



Ten Mile Associational W.M.U. Newsletter- November 15, 2020 “ Relentless”

Hello and good morning everyone,

Our theme for the 2020-2021 WMU year is “Relentless”. How appropriate for such a time as this. What a year we have had with the virus, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and the election. In September Tony went to Alabama to do Disaster relief for a week and then in October we both got to go to Louisiana to do disaster relief after the hurricanes in those areas. We saw lots of huge pecan and Live oak trees on houses that we cut up and dragged to the curb so city trucks could pick them up. We saw a man who was in very poor health, give his life to Christ and were able to witness and do service for many others who were very appreciative. We came back from Louisiana with Covid however and were sick for two weeks. It is a rough virus but God was with us during this time. The pastor of First Baptist Church of New Iberia, Louisiana where we stayed, got the virus also and passed away. Please be in prayer for the family of Bro. Ed Downs. What a servant of God!

Let’s be Relentless this year for our Lord!

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International Mission Study- Mexico City:

Our Mexico City study has been CANCELLED. We have cases of Covid in some of our churches so we do not want to spread it around. We will try to reschedule it in the new year if we can. I want as many to come as possible. In the meantime, please be praying for the missionaries in Mexico City.

Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 29-December 6:

Our Mission Mosaic magazine has a missionary featured each day during the Week of prayer. Make sure you read one each day and pray for that missionary. Also there will be videos, and other

resources at www.imb.org/LMCO for you to use. This year is the 175th anniversary of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and our goal is \$175 million dollars. Women Missionary Union members have been writing letters just as Annie and Lottie did to encourage the churches who have not recently given, to give this year. It is a large goal and it has never been that big before. The International mission Board would like to send out 500 new missionaries in 2021 and will be able to do that if we reach our goal. Please pray about what you give and try to increase it this year.

Sorting items for Nursing Home Project and Team meeting:

Our churches are busy now collecting items for our nursing homes. We will meet together on December 3 to sort our items and box them up for each home. We will sort beginning at 10:30, eat a pitch in lunch (I will bring a pot of soup) and then have our team meeting in the afternoon following the meal. Please come join us on that day. We will probably not be able to go into the Nursing Home and set the items up this year like we normally do but we will deliver the items anyway and the staff will give them out. **Please have your children make cards to go to each patient with the gifts.**

Quarterly meeting is to be on January 12 at 10:30 at Ten mile:

We will make plans at a later date about the program and activity for this meeting as we learn about the situation of Covid in our association at that time. Hopefully we will be able to have a speaker and do a mission activity since it will be in the daytime.

Children's Ministry Day is February 15th:

What better way to be like Jesus than to serve just as Jesus served? Children's Ministry Day is February 15th, 2021 and what a great day that would be to teach the children in your church how to serve their community by doing acts of love to people who live near them. The theme this year is "REACH OUT". If we are still suffering from the effects of Covid, encourage your children to do something for a nearby neighbor, make cookies and deliver them to the front porch or do an outside chore for a neighbor. Ideas in the Mission leader Planning Guide include making bookmarks from discarded books or magazines to take to the public library. (Put them in a basket for Library patrons to get, put a message about Jesus on the bookmark), take zip lock bags of laundry detergent and dryer

sheets to the laundry mat and put a note in it that says, "Jesus Loves You and so do we", write thank you notes to community helpers to give out to people who work in their community such as post office worker, store owner, firefighters and police. If Covid is over, let the children deliver the bookmarks, laundry detergent or note of thanks and talk with the people they are ministering to.

News from our churches:

Sparta:

Sparta Baptist hired Bro. Steve Ellis as interim pastor. We have a dedicated group of people serving on the pulpit committee as the spirit guides their search.

We filled 50 backpacks for the Ky. Backpack project and took them to Northern Ky. associational office.

Sparta Baptist held a Women's Event on Nov. 6. Women invited a friend to join in a fun fall fellowship activity painting decorative door hangers for their home.

Our church is collecting Thanksgiving offering for the Sunrise Children's Home. For Christmas our NFB Sunday night Mission group is going to send personal gifts to the Sanders Men's Home. They also plan to send Christmas cards to the Gallatin Health Care residents. This group is continuing to work toward the Mile of Pennies for Sunrise Children's Home. So far \$150.00 has been collected by this group toward the \$888.64 needed for the mile. By Bonnie Humphries.

Mt. Zion:

A ladies Sunday school class filled 10 backpacks. We have filled 51 shoe boxes for Samaritan shoebox ministry. Paul Marksberry has been sick and Bro. Steve Kinman has been supplying for us. We took up a love offering for the International Gideon Society and plan on celebrating foreign missions in December and collecting for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. By Garlene Haley

Pleasant Home

Pleasant Home Baptist Church is excited to announce that we have called a Youth Pastor. Brother Tom Sims is now leading our youth of around 20 teens. God is good! By Cara Wilson

Glencoe:

We are so thankful for how God has blessed us. First, we are grateful to be back together as a church family to study, worship, and pray together. Second, we are glad to be able to live stream our worship services so we can share God's story with everyone. Third, as a part of Christmas-in-August, we were happy to have the opportunity to send gift cards to a church plant in Mason, Ohio, and, in October, to fill 10 backpacks and send them to Northern Kentucky for children who will hear about Jesus' love. As we prepared to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, we were blessed to

have Patricia Rodriguez from Northern Kentucky OCC share with the church how our shoeboxes impact the world. She helped us realize how important each box is and the far-reaching effect one box can have on a child, their family, and the community. That made us more thankful that, even with a shutdown and illnesses, we were able to collect enough items throughout the year to fill 101 shoeboxes, pray over each one, and send them on their way to children somewhere in the world. One hundred one children who will hear the story of how much Jesus loves them and who will hopefully tell their families. As part of Thanksgiving, we appreciate the ability to give out meals to some of the families in our community. We look forward to hearing about the work of our international missionaries and to participating in the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The church continues to pray for all those who are suffering and to believe that God has a plan even in this difficult time. By Dona Roberts

New Bethel. We met our Eliza Broadus offering of \$1200 and shared a video clip each week about the mission work for which this money is used.

