

May 2024 Newsletter

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Happy 136th Birthday to Women's Missionary Union



With a membership of approximately 1 million, WMU has become the largest Protestant missions organization for women in the world. **WMU's main purpose is to educate and involve adults, youth, children, and preschoolers in the cause of Christian missions.** Although originally geared towards women, girls, and preschoolers, both genders and multiple

cultures are active participants in WMU organizations and ministries today.

In May 1888, a movement began in the hearts of a group of women in a church basement with ripples ever since. This group vowed to take up missions on the home front and abroad. During the meeting of the *Southern Baptist Convention* in Richmond, Virginia, a group of women delegates from 12 states gathered at the Broad Street United Methodist Church and organized the "Executive Committee of the Woman's Mission Societies," an auxiliary group to the *Southern Baptist Convention*. Annie Armstrong was elected as the first corresponding secretary. Conversation inevitably led to the trials and joys that Lottie Moon (1840-1912) was experiencing in China, where she served as missionary for forty years (1873-1912).

For 136 years, the offerings of women and girls have led to unknown numbers of prayers raised, training materials and curricula being written and published, and millions of dollars raised to support Southern Baptist missions work. Today, WMU is headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama.

On May 14, WMU will celebrate Founders Day in a public way to inspire missions-minded Christians to share the gospel of Jesus Christ at home and with the world. **Individually and together, let's make Jesus known! Thus, is the Great Commission.**



Mission Trip Opportunity November 20-24, 2024

Interested in a mission trip? There will be an information meeting on Monday, May 13 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come to find out more information and have your questions answered.

What: Thanksgiving Community Meal

Where: The Lord's Cafe in Stearns, Ky



Accommodations: America's Great Value Inn. Single rooms or up to 4 in a room available.

Activities: Work alongside volunteers from all across the United States to support a community Thanksgiving meal that is held the weekend BEFORE Thanksgiving in the community of Stearns Ky, the poorest county in the US. Last year over 1500 meals were served!

Other opportunities:

- Visit Cumberland Falls
- Tour an Appalachian Coal Mine
- A special meal at the Riverview Restaurant
- Worship with Crossroads Community Baptist Church
- Tour the Light Community a community of tiny homes operated by Pastor Grant Hasty

How to Sign up: Sheet in the atrium if you are interested in attending.



Contact Person: Lou Anne Griffin

BUSINESS MEETING

May 12th

**Deacon of the Month
Mark Love**

Sunday School & Worship Attendance for April 2024

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
4/7/24	65	92
4/14/24	62	84
4/21/24	90	98
4/28/24	74	91



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule: 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 4:00 Echoes of Mercy 6:00 Youth Meeting	Wednesday Night Schedule 6:00 Acteens 6:30 FSBC Knights Club 6:30 Mid-week Service 7:00 RA's 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal					
5 Guest Preacher: Dr Sandy Marks Birthdays: Berkley Mitchell, Remington Thomas	6 Birthdays: Lydia Phillips	7 6:30 Bible Journaling 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	8 5:30 Family Night Meal Birthdays: Nicholas Wade	9 Birthdays: Calla Phillips	10 Birthdays: Marleigh Patterson	11 Birthdays: Pam Blume
12 Mother's Day 8:00 Mother's Breakfast 11:00 Business Meeting No Youth Meeting Birthdays: Debbie McFarland	13 6:15 Hands & Feet 7:00 Kentucky Mission Trip Informational Meeting Birthdays: Patrecia Porter	14	15 Birthdays: Mike Burns, Donnie Hickman, Brent Smith	16 Birthdays: Caitlynn Bridges	17 Birthdays: Terri Wilkins	18
19 Children's Day Graduate Recognition and Luncheon 11:30 Children's End of Year Celebration 6 - 8 Youth Game Night Birthdays: Anna Lambeth	20 10:00 Dorcas Sew Day	21	22 Final Children and Youth Missions Meeting and Party Birthdays: Breanna Godwin, GW Kemp	23 7:00 Diaconate Meeting Birthdays: Cayce Schoolcraft	24 Birthdays: Grace Walker	25 Birthdays: Laurn Boisvert
26 No Youth Meeting	27 Office Closed 	28	29 NO Children and Youth Mission Meeting Birthdays: Breanna Godwin, GW Kemp	30 11:00 Birthday Buddies Birthdays: Joey Surles, Rodney Wilder	31 Birthdays: Brad Boisvert, Neal Jones	Birthdays: Renee Wilder

Mark your Calendar
Vacation Bible School
 "Diving Into a Friendship with God"
 Sunday, July 28 through Wednesday, July 31

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Students of the Month
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