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The purpose of the Washington Baptist Association is to support member churches as they come together in the common bond of Christ.
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Missionary Moment Quillian Mercer, AMS

December is such a full month. With family gatherings and shopping and the hustle and bustle of the season, too many times, we get caught up in the SEASON and miss the true meaning of it. I have heard some say that to focus on the BIRTH is not that important. They say the CROSS and EMPTY TOMB are the real thing to celebrate. We should celebrate the CROSS and EMPTY TOMB, but if we cannot celebrate the baby in the manger, then the cross loses its power. If it were not for the baby—conceived by the Holy Spirit and the full embodiment of GOD—then the cross would not matter.

The world says Jesus was just a “good teacher” with a strong following and nothing more. The MANGER, the STAR and the ANGELS proclaim: “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough.” Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors! (Luke 2:10-14)

The shepherds said, Let’s Go and See! and when they saw, they said, Let’s God and Tell! We must celebrate the BABY that came and the SAVIOR that STILL LIVES!

Please remember the Kentucky Mission Team as we serve December 8-11 in Whitley City, Kentucky. There are 22 members of this team representing several of our WBA churches.

If you get this in time and want to help load Backpacks, we will be loading after lunch on December 7th. We will be loading and praying over every box—we are praying for hearts to be open to the Gospel!

We will be taking over 600 backpacks from the WBA! WOW! What an amazing outpouring of support. We had 21 churches that contributed. Thank you to those churches. If you’d like to be a part of the distribution trip or collecting backpacks next year, please let us know.

I want to say a special THANK YOU to Dianne Popp. She has served the WBA well for more than 3 years and she is such a blessing. As many of you know, Dianne has colon/metastatic stage 4 liver cancer that she has been battling since October 2019. Her doctors have recently indicated that she is in the end stage of the disease. Based on this prognosis, Dianne has decided to step down at the end of this month. We are praying for God’s hand to move in her life and His Will to be done. Join me in praying for and saying thank you to this sweet woman.

**Ministry Assistant
Dianne Popp**



I would like to take this time to say **"THANK YOU"**

for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lord as Ministry Assistant at the Washington Baptist Association for the last three and one-half years.

I have had the opportunity to work with so many Christian men and women: David Self (DOM), David Smith (Moderator), Jerry Pickard (Interim DOM),

Quillian Mercer "Q" (AMS), Tim Oliver (GBMB Rep.), David Kirkland (BCM), Harriett Amerson (WMU), Janie Dunn and Lee Anne Allen (Treasurers), Gloria Burke (Clerk), Kathy Self (Sunday School Coordinator), Kim Cornett, (Prayer Coordinator), Lisa Vaughn and Stacey Flury (Camp) are only a few. All have been great leaders of the WBA and will continue to guide us. I have made so many new friends and renewed old friendships.

I never knew what a Ministry Assistant did but I have packed shoeboxes and backpacks to a total of over 2000 over the years. My husband, Lou, and I have delivered them to Tennessee several times. I have had to "beat the bushes" to get Annual Church Reports Completed and a special "Shout Out" to the members of the churches that helped complete those reports.

I helped prepare the yearly "Book of Minutes" for the churches and don't forget helping to prepare for the Annual and Executive meetings each year. I hope I have helped to keep you informed in preparing the monthly Newsletter. Lou and I delivered children to our Annual Camp. Lou and I even cooked several times for the Pastors when they met for the Pastors Roundtable.

I have a PURPLE NOTEBOOK that was left for me and I have tried to update it for the next Ministry Assistant. It has a list of my daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and yearly duties and responsibilities. I will be passing the torch soon and that PURPLE NOTEBOOK!

In October 2019, I discovered that my colon cancer had returned and it had spread to the liver (metastatic stage 4). I have had 86 chemotherapy treatments (either in the doctor's office or oral). I was told last month that the chemo was not effective and that I was given 6 months to live. Remember My Lifeguard Walks on Water and he has me in his hands. I will be retiring at the end of December. Please keep Lou and myself in your prayers. I need ALL my prayer warriors.

Love in Christ,
Dianne Popp

**Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director**

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child was a huge success for 2022. There were 273 Christmas shoeboxes turned in to the association. There were a total of 4626 boxes turned in at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville. What wonderful gifts for children overseas. Many kids are saved and many go on to serve the Lord. Thank you so much for your participation.

Well, it's time to enjoy the Christmas holidays. There are so many amazing decorations in our cities, outside people's homes, storefront decorations, and our very own decorations in our homes. I always look forward to this time of the year. Jesus came into a sinful world one night when the sky was filled with stars. One day we will all be joined together because of His love for us and our love for Him..

I hope all of you stay safe and well during the holidays. Enjoy Jesus.

Love and blessings,
Harriett



The WBA Office will be closed December 19, 2022 through January 2, 2023.

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or

Dianne Popp at 478-456-0962

if you need help.



During the month of December, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ... His birth and life lead to his death on the cross dying for our sins. The resurrection provides for everlasting life if we only receive his gift. The saying going:

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Remember his Birth, Death, and Resurrection provides eternal life for who Believe.



Budget Receipts from Churches
October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

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|-------------|--------|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| | | Hardwick | 375.00 | Olive Hill | - |
| Bethel | 200.00 | Harmony | 150.00 | PI Grove | 301.63 |
| Bethlehem | 200.00 | Is.Creek | 1,000.00 | Powelton | - |
| Black Spr | | Jewell | 77.81 | Ridge Hgt | 119.01 |
| Church Ctl | - | Lakeside | 2,054.22 | Riverside | |
| Community | 53.44 | Lighthouse | - | S'ville 1 st | 1,166.00 |
| Culverton | - | Long Cr | 75.00 | Sinclair | |
| Darien | - | M'vill 1 st | 645.84 | Sisters | 570.76 |
| Davisboro | - | Min Sprgs | 250.00 | Smyrna | 300.00 |
| Devereux | 300.00 | Mitchell | - | Sparta 1 st | 75.00 |
| Fairmount | - | Mosleyville | 125.00 | Tennille | 441.88 |
| FriendshipG | 75.00 | Mt Steph. | - | Union | - |
| FriendshipW | 748.00 | Northside | 2,239.14 | Victory | - |
| Grace | - | Ohoopee | | Westview | 433.90 |
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