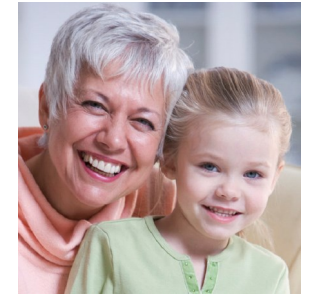


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From the Desk of the President



I'm so humbled to serve as your WV ABWM President for this upcoming year. My hope is that as we can invest ourselves in 2023 in serving God, each other and our communities. The major mission of ABWM is serving our Lord, and we need **your help** in serving the needs before us.

God has been so gracious, not only in our salvation, but that He has given each of us talent, personalities and skill sets to help build up the body of Christ, His church. We experience the most joy and fellowship with God and others when we express those gifts. As we serve, we are building up the body of Christ, as Paul reminded us in the 4th chapter of Ephesians. Here are some verses that have helped me see how I could fit into the broader mission of God within the church.

- Serving allows us to discover and develop our spiritual gifts - 1 Corinthians 12.
- Serving allows us to be in places to experience miracles, as God reveals them - John 2
- Serving others shows us to be good stewards of God's gifts - 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Serving others allows us to unknowingly serve Jesus - Matthew 25:40
- Serving helps us to meet together and encourage each other to love and do good works - Hebrews 10:24-25
- Serving allows us to experience God's presence in new ways - Ephesians 3:20

There will always be reasons and circumstances that arise to prevent us from serving. Many will be valid and will require us to prioritize them in that specific moment. That is absolutely understandable and worthy of its priority. My heart is considering something a little more internal. The misconception that I don't know what I could do. I don't have any special skills to contribute. They really don't need me. My "little that I could do isn't enough to make a difference." It's that place in you that thinks one of those thoughts that I hope you can hear this encouragement.

The Lord has never called the equipped. He equips the called. God used men and women with similar doubts to change the course of history. Moses didn't think he was a leader or a speaker, but God worked through Moses to bring Israel out of slavery. David was the youngest of all his brothers, but God worked through David to defeat a giant, who had left the entire army riddled with terror and eventually God made him king. Paul was known for being part of the stoning of Christians before he met Jesus. Later, Paul went on to become one of the most highly regarded writers/church planters in history. God not only wants to work through you (each of us), He wants to work in you, and we will all grow into the fuller image of Christ together.

In summary, please volunteer at your church, your association or help us on the state level. We all have a little to give and that makes a lot of difference. Your state board is always available to assist you anyway we can, just give us a call. God bless you.

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IT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME!!!

APPLICATION IS NOW ONLINE

- Yes, current scholarship recipients must apply each year
- New applicants please follow application instructions
Go to our website - wvbc.org
Move your cursor to Ministries
When that menu opens, move your cursor to Auxiliaries
When that menu opens, CLICK on WV American Baptist Women's Ministries
Scroll down until you see Scholarship/Loan Application and click on that
- There are seven pages to be printed
- Application cannot be completed on line but must be printed and mailed
- **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS** - They must be received by the Scholarship/Loan Coordinator no later than **MARCH 1, 2023**



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2022 YEAR-END GIVING TOTALS

Mission Outreach Project: \$16,544.19

Special Project: \$15,139.87

Love Gift: \$61,745.15 (as of 11/30/22)

Per Amy Starkey, Treasurer
Per Georgia Parsons, Love Gift Coordinator

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023



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**WV American Baptist Women's Ministries
2023 Special Project
PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER
Covered Campfire Seating Section and Playground Equipment
Goal: \$12,000**



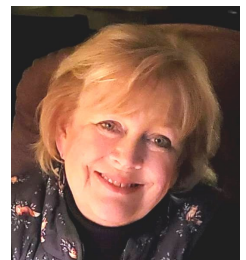
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WV Hope 2023



#1



Items needed: monetary contributions, diapers, wipes, lotions, baby wash. **Three Locations:** 501 Elizabeth Street, Charleston (Mailing Address: PO Box 1182, Charleston 25339); 1409 Chapline Street, Wheeling (Mailing Address: PO Box 6529, Wheeling 26003);

Fayetteville Presbyterian Church, 401 West Maple Avenue, Fayetteville (Mailing Address PO Box 338, Fayetteville 25840).

