

# The Tellhergram

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**PRESIDENT - Susan Stotts**

Ladies,

Just thought I'd keep you abreast of what I'm up to. First, Flo sent so many nice Mary Kay products that I divided the "Silk" products out and created another raffle item. Then, because I already had another basket and the jam, I made a "from Ohio" basket by adding a handcrafted mug and Ben Heggy chocolates. While I was checking into an Ohio made Christmas ornament, there was a handmade, wooden Mr. & Mrs. Claus donated. So, we have four items for the raffle. I hope having more items encourages the women to buy more tickets. I may need reimbursed \$33 for the mug and chocolates. I will try to represent you well at both the retreat and the ABC Ohio Annual Gathering.

Also, I received a survey from ABWM/USA about our last and upcoming State Projects. I just wanted to know what the projects were, the goal and what we received for the 2022-2023 one. I filled it out and sent it back but felt it didn't really cover all that was needed to be said. So, I'm pasting on the email I sent to Wendy to pass on to whoever is reading the survey. Just wanted you to know. My attached page is a little different than Tammy's but basically says the same thing. So, here you go:

Wendy,

I filled out the survey and submitted it. But it doesn't really cover what I need to say. Could you pass this on to whoever needs to see it, please?

An addendum to your State Project Survey:

I realize that we are off schedule for your goal, but we already have a rotation set up for our State Projects; Ohio, National, International, and my women are not willing to change that or delete any of the three so that ABWM is every other year. We may be able to add ABWM to the rotation for every 4th year. I hope to make the goal this year, though that amount has been difficult in the past and we got a late start due to the turmoil of the by-law changes last spring. I also realize that this project is specified for scholarships and not the general fund, but that's what was decided. We took a collection at our Spring conference and shared half with national. That collection is where we get most of our operating funds. We may have to go back to 10% next year but appreciated Gina and

Wendy being with us, so sent the extra. We cannot direct anything away from a project it has been designated for. Not for ourselves or for national. We will try to support national as much as we can, but there is only so much we can do. I'm attaching the page I made up for this year's State Project.

Blessings,

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**SECRETARY – Paula Duncan**

Happy Fall, Y'all!

Hope this finds you well and finally enjoying some fall weather. It's beginning to feel like fall in Southern Ohio. We just had an amazing weekend at the Spiritual Growth Retreat. If you missed it this year, I strongly encourage to set aside September 27 & 28, 2024 now and join us for another amazing weekend!

At the June conference, I distributed ABW Ministries of Ohio Directories. Much of the information in that directory was incorrect, especially the new ministry focus which national didn't release until July. So, I have printed new covers for the directory and made the changes I received to several other pages. If you got a directory in June, I will send only the updated information. If you did not get a directory in June, I will send the one distributed in June along with updated pages. This will take me while so don't expect it in the mail tomorrow.

THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE  
Written by Dr. David Jeremiah

*"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.*

Isaiah 58:11

In his memoir, *Be Myself*, Bible teacher Warren Wiersbe wrote, "The Lord gave me and my wife guidance through our daily systematic reading of the Bible. I'm not talking about 'religious roulette' where you open the Bible at random and point to a verse. I'm talking about the daily reading of Scripture in a systematic way, with hearts open for the Spirit of God to teach us."

God uses many elements to guide us. The counsel of our friends is important, and often the Lord uses circumstances too. But don't underestimate the importance of daily systematic reading of the Bible. As we advance in His Word, His wisdom shapes our minds. Often, we sense an inner conviction about a decision. Our ears hear a word behind us saying, "This is the way, walk in it" (Isaiah 30:21).

When we follow God's leading, His will and His ways are imprinted on our hearts. Discover the grace of His guidance!

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**TREASURER – Becky Winsley**

My report to the Board at our meeting prior to the start of the Spiritual Growth Retreat, showed that our General Fund balance is currently \$1,270.59. That is quite a bit lower than it was last year at this time. In order to pay our expenses (website maintenance, be a Vital Partner, stamps, paper, etc.) we need to receive contributions/dues to our General Fund. Please keep that in mind.

We collected enough for the Women and Girls Fund to be able to send \$1,222.91 to it.. Also, with much help from people not associated with ABWM, plus a matching gift, we were able to send \$38,520.94 to our State Project which was Camp Koinonia. Now it is time to collect for our NEW State Project.

