

Alabama WMU's

Lifeline

January 2012

Dear Associational and Church WMU Directors,

You are the only person in your church receiving this newsletter containing information about upcoming Alabama WMU events. **PLEASE COPY THESE PAGES, AND GIVE THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE AGE-LEVEL LEADER IN YOUR CHURCH.** If you do not have an age-level organization but have members in that age level, they are invited to attend as well. **Posters or flyers are still available for each event.** Simply contact Alabama WMU at 800.264.1225 ext. 226 for copies, or visit www.alabamawmu.org. Thank you for your commitment to missions and missions education.

Alabama WMU

Equip... for missions, for ministry, for life

Make plans now to join us in July 2012 at Shocco Springs for Equip. Equip is a time of encouragement and training for both WMU and Women's Ministry leaders with all levels of leadership experience. Breakout conferences allow participants time to focus on specialized areas of ministry and their leadership skills and needs. You will also enjoy times of corporate Bible study and worship.

When: July 20-21, 2012

Where: Shocco Springs, Talladega, AL

Who: Any associational, church or age-level WMU leader and Women's Ministry leaders

Cost: Dependent upon length of attendance

For more info, contact Pat Ingram at 800.264.1225 ext. 292. To register, contact Shocco Springs at 800.280.1105.

Mark Your Calendar With These Upcoming Important Dates

Focus on WMU Week
February 13-19, 2012

North American Missions Emphasis/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 4-11, 2012

Cooperative Program Sunday
April 22, 2012

National Missionary Parents Fellowship Retreat
April 27-29, 2012, at Shocco Springs

Alabama WMU Day of Prayer & Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering
September 11-12, 2012

Adults

Parish Nurse Training Sessions

Alabama WMU, Baptist Health System, and Samford's Ida Moffit School of Nursing sponsor an annual Parish Nurse class to prepare nurses for congregational health ministry. Contact and continuing education hours awarded for completion. **Attendance at both training sessions is required.**

When: February 11-12, 2012 & March 2-4, 2012
Where: Shocco Springs, Talladega
Who: Registered Nurses
Cost: From \$495 per person (for both sessions & dues)
Class Limit: 20

For info or to register, visit www.alabamawmu.org or contact Kathryn Helms at 800.264.1225 ext. 325 or khelms@alsbom.org.

Renew

Renew 2012 will feature Bible study leader Lisa McKay and Dove Award-winning recording artist Melissa Greene. Don't miss this unique time of renewal and refreshing with your friends and other women from around the state.

When: February 25, 2012
Where: Westwood Baptist Church, Alabaster
Who: Women of all ages
Cost: \$35 per person (includes lunch)
Registration Deadline: February 13, 2012

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Ministers' Wives Luncheon

The wives of all types of ministers (pastor, youth, music, missions, etc.) are invited to a complimentary fellowship luncheon at the 2012 State Evangelism Conference. Author and pastor's wife Page Hughes will be our featured speaker.

When: February 28, 2012
Where: Eastmont Baptist Church, Montgomery
Who: Open to **ministers' wives only**
Cost: Complimentary, but pre-registration is required due to limited seating

For more information or to register, contact Cindy Wilson at 800.264.1225 ext. 225 or cwilson@alsbom.org.

Temporary Child Care Training

Our Temporary Child Care disaster relief ministry provides free childcare during disasters for children from infants through grade 6. This training session will prepare volunteers to serve on a disaster relief team through the ministry of TCC.

When: April 13-14, 2012
Where: Shocco Springs, Talladega
Who: Adult members of SBC churches (age 21+)
Cost: Contact Shocco Springs

For more info, contact Becky Luther at 256.546.7877. To register, contact Shocco Springs at 800.280.1105.

Students

COMPLETE, a gathering for girls in grades 7 through 12

COMPLETE is a weekend devoted to teen girls and their leaders who want to learn how to be godly young women in an ungodly, fallen world. COMPLETE encourages, equips and inspires teen girls to fully embrace the completion only found through a personal relationship with Jesus.

