



Mona's Musings

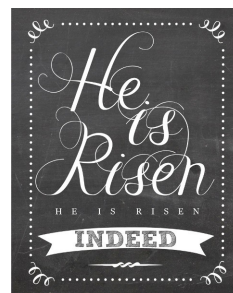
"She [is] more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." | Proverbs 3:15

My dear Sisters in Christ, as I attempt to calm my busy brain, I want to tell you how important you are to me. It was just a few years back when our dear friend, Melissa Newberry, started calling us Sisters in Christ! I love that! It makes me feel close to you all. Perhaps many of you don't know that my dear sister, Libby, unexpectedly died from heart failure four years ago. On many days, I miss her more than words can express, but I do not long for her because I have each one of you who has taken her space within my heart! Even though I do not have a familial sister, I have many Sisters in Christ! I'm so grateful for each one of you!

I'm getting so very excited about the summer conference on June 2-3 at First Baptist Church, Parsons. The church is perfect for our worship and workshop meetings. The conference

committee has been working to create a worshipful, enlightening, fun event with an amazing speaker, Sunne Ryse Smith. The workshops will be creative, interesting, and informative. The mini-project will be the Care Cupboard Hygiene Pantry that is housed at FBC Parsons! I pray that many of you make the effort to attend. Perhaps you might be thinking that it is too far to drive for a two-day conference, but I want to impress upon those of you who might be traveling 4 hours or more how many times people from the southeast corner of Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas have traveled in the past just to be together. My prayer is that you will find a "dear Sister in Christ" and come join the excitement!

Soon the trees, grass and flowers will be in full-bloom. Easter is just around the corner. I will be praying that each one of you will have a wonderful, spirit-filled Holy Week, and that you take advantage of various services your church or other churches in your area will be providing. May the Holy Spirit fill your heart now and in the days ahead!



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2022-2023 Project

"The Liberian children would just like a decent place to learn."

I realize it's been some time since project has been addressed. The children at the Antioch Baptist School in Liberia need a place where they can learn. Our project money would go a long way in providing that. We sometimes forget how easy it is for most children to get an education here in the United States. Our schools have heat when needed and air conditioning also when needed. The Liberian children would just like a decent place to learn.

Ladies, let us remember our childhood memories (hope they were good ones) and help the children in Liberia have a good school experience. Please review the videos that are on our website by Jessica and the pastor & his wife from Paola who visited Liberia. One of our scholarship students, Jessamine Grueter, and her father, Ivan, just came back from Liberia. These are very good resources.

Thank you for your contributions to this very worthy project. Our monies to date are \$5,706.20.

Barbara Westfall, Project Chairman
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Conference Mini-Project

Care Cupboard Hygiene Pantry

An outreach ministry of the First Baptist Church, Parsons. Members of the church support the pantry by donating products and/or making cash donations. Donations are tax deductible and may be mailed to FBC, 1621 Main, Parsons, KS 67357. **You may bring donations to the conference or place cash in the empty container at the display.**

Items needed are:

- Bars of soap
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Baby lotion
- Diapers & wipes
- Baby wash
- Hand lotion
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream & razors
- Tampons
- Feminine pads
- Body wash
- Band aids
- Tissues
- Adult incontinence briefs/pad
- Pump hand soap



2023 Summer Conference

Theme: Let the Walls Fall Down

Date: June 2-3, 2023

Location: First Baptist Church, Parsons

Guest Speaker: Dr. Sunne Syse Smith

inspirationmattersco.com



It is not too soon to think about making hotel reservations.

Parsons has the following hotels:

Holiday Inn Express (844) 898-3258

Quality Inn (620) 421-6126

Best Western Parsons Inn (620) 423-0303

Claire Bolton
1 West 89th St, KC MO 64114-3104
816-589-4678
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Personal Development & Love Gift

A Simple Formula For Living

Live beneath your means.
Return everything you borrow.
Stop blaming other people.
Admit it when you make a mistake.
Give clothes not worn to charity.
Do something nice & try not to get caught.
Listen more; Talk less.
Every day take a 30 minute walk.
Strive for excellence, not perfection.
Be on time. Don't make excuses.
Don't argue. Get organized.
Be kind to unkind people.
Let someone cut ahead of you in line.
Take time to be alone.
Cultivate good manners.
Realize and accept that life isn't fair.
Be humble.
Know when to keep your mouth shut.
Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.
Learn from the past. Plan for the future.
Live in the present.
Don't sweat the small stuff.
It's all small stuff.

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Registration Forms for
Summer Conference
can be found on our
web page at

abwmcr.org

Register Early!



Easy Peasy!
Save your \$1.00
bills where the
serial number
begins with a L
or a G for your
Love Gift
offerings.