We had a Coat Drive and received many gently used coats which we sent to the “In My Father’s House” mission center in Duff, Tennessee.

At the end of October we were able to put together a drive thru Trunk or Treat. We had 100+ children who were driven through our parking lot and safely filled buckets of candy. Along with their candy they were given a Gospel Tract called, “God’s plan For Me” and at strategically located tents along the drive thru, children and parents were handed color specific candies in bags with Bible verses in them. The Bible verses walked them through the Gospel message. The dark candies represented our sin. The red candies represented Christ’s blood which He shed to pay for our sins. The white candies showed how we are washed clean from our sin when we ask for forgiveness. The yellow candy represented heaven and eternal life and the green candies were a reminder that we should grow our relationship with Jesus when we become a Christian.

We have been very busy in November. We delivered 81 Christmas backpacks to be distributed in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. We also were happy that we were able to deliver 27 Christmas gift bags to the Sunrise Boys Home in Danville. We have just finished our Operation Christmas Shoe Box ministry. We had a packing party on November 7th and filled 695 boxes and will take them to the distribution center on Wednesday, November 18th. Our Reapers Sunday School Class challenges all of us to be involved and they work throughout the year to collect items and they make many items to put in the boxes. We prayed over each box and it is our prayer that every child and family who receives a box will be able to learn of the good news of Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him.

Now we are looking forward to December and are making some different plans to comply with Covid 19 rules. We will do a Tree Lighting night on December 11th. This is a community event where we put up a Christmas tree that is donated by our local businesses. We will share a live Nativity and scriptures which will point people to the real reason we have Christmas. We will hand out hot chocolate and bagged cookies to each attendee.

We will celebrate the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Our offering goal is \$2,000. We did not make plans to take items to the nursing homes. We will recognize our community shut-ins.

New Bethel has gone to one worship service which is at 10 A.M. each week. Our Sunday school classes meet either before or after that time. We ask people to wear a mask and to social distance and each person gets their temperature taken when they enter. We provide the worship service on Facebook and our website for those who cannot attend. So far this has worked for us. We do Prayer meeting/Bible study at 7:00 P.M. each Wednesday.

There are so many verses that give us encouragement. One of my favorites is: Therefore, my beloved brothers/sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1Corinthians 15:58

Submitted by Charolette Kemper

Vine Run: We had to modify how we usually do the Christmas Backpacks this year but we still were able to fill 12 backpacks despite our goal only being 5! Some people filled their own backpacks, donated items or donated money so we could buy the items. We collected \$923 for the Eliza Broadus Offering which is about \$200 more than last year!

In recognition of Global Hunger month we collected an offering as well as many non perishable food items to donate to Helping Hands in Williamstown.

We welcomed IMB missionary Roy M. to speak on Nov 8. Roy and his wife have served as missionaries for 28 years primarily in South Asia. They are currently on stateside assignment but will return to Europe where they have ministered to South Asians since 2017. Roy thanked all the Southern Baptist churches who give to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. They couldn't do the work they do without it.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry is in full swing!! Another way to spread God's love, the gospel and happiness to those far away. By Rhonda Wilhoite

Paint Lick: Paint Lick filled five backpacks and are in the process of filling shoeboxes.

Ten Mile:

Six ladies from Ten Mile visited their adopted missionaries at Gilmin Boys Home Group in Berea and took some items they thought the home could use.

We have also been collecting for the nursing home project for Christmas. I was able to visit Ray's Warehouse in Covington and package candy for the Raceway Ministries for Christmas. By Frances Bayes

Macedonia Baptist Church:

In spite of the Covid-19 problems, we have been able to continue our mission projects. We were able to pack 20 backpacks which I was able to deliver to our WMU meeting in October. At the present time, we are working on fixing about 15 shoeboxes which we will deliver next week to Samaritan's Purse. Also many of our members are now working on getting items ready for delivery to the Jonesville Rest Home for Christmas. Hopefully, we will be able to give to some school children as we try to do each year from an angel tree. I am so thankful for the generosity of our members who have given for each of these projects. God has blessed us so we can bless others.

By Carole Kemper

Elliston:

At Elliston, some participated in the Backpacks for Christmas and attended the WMU Quarterly Meeting in October to hear about an Operation Christmas Child Mission Trip taken by Wayne Burgin. We took up an offering for Eliza Broadus State Missions as well.

In November, some attended the World Day of Prayer at Owenton First Baptist.

We are collecting items for the nursing homes to be distributed in December. We will also be taking the Sunrise Children's Home Thanksgiving Offering this month.

We have our shoeboxes ready to deliver to the local collection this week. We only did 31 this year. Maybe we can up that next year after some relief from Covid.

We will be taking an offering for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering in December and sharing the flyers for the week of Prayer.

We have no plans for a Thanksgiving Dinner or Christmas Program at church at this time. If our people aren't sick, many are quarantined because of others who have been exposed.

We are all praying that all stay as well as they can and that we can be back to a more normal time soon.

A praise is that we had a profession of faith this morning (Nov. 15). A young man who wants to accept Jesus as his Lord and be baptized. By Judy Jackson

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