All monies collected for State Project, Women & Girls Fund, General Fund, etc (you can find a complete list on our website) should be sent to me at 1924 Euclid Ave., Zanesville 43701. Make the check out to **ABW Ministries of Ohio** and then mail it to me.

If you would like me to mail to you a couple copies of the form "Funds Incoming to State Treasurer", please let me know. This form lists all the funds that come through the American Baptist Women's Ministries of Ohio. You can make multiple copies of it and send one with each check you send to me. It lets me know how much is being sent for which fund. Leave a message on my phone (740-453-4548) or email me ([beckywinsley@gmail.com](mailto:beckywinsley@gmail.com)) if you want something mailed to you. I will need your name and complete address. Thanks!

Have a wonderful and blessed day! 😊

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## **CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE –**

### **Tammy Hubb**

Hope this finds everyone well. It has been a busy year so far and this year is flying by! We have the new State Project and let's work to hit our goal of \$10,000 to help our Women and Girls get grant money for furthering their education.

The Care and Share lists are on our website. They all really appreciate all that you do for them to help them reach those in need. I hope the rest of the year continues to bring you joy and you are blessed.

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## **COORDINATOR OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – Barbara Duncan**

### **His Presence**

God wants you to spend time with Him for the pure pleasure of being in His company. When you take delight in His Presence, you experience a foretaste of the eternal pleasures He has prepared for you. Unfortunately, the “dailyness” of life tends to pull you down, and your focus on routine duties often obscures your awareness of Him.

To enjoy God's companionship in all that you do, wait in His Presence while He reveals Himself to you. Put aside thoughts of tasks awaiting you as you focus pleasurably on Him. Allow awareness of His Presence to become imprinted on your consciousness. Then move gently from this contemplative time into your routine duties and continue communicating with Him, asking Him to be vibrantly involved in your work.

Having already connected with God at a deep level, you can find Him more easily in the midst of your activities. Naturally, you will lose sight of Him at times; He knows that you're only human. But you can reconnect readily by moving toward God in your thoughts, words, and feelings. The more you include God in your awareness, the brighter your day will be: Your routines will sparkle with the liveliness of His company.

Paraphrased from the book, “Jesus Lives” by Sarah Young

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**ABW MINISTRIES OF OHIO 2023-2024 STATE PROJECT**

## LET'S SEND WOMEN AND GIRLS TO SCHOOL Goal: \$10,000.00

As higher education has gotten more and more expensive, this year our State Project will support scholarships through ABWM national. This is separate from our scholarships through ABWM Ohio and can reach women and girls throughout the country. The world needs educated Christian women in positions of authority and this is a way to help get them there. Let's all support both our State Project and our Ohio Scholarship Fund. The following is from the ABWM Grants and Scholarships Guidelines American Baptist Women's Ministries has a commitment to encourage and empower women and girls to serve God and desires that each woman and girl have an opportunity to live into the fullness of God's purpose for her. ABWM has funding available from its Refit fund to expand its work through grants to entities providing resources and programming for women and girls and through educational scholarships. ABWM will consider your formal request for the following: · leadership development/self-esteem development and spiritual growth that addresses issues of oppression and exploitation of women and girls · educational scholarships for women and girls · churches/congregational ministries Grants and scholarships awarded are typically in the range of \$500 to \$2,000. Scholarship applications must be submitted to American Baptist Women's Ministries by June 30. All applicants will receive written notification regarding funding decisions by August 30. Submit the application form to ABWM: email to [info@abwomensministries.org](mailto:info@abwomensministries.org), or mail to: American Baptist Women's Ministries, 1075 First Ave STE C-210, King of Prussia, PA 19406. We are specifying that our State Project Money goes to Educational Scholarships 2023-2024 State Project Song Let's Send Women and Girls to School to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" Refit Fund sends girls to school, girls to school, girls to school. Refit Fund sends girls to school and it sends women, too. It builds esteem and educates, educates, educates. It builds esteem and educates. Two things we like to do. Let's help them out with State Project, State Project, State Project! Let's help them out with State Project, with gifts from me and you! Make your check out to: ABWM Ohio, put State Project in the memo line and mail it to Becky Winsley 1924 Euclid Ave. Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

for the AB Women's Ministries Ohio State Conference June 8, 2024

First Baptist Church Newark, Ohio

Theme BE STRONG, BE COURAGEOUS

Bible Study Leader Rev. Jill Smith

Hear from Care & Share Recipients

More details to come, but plan now to join us as we celebrate our ministry, fellowship and worship!

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