lists!

Fall is here and next year’s budgets are being planned. Have your ABWM or your church put a line item in their budget to give to ABWM of Ohio’s Scholarship Fund. If we can’t grow the Scholarship Fund, we cannot grant scholarships. The deadline for our aspiring scholarship applicants is coming up. Some of them may be repeats, and some of them new, but if we have no funds then there will be no scholarships.

We need to help our scholarship students with a hand up to finish or continue their education. We cannot do this without your help. Yes, we need your contributions to keep up our scholarship funds to help your students. PLEASE...PLEASE...PLEASE, send your scholarship offerings to Becky Winsley and notate Scholarship Fund on the memo line. Please send to:

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I am praying that we will receive funds and I will not have to write those "I'm so sorry that we will not be able to support you this year."

God Bless. Stay safe and well.

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NOTE FROM A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I want to let you know what being one of your scholarship recipients has meant to me. Yes, the money is a BIG help with my seminary expenses. More than that, the cards, phone calls and gifts have meant so much to me. I remember one time in particular, I was really struggling and questioning whether I was really doing what God wanted by attending classes. That very day, a card of encouragement arrived in the mail and helped me refocus on what God wanted. That card made all the difference!

AB Women's Ministries of Ohio

Spiritual Growth Retreat

September 23 and 24, 2021

First Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Ohio