



WMU RIPPLES



*From Little River Association
Fall, 2018*

WMU Celebration

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend our **WMU Celebration** event to be held September 18, 2018, at 7:00 PM, First Baptist, Buies Creek, NC. This will be a combined inspirational and learning experience. Our speaker will be Deborah Taylor, who currently serves as Vice-President of WMUNC.

Also included in the evening will be tables set up for each age-level missions organization, with any new information and helps for current leaders. Please encourage all your women, including teens, to be present.

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

Each year, we pray and learn together as we remember our sisters all over the world on the first Monday of November. We call it *Baptist Women's Day of Prayer*, and this year it will be on November 5. It is a special time on all continents. We want to have groups meeting in different areas of our association so we encourage you to consider having a meeting in your church.

These meetings could be in the morning, at lunch time, in the afternoon, or in the evening. Refreshments are optional. Varying these times will make it easier for different people. Please pray about this and talk with your women. Contact Dorothy Barham, 910-814-7557, if you feel led by God to host a meeting.

Mission Projects

Thanks to all who always participate in our monthly mission projects. Listed below are those for this fall. If you have any questions, please call Beanie Roberts, 919-639-9402

August: We are in the process of collecting the food items for the Buddy Backpacks that you

should have received an email about. Please bring the small items such as ravioli, spaghetti, mac and cheese, juice boxes, raisins, fruit cups, pudding cups, crackers, individual cereal boxes, etc. to the Association office by August 30.

September: Once again, we will be collecting money for the camouflaged bandanas printed with Psalm 91, for the military. If you would like to get some of the wonderful stories of how these have blessed our military, go to the website: *Operation Bandanas*. You will want to have a part in this ministry. Money due in Association office by September 27.

October: Our contribution to the Red Boxes, given to women in prison, this year is knit gloves. These are to be one-size fits all and we have promised 500 from our association. We want to bring a smile to women who may not get another gift at Christmas. They are due by October 18.

November: Christmas cards for the inmates of Harnett Correctional Center. We know the rules – cards that depict the true meaning of Christmas; who Jesus is and why He was born. Religious pictures on the front without something inside that gives the message of Christ is NOT SUFFICIENT. This may be the only witness of Jesus Christ that these men get. Two thirds of the cards should be unsigned; one-third signed with the name of the church. Do not seal the envelopes and put the card in the flap of the envelope. Due by November 16.

December: International Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and Operation Christmas Child boxes. Encourage your church to participate.

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Prayer Retreat

Please mark your calendars for the date of our annual Prayer Retreat which is scheduled for March 23, 2019, at Agape Retreat Center, Fuquay Varina, NC. We have met there before and our ladies always enjoy the facilities and the food. More information will be sent later, but we just want everyone to have their calendars marked with the date.

Tarheel Talk

If you or any of your women are not receiving *Tarheel Talk*, please contact the WMU office in Raleigh and give them addresses. It is encouraging to see all the missions and ministries being done through WMU. We often see people listed there from our association. It is important for us to be informed so that we can pass along these events and ideas to others, and participate in them.

Camp Mundo Vista and Retreat Center

If you have not visited the WMU Camp Mundo Vista and Retreat Center recently, you should schedule a visit. Much work and improvement is being done and more events being planned. Go to "Camp Mundo Vista" website to see some of these. Included soon are:

- Children's Ministry Day: October 12-13
- Father/Son Retreat: November 2-4

We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of CMV in June, 2019. Look for more information.

2018-2019 Theme

The new theme for next year is "Unshakable Pursuit" and the Project Help ministry is "Refugees". Information on both of these is in the Year Book (WMU Planning Guide) and other materials. The theme book is a devotional book, "*Unshakable Pursuit*", by *Grace Thornton*". We encourage you to use these in your groups. What a blessing they will be!