#2



Items needed: towels, wash cloths, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene items, soap, monetary

donations, bleach, Lysol, Pinesol, Comet, mop heads, dish soap. Union Mission is fueled by donors and volunteers. Mailing Address: PO Box 112, Charleston 25301

#3



This ministry provides practical and effective solutions to the epidemic of addiction. Different programs are available. Contact person is Brian McClure (615-479-6728). Mailing address for gift cards: 6148 Parkersburg Road, Sandyville 25275.

#4



Go to Weirton Christian Center website for complete information about their needs. Mailing Address is PO Box 2045, Weirton 26062. Kim Weaver, Director.

- WV Hope ministries are in place from January - December each calendar year
- All contributions to the WV Hope Ministries are to be sent directly to the providers
- You are at liberty to select one or all of those ministries or you can select a local ministry in your community to support or choose White Cross from International Ministries
- If you have a ministry in your area to be considered for the 2024 WV Hope, they must be received by the Coordinator Dee Wanner by April 15th of each year.
- Just a reminder for those of you who participated in the 2022 WV Hope Ministries: [your association year-end report is due by January 15th to Dee Wanner.](#)

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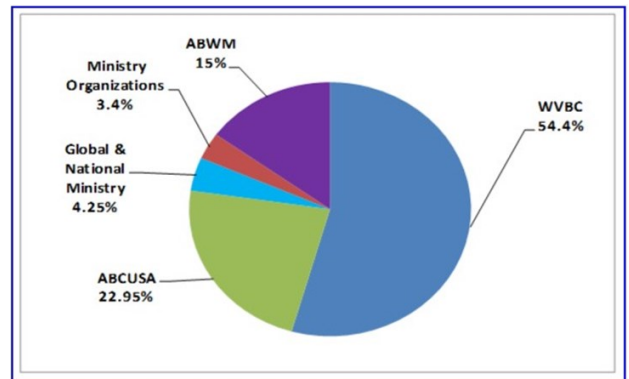


2023 Goal - \$100,000

Happy New Year!! As many local and association ABW's will be starting the new year with new officers, including Love Gift Coordinators, I thought it was a good time to once again share some of the "Story of Love Gift."

When Love Gift was set up many years ago, it was devoted to the support of the WHOLE mission program. In keeping with this decision, the donations are part of the United Mission program. They are used to support the work represented in the total budget of the American Baptist Churches/USA including the work of overseas missions, home missions, education, state conventions, city missions and general program and administration. There is a legally binding agreement between ABC/USA and the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) and it can't be altered in any way.

Any money that comes into the WVBC designated "Love Gift" is used in this way: 54.4% of your Love Gift Offering is retained by the WVBC State Office. The remainder is sent to the American Baptist Churches/USA for disbursement as follows: the National Office of American Baptist Women's Ministries receives 15%; Ministry Organizations (global and national) receive 7.65%; and American Baptist Churches USA (which is National Support) keeps 22.95%. (So, if you haven't already taken National Support out of your local budget, please do so. You are supporting that through Love Gift.)

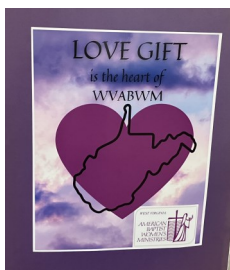


Remember, the Love Gift collected at meetings goes through your church treasurer and is sent to the state office. Keep a record and send a report to your association Coordinator of Love Gift.

As I've promoted, "Love Gift is the Heart of WV ABWM" and has been for many years. My hope is each ABW Ministries group will decide to give from the heart using Love Gift boxes, "L" dollars and involving the whole church in sharing blessings.

As I write this, the last report I've received from the WVBC at the end of October is \$56,915.60. Though short of our goal, hopefully we'll get closer by end of the year. The goal for 2023 is once again \$100,000, and I have faith in the American Baptist women in WV that this is an attainable goal.

