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President's Corner!



Freedom!

What a privilege to live in this wonderful country; the USA. I

thank the

Lord for blessing us with the freedom to live in a country without dictatorship, the right to make our own decisions, but most of all the freedom to worship our God in the manner we each choose.

Our country was founded upon this as one of the principles and privileges of living in the USA. Many countries long for the freedom we have that is so often taken for granted by many in our country. I urge each of us to take extra time to thank the Lord for our United States of America and the grace and love He has shown to us. "In God We Trust" is printed on our money and we

as Christian women should proclaim this throughout our country. We want to remain a Christian nation showing the world that we do indeed "Trust in God."

Mattie

State Retreat!

Can you believe the retreat is just two months away? It seems like the summer is just flying by! And, hopefully you all are enjoying the warm weather and are having a safe, relaxing and fun time.

Applications for the retreat are due to Pauline Penix by August 10th. Another reminder that you need to send the \$35.00 deposit and Thursday's lodging if applicable. It's not always possible to make these deadlines lines, but please do your best. It will sure make Pauline's job easier. *For an e-mail copy of the application let Sherry McBroom know.*

From the Editor. . . . Sherry McBroom

I had hoped to have the newsletter out the first week in July, and I'm sorry that did not happen. I know this is a busy time of the year, and I did not have the articles in time to make my own new deadline. But, I'm sure as time goes on, we will all be more use to it.

I am happy to have something to report from all of our Michigan Missionaries this month. I know you are interested in what is going on with them, and it is a blessing to have their greetings.

I would still like to hear from you! I need information to put in the newsletter. If you would be willing to do a devotional, I would be thrilled to publish it. I did one last month and this month, but again, I want this ministry to be something you can all participate in.

District Presidents, please provide me with your meeting dates and any activities you may have planned. Help, Help, Help!

2009 MI State WAC Retreat

Friday and Saturday
September 18 & 19
Holiday Inn, French Quarters
Perrysburg, Ohio.

Come Thursday if you can!

Theme: "Promises of"

Seminars:

Salvation: Angela McGinnis
Strength: Katy Taylor
Sustaining: Sandra McGowan

Prayer Rooms:

Thursday Night: Leader: Sherry McBroom

Friday Night Prayer Rooms:

Encouragement: Sue Newton
Freedom: Amera Vanover
Energy: Barbara Bratcher
Peace: Vicki Paul
Renewal: Patty Ouding
Wisdom: Rosemary Fairchild
Forgiveness: Rose Evers
Pastor's Wife: open
"Teen Scene" new for our teen girls: Rebekah Seymour

Guest Speaker: Mona Dukes



Fellowship District

Mission Banquet

Saturday, November 7th

6:30 PM

West Wayne FWB

\$15.00 per person

Proceeds for Missionaries
Christmas gifts

Invitations will go out at a later date, but you might want to **Save the Date** now.

MI WAC Newsletter

Now on State
Association website:

www.mifwb.com

Look for the WAC
tab and find updates
and our newsletter.

**We appreciate
WNAC for all
they do for
FWB women
and missions.
Thank you!**



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From WNAC website!

Register now for National Retreat!

WNAC National Retreat
September 11, 12, 2009
REGISTER ONLINE

WNAC returns this fall to Branson, Missouri, for its 2009 National Retreat, but everything is new.

New Location: The Branson Hilton Convention Center Hotel, near the Branson Landing on Table Rock Lake, offers a host of shopping and restaurant options within walking distance.

New Format: Three main ses-

sions plus one small group break-out session afford more interaction. A Friday-Saturday only format allows more women opportunity to attend.

New Pricing: All inclusive package price makes this year's event more affordable. Package includes all retreat and registration fees, Friday night lodging and Saturday morning breakfast at the Hilton.

4 per room—**\$89 each**
3 per room—**\$99 each**
2 per room—**\$122 each**

Plus all WAC members receive a special \$10 discount off the package price.

New Speaker: Worship leader, singer, author and speaker Sandy Stiles calls herself a humble servant and daughter of the Most High God. Sandy has a heart for God and a heart for women. Sandy lives in Sherman, Texas where she leads Set Them Free Ministries, devoted to reaching out to incarcerated women. Hear her testimony, read her story and explore her ministries at www.sandystiles.net.

