



WMU RIPPLES



From Little River Association

April 2008

We Want to Celebrate and Anticipate!

Annual Meeting

May 22, 2008

7:00 PM

Pleasant Memory Church

Yes, we really do want to celebrate what WMU is doing and anticipate what WMU will be doing in the future. Our special guest speaker will be Jan High, Leadership Development/Training Specialist, for WMU of NC. Jan has been part of the "Dreaming" that has been going on for the past few years and is working with others to develop new ministries and missions that we can all get involved in.

It is encouraging to remember what we have been about in the past and to celebrate that. And, it is inspiring to plan for and work toward new ways to be about spreading God's Kingdom in the future. Jan will help us in both those areas.

The meeting will be held at Pleasant Memory Baptist Church, 579 Old Stage Rd N, Coats, NC. Please mark your calendars and begin enlisting your women to plan for this time.

We will be doing a Book of Reports for the Annual Meeting, so BE SURE THAT YOUR LIST OF OFFICERS ARE UP-TO-DATE WITH THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE!

Prayer Retreat Report

We want to thank all who had a part in preparing for our prayer retreat and for all who worked to enlist ladies to attend. It truly was a wonderful experience. Cindy Johnson blessed our hearts as she led us in worship, prayer, and Bible Study.

Please mark your calendars for April 3-4, 2009, for our next prayer retreat, at Caraway, NC.

Plans are being made for a second mission trip to Armenia, August 22-September 5. If God is laying this on your heart, call Alice Davis, at 910-893-4282.

MissionsFest/ FamilyFest

It is not too late to begin planning to participate in one of the MissionsFest/FamilyFests this year. There is a MissionsFest in Kentucky the latter part of April and it may be too late to sign up for that one, but there are FamilyFests in Baltimore (June 21-25), Tijuana, Mexico (July 19-24), and Kansas City, Kansas (July 21-25). These can be great experiences for the entire family. Children over the age of 6, are invited to attend with the entire family.

There are opportunities to do Creative Arts, Medical Clinics, Backyard Bible Clubs/VBS, Light construction, Servant Ministries, and Prayerwalking. Registration forms and all information needed can be found on the WMU website, www.wmu.com. Click on "Volunteer Connection."

We do have 3 people going to Baltimore and they have room for one more person. If anyone is interested, please call Dorothy Barham, at 910-893-3309.

Special Thanks

We want to give special thanks to all those churches who are supporting the Heck Jones Offering for WMU, and who are including the WMU in their budgets. The Women of Angier Baptist had a great drama on "Women of the Bible" recently, with the offering taken going to WMU of NC.

Maybe your church has had a special emphasis and you would like to share what you are doing with the rest of us. If so, please contact Dorothy Barham, who will include it in the *Ripples*.

KOMPRA

Plug your kids into prayer by accessing the new KOMpray: Kids on Mission Pray, a weekly e-newsletter designed to teach children how to pray for missionaries, MK's, and the lost world. Go to kompray.imb.org. View prayer items written by MK's and their parents. Subscribe free.

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An Intensive Poverty Simulation Experience/Training

On May 30-31, 2008, and on August 22-23, 2008, at First Baptist Church, 99 N Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC, there is to be an Intensive Poverty Simulation Experience/Training. This is designed for leaders who will go back to their own communities and create a similar experience.

This is an effective, very moving simulation, in which participants experience something of what it is like to live in poverty. It is sponsored by WMU of NC, and is something that can have an impact on our understanding of the far-reaching effect of poverty and of what we can do to alleviate it.

The cost is \$25, and you may register and get more information by contacting Margaret Harding at mharding@wmunc.org.

Migrant Kits will be due the last of May, and we will get more information out about that later, but you will want to put it on your calendar.

SummerFest 2008 – June 14

For the second year in a row, there will an opportunity to visit mission sites representing the world! Many mission organizations will have displays, including WMU. It is to be held at the Agricultural Farm, located at Campbell University and is an event the entire family will enjoy. Make your plans now.

We still need Care Bears! Thank you for your continued support of the children involved. Please pray for the children receiving the bears, and tag each bear with the church's name and a verse of scripture or encouraging word.

Welcome to Women's Build! **Woman's Missionary Union of NC** **In Partnership with**

Habitat for Humanity

"Days of Caring" September 12-21, 2008

There is a need for a maximum of 20 volunteers each day. All you need to help Habitat at the construction site is:

- To be at least 16 years old.
- To be willing to volunteer. You need not have construction experience. We have all the tools and the staff to help you. You can bring your own tools if you have them!
- To sign the release and waiver of liability form. Parents must sign the form for children under 18.

This is a great opportunity to get your women and men involved in helping a needy person to own a home. Contact Margaret Harding at mharding@wmunc.org, if you are interested and/or willing to enlist workers for a day, the week, or the weekend.

Publicize this in your church!!

There's Something new for Adults

Check out these new updates for something new and challenging:

1. In *Missions Mosaic*: "Life Matters". Shares ways to minister in various life crises.
2. myMISSIONfulfilled.com: A new web based missions resource, especially for younger women. They like the Internet and now it includes missions.
3. A new Generation M's adult curriculum. Check it out on www.adultsonmission.com