

THE TELLHERGRAM

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SECRETARY - Susan Stotts

Hello, ladies, and Happy New Year! I'm sure you are all hoping and praying with me that this year will bring an end to this stupid pandemic. Vaccine shots are underway, which should allow everything to get back to normal, though not right away. Because we still have to deal with COVID for a while yet, I want to share a prayer written by Cameron Wiggins Bellam and published in last spring's ABWM national newsletter. It is still very relevant, and parts of it speak for times we aren't in a pandemic. Here it is.

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May those who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May those who have the flexibility to care for our children when schools close remember those who have no options. May we who have to cancel a trip remember those who have no safe place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May those who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor. Amen

Let us always find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor.

Blessings,

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Today we face stressful situations in our country, COVID 19, violence, and hardships. The only place to find peace and comfort is in God's word. There is no one book of scripture that is more helpful than the Book of Psalms.

Psalms 23: "The LORD is my Shepherd: I shall not want" A good shepherd knows the needs of His sheep and leads them to green pastures, where their needs are met. Not only does God provides for us, He also protects us. He leads us through painful situations and those dark shadows in our lives. If we keep our eyes on our shepherd, He will lead us through the darkness into the light.

Psalms 27: "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" This is a strong affirmation of the safety we have in the strength of our God. "That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life." Being in God's presence and worshiping Him, David was not only safe but victorious. God sustained, protected and helped him.

Psalms 46: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." When we realize the truth of this scripture, we will go to Him, our refuge and strength. Nothing is out of the reach of God's power. It provides peace and comfort to Christians.

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CHAIRWOMAN OF WHITE CROSS - Patsy Rice

I hope all is well. I wish to thank all of you who sent money, gift certificates or Christmas items to Dayton Christian Center or Neighborhood Ministries for our yearly quota. Their needs are many and your support will always be needed.

I have not received any updates on White Cross at this time. I pray all our associations are still supporting our Love Gift, State Project, Missionaries, and all our other White Cross projects that we, the WOMEN of Ohio, stand for. May GOD be with you and keep you safe this year.

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CHAIRMAN OF SCHOLARSHIP – Florence Smith-Heizer

2 Timothy 3:7, "...always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth."

Ladies,

We are still dealing with this COVID pandemic. It has changed our lives considerably. It has left some of us without pay checks, without housing, without jobs, without schools, without finished educations. Keeping our Scholarship Fund going so that our scholarship funds will enable our scholarship applicants to be able to continue learning and not fall short of schooling is very important.

I hope that you all have been encouraging the scholarship student assigned to your area/association with notes, cards, and gifts.

Contact them to get them on your schedules to speak at your meetings or on Zoom or Go-To-Meeting. I am sure they would love to do that if scheduled.

Above all, keep them in your prayers and on your churches' prayer lists!

March is coming up and the deadline for our inspiring scholarship applicants to send in their applications for this coming scholarship year. 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:

Ms. Becky Winsley
1924 Euclid Ave
Zanesville OH 43701

March 31st is the deadline for applications. We are receiving applications already. 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" letters.

God Bless

Stay safe and well.

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FROM THE EDITOR

We received this note from Evelyn Gibbons, long time President of Zoar Association. By the time you see this, she should be settled into her new home. You may want to drop her a card.

I now know that I will be moving to Minnesota the end of this month (January), and that my new address will be: **1125 1st St. S Apt. 320 Sartell, MN 56377**. I am excited to know that I will be living with my daughter Holly and family, but I am also sad to be leaving Martins Ferry and, especially, ABWM and ABC Ohio. I certainly hope and pray that 2021 will be a year that COVID-19 goes away and people will once again be able to get together with their families and friends. Blessings for a Happy New Year and success with Ohio ABWM being able to meet face to face once again.

Evelyn E. Gibbons