Who Am I? By Sherry McBroom

Ever wonder who you are? I mean, have you really stopped to think about it?

Well, I have to admit I really haven't done that so much until recently. Getting saved at an early age, and always being in church I just learned that God made me the way I am, and I pretty much accepted that. Of course, I have areas that need to be worked on that can only be changed with His help. But, I've never felt like I had to "find myself" and I'm content with the person I am.

In May, our church had an adult retreat and the theme was "Who Am I?". Sis. Mary Johnson did a devotion that got me to thinking more about it after the retreat was over. It really hit me "who I am". I made a list, and here's some of what I came up with. I am a: wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, niece, cousin, friend, neighbor, church member, club member, customer, patient, small business owner, teacher,

leader, musician, singer and speaker. That list pretty well encompasses "who I am" but, the most important is the one I didn't list and that is that I am a "child of God."

"A child of God" the most important role, the highest privilege, and the greatest responsibility I could ever have. All of the other things I am are in the shadow of this high honor.

On my own, I'm not worthy to be a "child of God" but Jesus died for my salvation and my acceptance of God's great gift made me worthy. Wow! "Who am I that a king should bleed and die for?" I love that song!

As a child of God, I have an awesome responsibility to show that identity in every other aspect of my life. As a wife, mother, etc. Everywhere I go, people should be able to identify me as a Christian. Something that happened a little over a month ago showed me how true this is.

My husband finally talked me

into going to the pain clinic for my back pain (he was already a patient). The first time I was there I met a male nurse named Nelson, and we were having a fun time joking around. He remembered me the next time I came in, and again we joked and laughed. The next time I saw him, it was my husband who was being treated. As before, we were joking with Nelson. Suddenly, as I sat next to Don's bedside, Nelson leaned over and quietly said "Can I ask you a question?" We said "of course." He said "Are you folks Christians?" Obviously, we said "yes". His reply "I knew it! I'm a Christian too, and you are always so much fun when you come in. Most people are rude and irritable and make it so hard for us."

That made an impact on me! It's important for us to realize first and foremost who we are in Christ! Someone we are connected too needs a smile, a kind word, encouragement, a testimony, or the plan of salvation. Think about it!

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A Message from Tim and Kristi Johnson – Spain

Dear Michigan ladies, (eaten dinner yet!)

Summertime is finally here in Spain! Here are TOP TEN ways that we know (not necessarily in any order):

1. The kids are finally out of school, as of June 23...YAY!
2. Our summer mission team (E-team Spain) has come and gone, with many positive results.
3. Evenings are very long, often with the sun setting at 10:00 at night.
4. Last night our ladies' Bible study ended right at midnight (and no one thought it was really late...some still hadn't

5. Plans are being made for our "Crocodile Dock" VBS the last week of July.

6. Regular schedules are being shifted and we've had more time to enjoy just "being" with people here in Alpedrete with these extra hours in the day.

7. Not only are we having a series of messages on "Exodus" in our church, but we are about to see the BIG EXODUS of people as they begin taking their summer vacations.

8. We know that the National Association of FWB's is coming up soon. (Kristi always feels a

little sad each year when we miss it!)

9. Outdoor cafes in the main plaza are full of people until late hours of the night while everyone enjoys the coolness of the evening.

10. This update is being written by Kristi while she sits beside an oscillating fan to keep her cool in this HOT, HOT weather.

Thanks to each of you for your faithful support to us during Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer. We couldn't be here without you!

Love, Tim, Kristi, Alejandro, and Ana

From the Andersons : Verlin and Debbie – Cote D'Ivoire

Hello, dear ladies in Michigan,

These are hectic days at our house. Verlin flew to Cote d'Ivoire on June 29th. When he arrived, there was no phone or email service and the water heater had died at the FWB Abidjan Guest House. As we missionaries from Africa love to say, WAWA (West Africa Wins Again!). A week later he was able to travel the 7 hours north to our house, and begin the unpacking there. Debbie and

Corbin will fly on July 13th, Monday, to join him.

These are exciting and exhausting days to minister in Africa, so we treasure your prayers and your encouragement. Pray that the Lord will work in mighty ways and use us as tools to accomplish His will in a very needy place, as we start a 4-year term. Pray for our two beloved college students that we leave behind, Cason and Cara, that they will continue to

follow the Lord faithfully and work hard. We are very pleased with their choices so far.