"Each person should give what they have decided in their hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". II Corinthians 9:7



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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faith In Action

Faith In Action! The year 2023 is upon us and maybe by the time you are reading this, we have been into it for a couple of weeks. I like to think of new goals and hopes, not necessarily resolutions, as a new year comes. Goals like simplifying my life, being more aware of the loved ones around me, being ready for the opportunities to share Jesus, eating healthier, etc. Did you make a list? Are you on track? Or has life already derailed you?

The great thing about these 52 weeks is that God, our Heavenly Father holds them and is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. You can have His grace, trust Him and start fresh right now. How do we have the strength, desire and trust we need? By our FAITH! Webster dictionary would tell us the word faith is a noun, but I would argue it is an action word. Your faith is only as deep as your relationship with the Lord. Faith is our prayer life, bible reading, listening to the Lord, worship and trusting Him to hold tomorrow. Faith describes our walk and is what keeps us on track of our life path in smooth times and when it hits potholes small and big. "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

This year set your focus on being more present with the Lord. Spend time in His living word (the Bible), sit and listen to Him in prayer, fellowship and learn with your sisters in Christ, and step into tomorrow with the assurance that He holds it. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6. Let's make 2023 a year of Faith in action!

Here are some ideas to get you started, feel free to reach out to me for more.

- Join ladies from across the state reading the same book, you could even discuss it in your Women's Circles or an online group.
- Download a free Bible App (Youversion) on your phone listen to the Bible or one of many devotional plans on there.
- Just start! Get a notebook, find a special/quiet spot, jot down prayers, scriptures and focus on learning God's word. What it meant then and now for you.

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Adopt a Seminary Student Program Palmer Theological Seminary Latino Master of Theological Studies

Adopted Student: Aracelys Camejo
(a-ra-CELL-ees ca-MAY-ho)

Hometown: Santiago, Dominican Republic

Status: Single with no children

Aracelys lives and works in the city of Santiago, Dominican Republic. She speaks both Spanish and English. She is a missionary in her home country working with the mission organization, Youth With A Mission (YWAM). She teaches, mentors and supports young women and men as they navigate adolescence and how their faith has an impact on their lives and those around them.



Adopted Student: Priscila Covarrubias (nickname: Prisca)

Hometown: Mexico City, Mexico

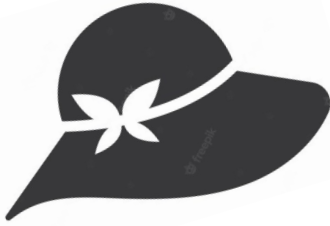
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Prisca is a bi-vocational associate pastor at the Shalom Baptist Church in Mexico City, Mexico. Their church meets on the campus of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Mexico in Mexico City. In her second vocation she is a trained speech therapist and she also owns a small home catering business with her sister that operates out of their homes.



Through Global Servant J. D. Reed, the West Virginia Baptist Convention and International Ministries, the WV ABWM Board voted at the November 2021 meeting to adopt two female Latino seminary students. Until recently they were anonymous to us but now we have photos and identifications for our two students. Through sponsorship you are paying the annual tuition of \$2,400 for each student for two years. Funding sources include the Million Women Movement fund and the Mountain State Mission Offering fund.

Your scholarship gifts to these girls will train them so that they can effectively lead a church and teach others how to join them in God's work. This program will have an impact for generations in the regions in which they live and teach.



***Spiritual Growth Retreat
September 15-17, 2023
Parchment Valley Conference Center***

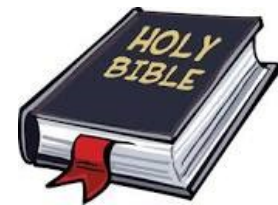
“Hats and Holiness”

*“Make every effort to live in peace with all men and be holy.
Without holiness no one will see the Lord.” Hebrews 12:14*

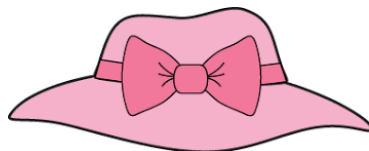


***Worship Leaders
Brian and Sara McClure***

***Special Guest Appearance
Minnie Pearl
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***Bible Study
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2023 Mission Outreach Project Restoration Retreat for Indigenous Women Leadership Development



Cost Per Retreat
\$1,500
Covers: Transportation,
Bible, food, lodging and
teaching materials



Purpose:

To disciple women so that they
have the tools to disciple others.

