

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY (WEM)

The end of the year is going to be very exciting in Women's Ministry. We have a couple of special events planned for September, and a Bible study to begin in September or early October.

On [Sunday, September 2nd](#), our WEM will serve a church-wide breakfast. This will kickoff the [Sunday](#) morning breakfasts for the 2018-2019 school year. Now, we are not taking over from the men but wanted to treat them for a change. Of course, it will not be the usual menu. We do not want to compete with the men as they do such an awesome job. Please make plans to join us.

We will be learning how to make jellies. We will be making blueberry jelly, strawberry fig jelly, and pepper jelly. All the necessities will be provided, and you will be able to take some jelly home with you, plus we will be sampling some jellies with homemade biscuits and crackers. You will not want to miss this event.

We are also pleased to introduce our Winter Bible study: "UNANSWERED: LASTING TRUTH FOR TRENDING QUESTIONS", by Dr. Jeremiah J. Johnston. We had the privilege of hearing Dr. Johnston speak at our last women's conference. There are six sessions in this study.

If you have any questions about our women's ministry or events, please contact any of our leadership team: Lori Evans, Judy Helms, Meredith Cunningham or Michelle Herrin.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU)

One of my favorite Bible verses is Philippians 4:4, "*Rejoice in The Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice.*"

There was a story recently about a janitor in Kentucky whose son was stationed in Italy with a new baby that he had not seen. This janitor was kind to everyone he met and was always ready to go that extra mile for the students and staff. When they found that he had a need, the students' parents and school personnel collected donations for a ticket for Joe and his wife. In all, they collected \$1,900.00 and presented it to Jim at a "pep rally" that turned out to be a time to present Joe with the \$1,900.00 gift in cash for his trip. This was a time of pure joy! Joy not only for Joe but the students, parents and staff that had raised the money. What a joyful time! That is what God wants from us, "Rejoice in The Lord always."

One way to rejoice is by giving. II Corinthians 9:7b says, "God loves a cheerful giver."

The Margaret Lackey Offering is approaching, and the WMU has set our goal at \$3,000.00 this year. We would love to see that doubled.

Margaret Lackey was employed as the first salaried corresponding secretary of Mississippi WMU. The yearly budget for WMU was \$900.00, and she received a salary of \$50.00 a month. She had a vision of more organized efforts of women of the State. As offerings increased,

so did the ministries of the State, including children's camps, missionary mobilization, training volunteers in disaster relief and much more. The offering adds to and works hand-in-hand with evangelistic and charitable ministries funded through the co-operative program. Rejoice in The Lord for Margaret Lackey.



July 29th was our fifth Sunday to bring in our coins for **Pure Water, Pure Love**. Thank you so much for filling the large jug with dollar bills.

God bless you for "Rejoicing in The Lord always." "I will say it again, Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4

Carolyn Stewart, WMU Director

PURE WATER, PURE LOVE

July saw another fifth Sunday collection for Pure Water, Pure Love. It is so exciting to see people bringing in their coin-filled water bottles, and one snack can. It was also exciting to see "Ole Blue", our big blue 5-gallon water bottle, being filled.

We had another fifth Sunday fellowship with hotdogs, chili dogs and Frito & chili bowls. Dessert was ice cream and still hot fresh brownies. The fellowship was wonderful! Hardly anyone seemed to be in any hurry to leave.

By the end of the night, we had collected \$465.00 for PWPL! Thank you all so much for your generosity to our missionaries in this country and around the world. Our efforts help supply these missionaries and those they serve with clean water by making wells, purification systems and supply parts available to them. Our next fifth Sunday will be in September.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Everything is gearing up for Operation Christmas Child. We were unable to attend the first workshop held on Saturday, July 21st, but we hope to have a representative attending the workshop on Saturday, August 4th. This is a time to share ideas for promotion, fundraising, and much more. We will make details available to you as we receive them.

The shoeboxes are available now for ordering, and we will soon do so. We hope to fill at least 100 boxes again this year. We are certainly counting on each of you to help with this endeavor. You can help by getting a shoebox or two for you and your family to fill, or you can purchase items to bring to help fill additional or extra boxes. Also, monetary donations are appreciated. These can be used to buy additional items that may be needed to help defray the cost of sending the boxes.



Schools supplies are in the stores now with great sales ongoing. These make wonderful additions to your boxes. Also, watch for things such as flip flops going on sale. Other items that are good for the boxes are coloring books, t-shirts, toothbrushes (but nit toothpaste). We will try to add other ideas each month. Also, please watch for our display that will soon be set up in the church foyer.

God bless the little children, and God bless you for your participation in this effort.