

The Tellhergram

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PRESIDENT - Susan Stotts

Hi all!

I hope this new calendar year finds you well and rested from the holidays. I had some forced resting last fall due to surgery to replace a snapped tendon in my foot. My right foot, of course. I'm hoping that by the time you read this I'll be out of this boot and in an ankle brace I can wear with a shoe. A shoe! Driving in a couple of weeks? I'll have to relearn; it's been since November 4. I'm pleased to report that conference plans are underway. We will again be meeting at First Baptist, Newark, Ohio. The date is June 7 and our Bible Study Leader is Sarah McCurdy. It will be nice to present her with our State Project results since she is the one who shared the need for children at Deborah's House to have schooling. Be sure to encourage your church to collect or raise funds for the project. We will, of course, have our ministry reps with us, so plan to bring your Care & Share items for them to take back to their various ministries. With only a one-day conference we can't cram too much in, but is there something you would really like to see happen or see more of? If so, please let me know and I'll see what we can do. My contact information is at the bottom of this article. I have been receiving emails from ABW Ministries national and have found them informative. I shared the one that told about the upcoming series, Empower, Elevate, Equip. I would like to share an excerpt from the one that featured our national President, Lovenna Van Haaften. Her story is a beautiful reminder of God's love, grace and calling on each of our lives.

It started with the question **Why did you choose to be a part of this organization?**

In the late 1970's, I joined FBC in Pella, Iowa along with my husband and a two-year-old child. I had no immediate family in the area. Several women of the church wrapped their arms around me, inviting me to a women's circle, and also to the Women's Area and Regional meetings and then to the National meetings at Green Lake, Wisconsin Conference Center. The women picked me up for transportation, they assisted in childcare, and showed me God's love. The mission focus each year spoke to me and has helped me in my Christian walk with my Lord and Savior. I have been loved and empowered through AB Women's Ministries.

What core value of ABWM speaks to you? ABWM has many core values that may speak to an individual. The core value that speaks to me, 'We recognize the worth of all women and girls' and closely related is 'Being relevant for women today'. In today's world, women and girls are subjected to being called unworthy, worthless, being battered, abused and mistreated in many ways. ABWM helps to show women and girls that they are God's children and worthy of love. We need to be available to assist in enabling and empowering their lives. It is important to keep up with current methods of communication. It is difficult for seniors to give up paper and pencil. It is important to keep them informed, but it is also important to learn the ways of communication for the younger generation. Remaining current and relevant to current women's and girls' issues is important to be able to empower and encourage one another.

Is there anything you would like to say to our readers? As you walk with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, ask Him what He is calling you to do. He has a task for each of us, and He will equip you with the necessary wisdom to complete it. But you have to know what the task is. James 1:5-9 tells us if any of us lack wisdom, we may ask God for it, and He will give it. Accept His gift of wisdom as well as the task He has appointed to you.

Lovenna's story invites us to pause and reflect on our own journeys. How has God worked through the ministry of others in your life? How might He be calling you to make an impact? Whether through service, financial support, or lifting up others in prayer, each of us has a role to play. Together, we can continue to "show women and girls that they are

worthy, loved and empowered under God's care." I have gotten to know Lovenna, both through zoom meetings and at the national conference. Nice lady. I'm sure many of us can identify with how she got involved with ABWM and the welcoming nature of the women. That's still a good way to get women involved - be welcoming. The rest of what she says is true, too. We do need to reflect on how God has worked in our lives and how we can make an impact. ABWM offers many ways to do so. If I can be of help to you or your group, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'll do what I can. I'm looking forward to being with the Dayton Area women in March, and to seeing all of you in June!

Blessings,
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TREASURER – Becky Winsley

Hi Everyone!

As I write this article it is a very cold day in January with colder days ahead. Sure hope you are all staying warm. ☀️

I'm getting a head start and just letting you know that I need to receive all monies to be collected this fiscal year for our various funds by May 23rd, please. I'm committed to and will be occupied with something else most of the last week of May, and our Annual Conference is June 7th (the first Saturday of the month). I must get all the monies that I have received, deposited by the end of May so that I can complete my treasurer's report for the Conference.

The form "Funds Incoming to State Treasurer" can be found on our website (www.abwmohio.org) or I can mail copies to you. If you need a copy of this form or have questions, please email or call me. (beckywinsley@gmail.com or 740-348-6770). The

most important thing to remember is that all checks should be written to **ABW Ministries of Ohio**, then mailed to me at 1924 Euclid Ave, Zanesville OH 43701.

Stay safe & warm in the cold & snow.

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CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE – Tammy Hubb

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

I have been trying to follow this daily, starting my day thanking Jesus for another beautiful day, even the cold ones. We are truly blessed to live in the United States.

Please remember our Care and Share recipients. There is a list of all of them on our website. Please help where you can.

Our State Project "Deborah's House Tutoring Project" is well underway. We will be blessed to have Sarah McCurdy at our AB Women's Ministries Conference June 7, 2025 at First Baptist Church in Newark. Please plan to attend and share this time with our Care and Share Recipients and old and new friends. Looking forward to seeing you all there! Feel free to contact me with any questions. You can email me at hubbtamara8@gmail.com or you can call or text me at 419-564-2113.

May God bless you and keep you.

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FROM THE EDITOR

I wish to take this opportunity to apologize for the lateness of this issue of the TellHerGram. I have been experiencing some new health issues and have been unable to work on it. Thank you for your patience.

Susan Nicholson