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Connecting with American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Central Region

Lois Chiles,

ABWomen's Ministries President Giving us the latest information in
ABWomen's Ministries Central Region

Deep in the Heart of Summer

The days are hot and long. The sun washes everything in glowing light. Gardens of fruits and vegetables are growing high and colorful. The pavement is blistering hot and it feels good to wear our sandals and wiggle our toes freely. It is truly summertime right now.

As the beauty of the world surrounds us, we sometimes don't see things right in front of us. Sometimes we miss that flower that grows up in an unexpected place. We are amazed that it could even survive but God's creation surrounds us every day. The heart of summer is a wonderful time to experience the Creator. We feel the summer sun, the heat, and remember how God created "the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." We see and smell the deep green vegetation around us and know that God has provided all we need. We hear the chirping of the birds and feel ourselves surrounded by creatures great and small. We feel the cool water of the lake or pool, the hose, or the stream and know that God has washed us in living water. Summer is time for seeing God's creation firsthand.

As we begin to think about a new ABWomen's Ministries year to begin next month, take this time now to reflect on the good things that have happened this past year. Maybe you began a new ministry. Maybe you changed the way some of your events were done. Maybe you continued to do ministry without any issues. Whatever you did, you did it to the Glory of God and you should celebrate. Celebrate that God provided the means in which you served and that He was lifted up to others. Celebrate that you will continue to serve Him. As we begin to plan for the next year of "Building God's Community", think of ways you can reach out to others in your family, your church, your community and beyond to bring the Good News of God's Kingdom to life. Invite them to join you in participating in the things you plan. Think outside the box for ideas that will bring them closer to God. I would love to hear your ideas and plans. I know you are very creative!!

As I write this, your ABWomen's Ministries Board is preparing to meet August 7-8 to begin preparations for the new year. The Summer Conference Committee will begin planning workshops and other important details and the Coordinators will have all the information you might need ready to share. As things are put in place, you will read about them in the Central Connection or through various online avenues, you will hear about them at rallies and through excitement from one of the Board members. We are here for you and want to share with you anything that might be of help. Don't hesitate to ask!

Blessings,

Lois Chiles, President

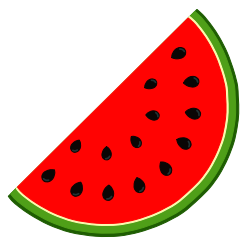
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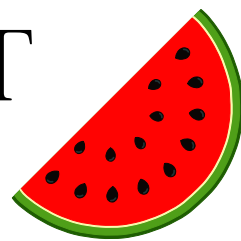
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SPECIAL PROJECT 2025-2026



HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!!

I just want to say thank you to all the attendees at Summer Conference who came to my workshop to listen to Danielle Massaglia, with **Camp Christy** and Jennifer Schneider, who shared about the 4Ten experience last summer at **Kodiak Baptist Mission**. It was great hearing firsthand about each of our Special Project missions and the impact that they are making on their communities. I also want to give a huge THANK YOU to Danielle and Jennifer for taking the time to share with us that day, I really appreciated that!

As you know our goal is \$15,000 towards each mission. Money collected above and beyond the \$30,000 will be split equally between the two missions.

Our support will help Kodiak Baptist Mission with the preservation of their facilities as they concentrate on the many outreach programs they have. And for Camp Christy the support will assist them in furnishings for their newest cottage, the Rozel Cottage. This will expand their ability to house more campers and volunteers. What a blessing these two missions are for their communities and attendees! Without further delay....

**We have one month to go, and I'm so happy to report this:
OUR TOTAL as of JULY 12TH is: \$28,753.20!!!**

I know that this is fantastic news and I'm so amazed at your commitment and efforts to achieve this goal. However, the race is not yet over. We have till the end of August to send in your donations. So, please continue the wonderful work you're doing by sending in those checks to:

**ABWM-CR,
c/o Vonda Breicheisen, 2504 Idaho Rd,
Ottawa, Ks. 66067-9007**

Also, remember that you can go to the ABWM-CR website and find promotional videos for each of our projects that you can share with your groups/churches. Both missions are doing great things in their communities, so let's keep the momentum rolling!

Together we can do this!!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

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For generations, AB G.I.R.L.S. has been about helping girls grow in their faith through caring adults who encourage, mentor, and walk alongside them. That mission is still important—but right now, we need your prayers.

Please pray for the girls in our churches, for the leaders who faithfully invest in them, and for wisdom as we seek God's direction for the future of the AB G.I.R.L.S. ministry. With very limited support from women across our churches, many girls are not being mentored or encouraged to participate in events and opportunities that are available to them.

At our August Board meeting, we will be discussing the future of the AB G.I.R.L.S. program. Can we continue? What does God have planned for this ministry? We want to follow His leading.

You can help. If your church has someone who has a heart for encouraging girls—or simply someone who can serve as a contact person to share information about upcoming events and opportunities—please let us know. Having a direct connection at each church will help us reach more girls and ensure they know they are invited and valued.

Thank you for praying, for caring, and for helping us seek God's best for the next generation.

Kami Minor, AB GIRLS Coordinator

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Personal Development/ Love Gift

As this AB Women's Ministries year comes to a close and a new one begins, it is also the end of my term as Central Region Personal Development/Love Gift Coordinator. I have enjoyed my three years on the Central Region Board working with the wonderful women of the Central Region.

It is my great pleasure to introduce to you the incoming Central Region Personal Development/Love Gift Coordinator, Melissa Newberry! Melissa is a member of First Baptist Church, Atchison. She enjoys working with church/community based groups, with a mission focus and seeing where God is at work in other parts of the kingdom. She likes to serve God through ministries with women and girls. She has served on the ABWCR board as Scholarship Associate, Conference Associate, Project Associate and President.



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I look forward to seeing everyone at future Central Region events, and pray God's continued blessings on our work for His glory!

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