

Cape Girardeau Baptist Association  
WMU Director Annual Report  
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“**RELENTLESS**” is the W MU emphasis for 2020-2022. WMU members will be relentless in living authentic faith in Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving sacrificially and witnessing to others. “***But we are not those who turn back and are lost. We are people who have faith and are saved.***” (Hebrews 10:30 NCV)

This year has brought many challenges for everyone in our world. Mission trips were canceled. Missions meetings were restructured to “virtual” meetings with Zoom or Face-time, etc. This has helped keep the leadership connected via internet. God has been active and visible in our world throughout these different times.

The big event of the year occurred September 12 at Peaceful Valley Camp at the “**Be Still, Ladies Day Retreat.**” There thirty three women gathered from thirteen churches to meditate on Psalms 46:10, “***Be still and know that I am God.***” There was a sweet spirit among those present and God blessed us with a beautiful day and setting. (This originally was scheduled as a spring event but was rescheduled due to the Covid restraints.)

One of my goals this year was to connect with more women in more churches and offer assistance with mission education programs. I have not had connections with women from each church which was made more difficult in getting information to everyone. This year God provided me with contacts from thirteen of our Associational churches , which will allow me to do better in communicating with the women leaders.

Last year National WMU coordinated all their missions education materials so that each age group would be studying the same missions area, country or missionary family every month. They have also converted many of the materials to digital format instead of hard copy. Many items are free and can be downloaded for each church’s use.

I have attempted to encourage the churches to participate in the missions offerings this past year and utilize the educational information available through the SBC and WMU. Churches have been urged to promote **Annie Armstrong** (NAMB) in March, **Rheubin L. South** (Missouri Missions Offering) in September and **Baptist Global Hunger** in October and **Lottie Moon** (IMB) in December. There are resources to help churches promote these offerings including very nicely done videos which can be shown during worship times. The **International Missions Study** is offered each year focusing on a people group or country. The materials are ready for use by each age group prior to the Lottie Moon Offering emphasis. (Some churches present this study church wide group at a different month.)

The WMU Regional Missions training was offered in Poplar Bluff, September 26, with the goal to help equip the mission education leaders of our churches.

I remain available to assist any church group who wants to start or refresh their missions education or to speak to your church group about how to become involved as Acts 1:8 Christians. While some of the traveling mission trips have been curtailed there is much to do in our Jerusalem and Judea.

Respectfully submitted,  
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