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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

One of my "sheros" has gone on to her reward in Heaven. She was a 5-foot tall dynamo named Mother Teresa. Below is a quote from her taken from a publication called "Mary's Field."

"I am asked what is one to do to be sure that one is following the way of salvation. I answer: Love God --- and above all, pray.

Today it is fashionable to talk about the poor. Unfortunately, it is not fashionable to talk with them. I will never tire of repeating this: What the poor need most is not pity but love. They need to feel the respect for their human dignity, which is neither less nor different from the dignity of any other human being.

Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our families. War is killing of human beings. Who can think that it can ever be just?

At the moment of death, we will not be judged according to the number of good deeds we have done or by the diplomas we have received---We will be judged according to the love we have put into our work.

Someone once told me that even for a million dollars would they even touch a leper. Neither would I. If it were a case of the money, I would not do it even for \$2 million. On the other hand, I do it gladly for the love of God.

All sicknesses have cures. The only one that cannot be cured is the sickness of feeling unloved."

February is considered "love month." Many of us will try our best to find a unique way of expressing our love to our spouse or "significant other." It is also a great time for us to find new and unique ways to love those who have no one to love them. Remember: "Only one life will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA

### February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 AWANA Gear Up leave church at 8 AM AWANA: Van
3 Sunday Services/ Souper Bowl of Caring	4	5	6 Wednesday Night Services	7	8	9
10 Sunday Services/ Church Conference; AWANA Car Workshop at 2:30 PM in FLC	11	Senior Adults Valentine Breakfast Beth's Restaurant in Pageland. Dutch treat at 8:30 AM	13 Wednesday Night Services	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16
17 Sunday Services AWANA Car Workshop at 2:30 PM in FLC	18	19 Baptist Men's Missions Rally @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Kannapolis	20 Wednesday Night Services	21	22	23 UBA Sunday School workshop @ Lakeview Baptist; Trek & Journey Club Pinnacle in Albemarle; AWANA: Van
24 Sunday Services AWANA Grand Prix Race	25	26 Deacon's Meeting	27 Wednesday Night Services	28		

### **CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship; 4:30-6:30 PM-AWANA;

6:30-AWANA Supper; 6:00 PM Youth, Adult Bible Study; 7:00 PM Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, GIC; WMU on 1st Wednesday Night;

Adult Bible Study on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Nights

Family Life Center Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of Month: Mission Friends; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of Month:

GA Class; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of Month: RA Class; 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of Month: Youth Class

### WMU Focus Week: February 11–17, 2019



THANK YOU to all our GAs and Leaders, Mission Friends and Leaders, RAs and Leaders, WMU members and Leaders and to all who contribute through-out the year to support us with our mission projects.

FOCUS ON WMU: IT'S ABOUT MISSIONS

BY KATHLEEN PENTON ON JANUARY 19, 2018

<u>Focus on WMU</u> is not about WMU. It's about missions. It's about the work of God through the church by which the gospel of Jesus Christ is extended in word and deed to all the people in the world.

WMU is just a vehicle through which Christian believers can "understand and be radically involved" in the work of God. It encourages participation in the work of the church and denomination. It aids in developing spiritually toward a missions lifestyle, which includes learning about missions, praying for missions, giving to missions, serving in missions, and supporting missions.

WMU is about learning about missions. Annie Armstrong, WMU's first corresponding secretary (now referred to as executive director), knew that missions education would inspire missions involvement. "After study of God's word comes study of the fields. Then people pray. Then they give," she noted in a message to WMU on its 50th anniversary in 1938. Everyone—young or old, male or female—can find a <a href="WMU missions organization">WMU missions organization</a> to help him or her learn about, pray for, give to, and do missions in an age-appropriate way. During the week you observe Focus on WMU, highlight what groups in your church are learning and doing. Invite those who aren't involved to get involved, even if that means you have to start another group or a new organization.

WMU is about praying for missions. In fact, praying for and giving to missions in China is how WMU got its start in 1888, after missionary Lottie Moon urged Southern Baptist women to organize. Today through WMU missions organizations, preschoolers, children, students, and adults are encouraged to pray for missionaries, their work, and lost people. Students and adults get in the habit of praying for missions each day by using the prayer calendar, which lists missionaries by their birthday. The prayer calendar is available in monthly issues of Missions Mosaic, where it is a part of the daily devotional Prayer Patterns, and on wmu.com/prayercalendar. Visit this page and print off the list of missionaries celebrating birthdays the week of Focus on WMU. Distribute the list to all students and adults in the church the Sunday before Focus on WMU begins, and encourage them to include these missionaries in their individual or family prayers throughout the week.

WMU is about giving to missions. WMU believes in the importance of stewardship and giving to missions. It actively promotes giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and giving through the Cooperative Program, which supports the missions and ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention and state Baptist conventions. Remind church members that the Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions is coming up March 4–11 and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be collected around that time. Share your church's offering goal and ask church members to consider what they would be willing to sacrifice in order to increase their giving this year.

WMU is about serving in missions. Money isn't the only thing you can give to missions. Time and talent are always welcome gifts, and WMU provides hands-on missions experiences so that members of missions organizations aren't just reading about missionaries but have opportunities to follow their example. Adults, students, and children as young as 6 can go on a <a href="WMU trip">WMU trip</a>. But missions can be done at home, too. For example, volunteer with a <a href="Christian Women's Job Corps/Christian Men's Job Corps site">Children's Missions Day</a> falls on the Saturday of Focus on WMU week, so plan a project that gets the children of your church out into your community to share the gospel in word and deed. Glean ideas for effective projects from wmu.com/cmd.