When: March 9-10, 2012

Where: Eastmont Baptist Church, Montgomery

Who: Girls grades 7-12 and their leaders

Cost: \$35 per person (includes lunch Sat. and t-shirt)

Registration Deadline: Feb. 24, 2012

For more info, visit www.alabamawmu.org, or contact Erin Bishop at 800.264.1225 ext. 224 or ebishop@alsbom.org.

Alabama Challenge Team

Challenge Team members are committed Christ-followers and are actively involved in their churches. They represent Alabama WMU at events and assist in planning COMPLETE. They also are eligible for a mission trip scholarship.

Who: Girls entering 10th grade or above or will be 15 years old by Sept. 1, 2012; must be a member of an Acteens organization

Cost: No cost to apply

Application Deadline: May 15, 2012

To apply, visit www.alabamawmu.org, or contact Erin Bishop at 800.264.1225 ext. 224 or ebishop@alsbom.org.

2012 Emerging Leaders Forum

Emerging Leaders participants enjoy an inspirational weekend in which they hear from female Christian leaders, participate in leadership development programs, fellowship with other outstanding young women, study scripture and worship.

When: July 20-21, 2012

Where: Shocco Springs, Talladega, AL

Who: Girls who have completed grades 9-12 and are active members of Alabama Baptist churches

Nomination Deadline: June 1, 2012

To nominate someone, visit www.alabamawmu.org, or contact Erin Bishop at 800.264.1225 ext. 224 or ebishop@alsbom.org.

Acteens Activators

Give your Acteens the opportunity to serve alongside North American or international missionaries through an Activators mission trip. Groups must complete training requirements and attend a statewide training event in February 2013.

Who: Girls must be at least age 15 or have completed grade 9 to participate in an Activators trip

Applications Due: In the Alabama WMU office by Dec. 3, 2012, to serve in the summer of 2013

For more info, visit www.alabamawmu.org, or contact Erin Bishop at 800.264.1225 ext. 224 or ebishop@alsbom.org.

Children

Children's Missions Explosion

This year at Children's Missions Explosion, boys and girls in grades 1-6 and their leaders will be challenged to put their faith into action and *Live Out Loud*. Missionaries serving around the world will share their experiences about what it means to take a step of faith and follow Jesus. You will learn about how God is working around the world and what God is doing right here at home.

When & Where: February 11, 2012, at East Highland BC in Hartselle, CrossPoint Church in Trussville, and Elkdale BC in Selma; February 18, 2012, at Canaan BC in Bessemer, First BC in Montgomery, and Ridgecrest BC in Dothan

Who: All children grades 1-6 and their leaders

Cost: \$10 per person; t-shirts an additional \$10 each

For more info, visit www.alabamawmu.org, or contact Cynthia White at 800.264.1225 ext. 338 or cwhite@alsbom.org.

Upcoming Events at WorldSong

Summer Missions Camp Staff Applications

Don't miss this unique, potentially life-changing opportunity to impact children and young girls from across Alabama. Begin praying now whether God is leading you or someone you know to become a summer missions camp staffer in 2012. Applications will be available in January 2012 on the WorldSong website at www.worldsongretreat.com. Click on the "Camp Staff" tab at the top of the page.

When: Available now

Who: Girls ages 16 through college-aged

Where: Available online at www.worldsongretreat.com

Application Deadline: March 1, 2012

For more info, visit www.worldsongretreat.com or contact Kathryn Helms at 800.264.1225 ext. 325 or khelms@alsbom.org.

2012 Summer Missions Camps

Girls' Missions Camp

for girls completing grades 3-6

\$190 per person

June 18-22, June 25-29, July 16-20

Youth Girls' Missions Camp

for girls completing grades 7-12

\$190 per person

June 18-22, June 25-29

Mom & Daughter Missions Camp

for girls completing grades K-3

\$55 per person

June 22-23, July 20-21

Children's Missions Mini Camp

for coeds completing grades 2-6

\$150 per person

July 9-12

Girls' Missions Mini Camp

for girls completing grades 2-6

\$90 per person

June 13-15

Mom & Me Mini Camp

for girls completing grades 2-6

\$90 per person

July 12-14

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