Thank you so much for all you do regularly to care for all your Michigan missionaries! We love and appreciate you.

Verlin, Debbie, and Corbin Anderson

A report from Steve and Becky Riggs – France

This is from a recent update that was sent out:

Dear Friends,
We received some disappointing news this week concerning our offer to rent a building for the church. It seems the owner has turned down the offer as apparently they have received a higher offer from someone else. So for the time being we are simply waiting, and continuing to keep our eyes open for other possibilities as well.

Please continue to pray with us that the Lord will provide the right place for this young church to grow and have a visible witness in the city.

Last week we benefited from the help of the E-Team (high school students who came on a Summer Mission assignment) members who came to France. With their help we distributed brochures to nearly 1000 homes introducing the new church in our area. Pray with us that some of these brochures will

fall into the hands of the right people who may be touched by the Gospel.

Thanks so much for your prayers, your financial support, and for your friendship. May God continue to meet all your needs.

Steve & Becky Riggs

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**Special Need for
the Provision
Closet this
coming year is:
Blankets
Please keep in
mind!**

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Greg and Lea
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Jeff and Charissa Isaacs send greetings from Battle Creek!

Friends,

After a long wait, the new church location is finally signed, sealed and delivered. We closed on the new building on Friday, June 19th. The renovation on the new building began June 25th. Thanks to a group from Kirby a large portion of the demolition was completed by the end of first day, paving the way for the new construction.

Many of you have been praying and supporting this project for months and we want to say thank you. God has been in every step along the way with this project.

Many times during the winter months when we were waiting for movement from the former owners of the building I wondered what the hold up was. While our new home was shrouded in snow we waited and wondered. Today it all became clear. As the workers began to tear down the damage

and prepare for renovation, the little league field across the street filled with families who were noticing the changes happening and a half a dozen families stopped to ask what we were doing and what the building would become. We got an opportunity on this 93 degree day to share our plans and vision with the neighbors and families who may become a part of our church soon. All this on the first day! This would not have been possible when we were buried under 18 inches of snow.

Today was a true example of the body of Christ serving in many ways. Some worked on the site carrying debris, others trimmed overgrown bushes outside. While still others cooked and opened their homes for the men to shower and rest. There were literally men and women aged 8-80 on site today. We are by no means finished with the work and still need your prayers and support. If you or a small group

from your church could volunteer for a day or a few days to work on the building it would be a tremendous help in reaching our goal of reaching Battle Creek for Christ.

Your Missionaries in Battle Creek,

Jeff, Charissa, Clay and Sarah Isaacs



An update from the Floars in Marquette!

Dear Michigan Ladies,

The church is doing well. Attendance has been a little off this summer, people have been vacationing quite a bit.

As most of you know, the teenager, Ben Carlson who has been battling cancer for the last two years went home to be with the Lord May 21st. His testimony throughout his illness was unbelievable! The night he went home, there were about 40 or so teenagers who came to the church. We are still unsure how they knew there were some of our church folks there praying. Bro Don Jandreau was there talking with them, trying to help comfort them by sharing the Gospel and praying with them. There were 27 teenag-

ers who accepted the Lord that night, Praise the Lord! There was an estimated 750 people who attended the visitation and 550 who stayed for the service. God blessed us with a beautiful day so we were able to have speakers in the courtyard and outside for those who were unable to sit inside the sanctuary. According to Greg, after the plan of salvation was given, there were dozens of hands raised to acknowledge accepting the Lord. Eternity will only tell what an impact that wonderful young man had in his short 18 years!

Please continue to pray for Ben's dear mom and dad, Rose and Duane and his sister Chelsea. With their help we have started a new teen ministry called "BC" Night every Friday

from 6 - 10 pm. There have been up to 40 kids there in an evening. Please pray for that new ministry as we reach out to the local teenagers.

God is truly blessing us. We want to thank each and every one of you who so faithfully pray and financially support us. Without you, it would be impossible for us to be here.

Please continue to pray for us as we disciple our people. We love and appreciate you!

Greg, Lea, Laura, Rachel and Caleb Floars