Bible Book for April
Jeremiah



Do you know how to use
Quickbooks? Please contact one
of the nominating committee
members and say "YES" to be-
coming the new ABWMCR
treasurer starting in August
2023 through August 2026.
Contact:

Magada Craven
Alice Gruber
Jan Sipe

ABWM National News



God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing,
through the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.
(<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=27>)

With gratitude, Gina
Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain
Executive Director

Missions & Service, Special Interest Missionary, White Cross

Mission and Service Ministries

What do you think of when Mission and Service are mentioned in connection to church or AB Women's Ministries? These are my thoughts-

Make an impact
Investigate needs of community
Send messages to Global Servants and Special Interest Ministries
Scholarships
Inspire Missionaries and Global Servants
Online learning
No greater gift than to give
&
Serve alongside others
Every person is special
Reflect on the Bible
Valued as a servant of God
Imagine the possibilities
Care about God's world
Enjoy the opportunities

White Cross

April 10 – Local White Cross Report (3 pages)
due to Association White Cross Associate
April 15 – Assoc. White Cross reports due to me

American Baptist Women's Ministries
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Scholarships Available

American Baptist Women's Ministries has limited scholarships for girls, young adult women, and women to attend the workshop.
Applications are due on April 1, 2023.

Learn more at our Domestic Violence Training and Certification
Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00am EDT - 5:30pm EDT

Apply at www.abwomensministries.org/events
or call 610-768-2288 for more information

The American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) is offering scholarships for a domestic violence training & certification workshop. The workshop will be held from Saturday, April 29th, online virtually or in person in Detroit, MI.

Scholarships are available for girls, young adult women, and women to attend the workshop. Scholarships will only be used towards the program registration fee. Applications must be completed online using the following link: [Click here to apply](#). Questions can be directed to info@abwministries.org.

April 30 – White Cross year ends
Please be timely!

Global Servant Specials/ Special Interest Missionaries

The board discussed the specials for next year and a few have been added. Please let me know if you would like to see anyone added to the list. The list and details will be available at the Conference.

Hopefully your Easter cards are in the mail. Our year ends on August 31 st so use your current list for specials until then.

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Association Announcements and Reports

New Ministry for Young Women in the Central Region

We are a group of women in the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region who share a vision of discipling women in the Christian faith. Our primary focus is on the younger generations of women, but all women, no matter the age are welcome!

“There is vision for online bible studies/book studies, in person small and large gatherings, as well as retreats in the future. After wrestling with a name...the Lord has given me "Rooted" as a name...based on Eph 3:14-19 and Col. 2:6-7.

The mission of ABWM and Rooted are slightly different. Rooted is focused on discipleship, and ABWM is focused on mission and service...but my hope is one will feed the other...and that those who have not found a place otherwise can find a niche in Rooted. And, that we can raise up several generations of women who are equipped to live, work, serve, and raise children for God in this ever complex world. I would love for the ABWM circles to be holding us up in prayer, and encouraging women in their church to attend. Hopefully we can meet a need for many.”

Please find more information at the new website www.rootedwmn.org



Led by Jessica Henks



This page is for announcements and reports of the Associations. Please send me your rally announcements, pictures and happenings of your different associations. It will be good to give ideas to other associations.

Tri-River Association

Welcome Spring, and Welcome ABW Women!! Praying that each of you have had a good 2023 so far and that you're enjoying the spring weather!!

Our SPRING RALLY will be here soon—April 24! We are excited to get to gather at First Baptist Church Manhattan. Their church has been undergoing some renovations and we're all going to have the opportunity to enjoy their facility together!

1. Registration will begin at 9:30 with the rally starting at 10 am.
2. Our mini project will be for the FBC Manhattan's Children's Ministry. Items needed for the summer and Children's Church include boxes of crayons, markers, bubbles, mini playdough, and children's Bibles (Adventure Bible or The Beginner's Bible).
3. We will receive our love gift offering at the spring rally.
4. Our program will be presented by Becky Nevergold. Becky is an active member at First Baptist Topeka and is a retired administrator and elementary school educator. Our 2021-2023 ministry focus, Let the Walls Fall Down, will be the subject of the program.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!! Prayers for safe travels, for wonderful fellowship, and for First Baptist Manhattan as they host us!

Blessings,
Gayle Smith
Tri-River President.



For information about all of the happenings go to our web page

abwmcr.org



AB GIRLS PRAISE WEEKEND at White Memorial Camp
Speakers: Janaya and Jayla McIntosh, college students at Muskogee College
Registration and permission forms are on abwmcr.org

*It's Almost Time for the annual
ABW Silent Auction!!*

The AB GIRLS Silent Auction at the ABWCR Summer Conference helps fund the All Girls Praise Weekend sponsored by the AB GIRLS of the Central Region. And we need your help!

