

**Women on Missions Salem WMU
NEWSLETTER for April 2020**

The April Salem W.M. U. Quarterly Meeting will be **cancelled. We will not meeting again until July 21, 2020. May's West Point Block Party will be changed to another time to be determined at a later date.**

Brandenburg Nursing Home and Rehab Birthday Parties

Please check with Samantha to see if you can host the birthday party or if items may be purchased and given to the Nursing home for them to serve to the residents.

April – Raymond Baptist

Elaine Dowell 547-2061

May – Blue River Island Baptist

Elaine Cole 547-6634

June – Ekron Baptist

Robin Warren 422-8033

July – Buck Grove Baptist

Tammy Butler 270-998-0061

Contact Activities Director – Samantha Coates at 422-2148 cell (270) 980-9025 or Email address Samantha.Coates@BrandenburgNursing.com to arrange your time and get your birthday folks names. Food must be store bought due to HepA restrictions. Cupcakes and punch work well as they are easy to serve. If problems, contact **Betsy Keys 270-201-6238**.

**Please pass the cancellation along to your pastors, secretaries, and conger-
gation. Thanks and stay safe.**

Betsy Keys, Director

Salem Association WMU Quarterly Minutes

January 21, 2020

The Salem Association Quarterly WMU Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Buck Grove Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. 24 members and 1 guest were present.

Call to order by Betsy Keys with the reading of the watchword and a Prayer.

Welcome was given by Katrina Crutcher and prayer by Brother Dave Campbell.

Karen Withers led the music and Bonita Reed accompanied on the piano. We sang a medley of Children's Songs. Special Music was played by Bonita during the offering.

Program: Mr. William Townsend, the Director of Religious Education at Fort Knox was our speaker. In his job Mr. Townsend works with all the Chaplains but he's been in mission work for many, many years in Brazil. Originally from Houston, TX, his first mission trip was to Mexico while he was in college without any money. His cousin was going and invited him to come too. He had no idea how he could pay for the trip but two weeks later the church used a scholarship fund they had to send two missionaries and he was one of them. For fifteen years, he traveled with his wife to Brazil twice a year and they did street missions, puppeteering, clowning, medical tests and provided sandwiches and hot chocolate as natives watched the three-hour long Jesus movie. William's wife passed away from breast cancer in 2007. After that it became impossible for him to get a visa and travel with his church group. He tried many ways to get into Brazil finally going in to help with the Brazilian Baptist Convention. He searched the internet to get a connection to help him in future years. Hershel Malcolm was the man. He was in the Houston conciliate and liaison to Brazil. In the meantime his church kept going and came home and said they found a perfect wife for him. She worked in mission in Brazil and was from there. She had lost her husband and endeared herself to the church folks by inviting them to her ranch for dinner and fellowship. As you might imagine, God provided a way and they are now happily married and still serving the Lord. We were encouraged to cherish the moment and keep working for the Lord, sighting our watchword.

Devotion and Prayers: Katrina spoke about our many spiritual gifts and the giver of the gifts, God. How can we question the wisdom of God or doubt His ability to give us what we need? Missionaries with birthdays and local prayer requests were covered in prayer.

Unfinished Business:

Betsy thanked all those that worked, donated, or prayed for the Christmas Shopping Spree and told what a good time she had.

We had a report on the delivering of the back packs to Eastern Kentucky. 50 backpacks were delivered. An indoor carnival was held with the inflatables and scooter animals from the association trailer, the Christmas story was told, Ekron youth helped make it a great party. It was held in an old elementary school so weather wasn't a problem. They even did crafts led by Genny Poe.

October, we had a discussion about having all evening meetings. Many of our members do not drive at night. Betsy though maybe we could switch the July meeting to evening since it would be light and just leave the January meeting daytime. Robin Warren made a motion. June Jarvis Seconded. We voted and motion was passed.

New Business:

Joyce Nott is going on a mission trip to the Amazon. Robin Warren made a motion to give her \$200.00 towards expenses. Betsy Keys seconded. We voted; motion carried.

Heather Dumont is going to Ethiopia on a mission trip. Norma Wooden made a motion to give her \$200.00 and Katrina Crutcher seconded. Also, if anyone has a laptop they no longer need, Heather will take it to a college student. Just let her know. Discussion followed; vote passed.

Minutes, Treasurer & Scholarship Reports were printed. General Fund Balance: \$ 429.10 Scholarship Balance: \$ 1,313.03. Motion was made by Robin Warren and seconded by Katrina Crutcher to accept these Reports. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Robin Warren encouraged us to do something for February 15th Children's Day for mission projects.

Door prizes were drawn by Mr. Townsend and candy was given to Becky Menken and June Jarvis; journals were given to Karen Withers and Sue Reesor; and Pat Allen received candles.

Next meeting will be at Ekron Baptist in April to plan the Associational Block Party to be held in May.

July's meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at New Brandenburg and October's meeting will be the 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Rock Haven.

Thanks to the Buck Grove ladies for provided wonderful soups and drinks and we all had a great time.

Submitted by June Jarvis, Secretary