GOAL: \$6,000



CHALLENGE!
At the 2022 Annual Meeting Debbie Myers voiced "Hope" that we would be as generous to this campaign as we were to the Chicken and Veggie Project in 2015. Total collected \$20,553.56!

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 3, 2023
89th Annual Conference



“Plant the Seed”

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Updates on ABWM Ministries

Workshops

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 4, 2023
Please see WVBC Website wvbc.org

A green graphic for the 2023 Annual Bible Conference. It includes the text: "2023 ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE", "Saturday, March 4th", "Parchment Valley Conference Center", "THE BOOK OF GALATIANS: THE GOSPEL FOR ALL", "FEATURING: DR. LEE SPITZER", "COST: \$25 (50% OFF FOR PASTORS AND THEIR SPOUSE)", and "Register now at www.wvbc.org". There is a circular inset photo of Dr. Lee Spitzer on the right side of the graphic.

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Parchment Valley Conference Center
Dr. Lee Spitzer, Instructor
Book of Galatians

Global Servant Sarah McCloy
Commissioning Ceremony
Sunday, March 5, 2023
Parchment Valley Conference Center



State Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, March 11, 2023
Parchment Valley Conference Center

Saturday, June 3, 2023
Theme: "Plant the Seed"
Sandy Currey, Coordinator
Parchment Valley Conference Center



September 15 - 17, 2023
Theme: "Hats and Holiness"
Parchment Valley Conference Center
Kim Pickrell, Coordinator

Thursday, October 19, 2023
Theme: "The Anchor Holds"
South Parkersburg Baptist Church
Nancy Elkins, Coordinator



2022 Honor Roll of Churches

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West Union Baptist
Weston, First Baptist

Coal River Association

Racine, First Baptist

Eastern Association

Dorcas Baptist

Fairmont Association

Baptist Temple
Union Baptist Church of Crossroads
Bethesda Baptist

Fayette Association

Calvary Baptist
Oak Hill Baptist

Good Hope Association

Ravenswood, First Baptist
Reedy Baptist

Goshen Association

Goshen Baptist

Greenbrier Association

Breckenridge Missionary Baptist
Crab Orchard Baptist
Peterstown Missionary Baptist

Judson Association

Nutter Fort, First Baptist
Shinnston, First Baptist

Little Kanawha Association

Burnsville, First Baptist
Glenville, First Baptist
Sand Fork Baptist

Logan Mingo Association

Connolly Memorial Baptist
Williamson, First Baptist

Kanawha Valley Association

Charleston Baptist Temple
Diamond Baptist
Dunbar, First Baptist
Judson Baptist

Panhandle Association

Pine Grove, First Baptist
Weirton, First Baptist
Weirton Heights Memorial

Parkersburg Association

Lauckport Baptist
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New England Baptist
New Hope Baptist
South Parkersburg Baptist
Union Valley Baptist
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Main Street Baptist
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Saint Albans, First Baptist

Union Association

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SCHOLARSHIP Application

Don't forget that the **2023 Scholarship/Loan Application** is now available for printing from our website. No longer do you have to request an application. Just print it off, fill it out and mail it in. It must be received by the ABWM Coordinator **by March 1st.** Next selection process will occur in March, 2023.



The **Seasons** mailing list has been updated. Many names have been purged if the subscription has expired. Effective with the January, 2023 issue complimentary copies will be mailed to Executive Board Members at their home address; Association Presidents at their home address and Local Presidents at their **home church address.** The reason for this arrangement is that we cannot keep current of local officers changes. Be sure to check with whomever handles the mail at your church so they can set aside your issue of Seasons.

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ABWM MMM

Monday Morning Memo - Keeps you "In the Know" each Monday Morning on what's happening as well as reminders and suggestions and information of which we should all be aware. If you would like to receive this Monday e-mail, please send your name and e-mail address to Sue Hamric, ABWM Communication Coordinator, suehamric74@gmail.com .



2023 WV Hope Ministries
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 AB Women's
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In commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to the mission of the church, and through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, American Baptist Women's Ministries provides opportunities for each woman to:

- become and develop as God's person,
- build God's faith community and
- serve God's world.



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