Much of our budget to hold the weekend comes from money raised from the silent auction held during the ABW Summer Conference.

We have been blessed by the talent and creativity of the women of the Central Region in the past. We hope we can rely on your support again this year!

We would like to ask for donations for the auction. Do you sew or knit or crochet or paint or have a favorite book? Or would you want to put a gift basket together? We also accept regifted items!

We would especially appreciate themed gift baskets! Use those wonderful imaginations and surprise us. We can tell you that the following baskets brought in the best bids: game basket, gardening baskets, coffee/tea baskets, coloring baskets, and chocolate baskets.

Thank you again for your previous support and we look forward to this year's Silent Auction! Please bring your donations to Conference or contact one of the AB GIRLS co-coordinators if you need help getting your donation to Conference.

Sincerely,

Cindy Fritz – 1-785-820-1640

Kami Minor- 816-916-5264

Jordan Fritz – 1-785-342-0539

Church and Community

Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship Application & Guidelines

Sponsored by the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Central Region (ABWMCR)

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have a passion to serve the Lord in whatever way He leads and are active members of an American Baptist Church in the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission. Currently scholarships are \$500.00/semester for full-time students **or** \$250.00/semester for half-time students.

The Mary Gates Atkinson scholarships were originally given to those enrolled in courses that provided training for pastoral or other Christian vocation. The ABWMCR board recognizes in today's world most pastors need a second profession to provide for their family and repay the high costs of education. International missionaries also now need a profession (agricultural, medical, educational, etc.) that can be used while they are witnessing of Jesus' love and saving grace. When pastoral ministry is a person's passion, the ministry education is usually in seminary. Thus, the AB Women's Ministries Board has eliminated the original requirement.

The Mary Gates Atkinson scholarships were also originally given to students who attended an ABC college. The ABWCR board recognizes students often need to choose an institution other than an ABC college for financial reasons. ABWCR expects scholarship recipients will attend and serve in an ABC church. Preference is given to those attending an ABC-affiliated college. Seminary students must be attending Central Baptist Seminary or another ABC-affiliated seminary.

Awards are granted for one semester at a time and paid directly to the college or seminary. Recipients may be considered for renewal provided they continue to fulfill qualification requirements, make normal progress toward graduation, and continue to need financial assistance.

*The scholarship committee usually does not personally know the student. The committee depends on those in leadership who know the applicant best. *Therefore, to be considered for the Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship, the applicant must provide a letter from the applicant's ABCCR pastor explaining the applicant's passion for the ministry of Christ, along with the applicant's use of their gifts in the local church and/or community and how the applicant has influenced or has been influenced by peers.

If questions arise, please contact Valerie Terrazas at:

valrp14@gmail.com or 620-521-2974

Completed Application, Applicant Photo, and Pastor's Reference Letter

DUE: MAY 1. 2023

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*** APPLY BY MAIL OR E-MAIL TO:**

ABWCR Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship, c/o Valerie Terrazas 950 N Jennie Barker RD Lot 132 Garden City, KS 67846 valrp14@gmail.com

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Address: _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Age: ____ Date of Birth: Month ____ Day ____ Year _____ Place of Birth: _____

Church Membership: _____ City/State: _____

If this is a student membership, what is your home church? _____

High School Attended: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

College or Seminary Attended: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

Major: _____ Year in School: _____

*** Applicant must attach a personal statement, used to prepare a pen sketch, which includes at least the following:**

- A. God's call on your life and how you believe He is leading you professionally.
- B. How you anticipate being able to use this profession for God's glory.
- C. Special talents, interests and/or hobbies.
- D. How you have served God in your church and community.
- E. Family members: parents, sibling(s), spouse, children. If married, give the name and occupation of your spouse, including birth and wedding anniversary dates. Give names and ages of any children and include birth date of each.
- F. Any immediate or special financial needs.

***Applicant must:**

1. Have enrolled and been accepted at least as a half-time student. (Half-time \$250/Full-time \$500 per semester.)
2. Maintain at least a "C" average for one year before applying for the scholarship is available only for (half-time/full-time students) sophomores, juniors, or seniors.
3. Attend and be active in an American Baptist Church of the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC National Mission.
4. Submit a 2" X 3" black and white, color, or digital photograph.
5. Be willing to relate to local AB Women's Ministries groups through correspondence, responding, giving news and acknowledging gifts, and be willing to share/speak at their programs when requested, as time allows.
6. Supply a reference letter from applicant's ABCCR pastor reflecting the applicant's passion for serving Christ and applicant's use of gifts in the local church and/or community - **DUE BY MAY 1, 2022.**

I, the applicant, agree to the above: _____

Applicant's Signature

Date