WMU is about supporting missions. Consider the countless ways to support missions efforts through WMU. One of those is <u>WorldCrafts</u>, a division of WMU that develops sustainable, fair-trade businesses among impoverished people around the world. The vision of WorldCrafts is to offer an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth. You can not only purchase WorldCrafts <u>products</u> but also make a tax-deductible contribution to the <u>Isaiah 58:10 Campaign</u> at the <u>WMU Foundation</u> to help WorldCrafts support additional artisans. And of course, you can pray for the <u>artisans</u>. Make it easy for members of your church to support the spread of the gospel by finding a date on the church calendar when you can host a WorldCrafts <u>party</u>. Invite all the women and teenage girls in your church and encourage them to invite their family, friends, and neighbors. Request a <u>Support Freedom Catalog</u>. Ask attendees to bring any WorldCrafts items they have previously purchased to display.

So, what are you waiting for? Focus on WMU February 11–17 (or any time) by focusing on how your church does—or could do—missions.

Kathleen Penton is an assistant editor for WMU.



- 2-Jason Lowery
- 3-Tessa Flowe, Teresa Lowery, Kadie Rickard
- 4-Marion Lowery
- 7-Wanda Aldridge, Gracie Mills
- 8-Christopher Knight, Dalton Price
- 9-Joshua Stutts
- 12-Jeff Tarlton, Paige Wilson
- 14-Kalynn Glidewell, Cameron Hilton
- 15-Gail Cave
- 17-Bennie Mills, Gwen Ratliff
- **18-Courtney Suggs**
- 19-Jay Ashley, Lauren Duke
- 20- Amanda Forester, Lindsey Jenkins
- 21-Wade Hunter, Tony Keith, Susan Thrailkill, Shirleen Tucker, Keith Autry
- 22-James Helms
- 24-Marie Autry, Julia Crain, Zeb Davis
- 25-Andrew Aldridge, Jan Ashcraft, Dale Hancock
- 27-Annette Hagler, Vann Parker, Dwayne Tucker
- 28-Ralph Baker, Nichole Mills, Alexis Ross

Please contact the church office to update the Birthday List. Thank you!



### **FEBRUARY NURSERY WORKERS**

3rd- Kaylee Duke and Lacy Lee 10th- Sherry Nash and Vanna 17th- Kelly Baker and Brooke 24th- Lauren Davis and Mindy Jenkins



### FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS: For ages 2 to 5 years old.

2/3 Year Old's

4/5 Year Old's

3<sup>rd</sup>: Jennifer & Bob Selby

10<sup>th</sup>: Carla Bowers & Kaylee Duke

17th: Sherry & Vanna Nash

24<sup>th</sup>: Jen Myers & Kay Haigler

Lauren Davis & Mindy Jenkins

Kim Outen & Ashlyn Porter

Sheri Rodgers, Karlie, Ava Strawn

Peggy Smith & Kelly Baker



### Senior Adults of PBC Valentine Breakfast Beth's Restaurant in Pageland (Dutch treat) Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM

### Ladies Retreat 2019

"Be Still and Know"

March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Location: Ft. Caswell Cost: \$120

Sign up with Sherrie Anthony.

### 2018 Contribution Statements are available for pick up.

### 2019 Family Reunions, Weddings, Showers, etc.

As a reminder, if you would like to reserve the Family Life Center for your events this year, please fill out the Facility Use Request Form and turn into the folder in Pastor Caroll's mailbox located beside his office door. Thank you.

### **2019 FLOWER CALENDAR**



If you would like to place alter flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Ms. Ona Ruth Smith at 704-624-5740. Thank you.



Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will receive an offering for our local community shelter.



### February News

Things are really getting busy in our Awana clubs this time of year. We have clubbers that are already finishing their books. This is also the time of year that we go to Gear Up. **Gear Up** is Awana's version of Bible Drill. We will leave the church on **Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 to take the Truth & Training Club to Concord** for the meet. They will have several multiple-choice questions to answer and there is also the speed competition they will compete in. This will give the Clubbers a chance to show off what they have learned.

Our Trek & Journey Club will be traveling to Albemarle on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for Pinnacle. On this day they will have an opportunity to compete in the Bible Drill portion and there is also a Fine Arts competition they can enter. Singing, drawings, jewelry making, & musical instruments are all part of this competition.

On **February 24**<sup>th</sup> **we will have our Grand Prix Race.** There will be a class for all the Awana Club members and another class for any adult or youth that would like to compete. Please see Kathy or Jill if you need a car. We will have **two workshops to help the kids build their cars. They will be held on February 10**<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30. We need several mentors for the children. If you want to help in any way, please come to the workshops. This year we will have our church wide Race in February. Don't forget to save your car for the community wide race that will be held in April.

Let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way. Thank you for allowing your child to be part of Awana.

Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge

**Awana Ministry Leaders** 



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# **AWANA CLUB MEAL VOLUNTEERS**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lauren Davis & Mindy Jenkins

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Skyla & Doug Anderson

February 17<sup>th</sup>: Amona Sunday School Class

February 24<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Glidewell & Kara Keith

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