

2022 Convention Report
Birmingham, AL
July 2, 2021

#1 *Logo*

#2 Transition describes 2021 for WNAC. Elizabeth Hodges retired, leaving the office at the end of August. I became the interim director, and Ruth McDonald was hired as the new director to begin November 1. Terry Hill, our auditor said there are a lot of moving parts this year.

#3 Terry will come and present his report. (*Auditor logo*)

#4 FWB women gave \$425,000 to missions and ministry causes this year. However, our cash giving was down again, partly because we no longer collect dues, making participation in FWB women's ministries more appealing.

#5 In January, the board launched the Giving Tree, a fundraising campaign designed to increase the annual income of the office by \$35,000. You can join the Giving Tree by partnering with WNAC in one of 5 categories of monthly giving.

#6 To date monthly pledges to the original 4 categories of the campaign have generated \$2055 in monthly support. We do have a monthly pledge of \$1000 per month not included in this total. We need your help in making this campaign successful by encouraging groups, churches, and individuals to pledge monthly.

#7 *Treasure*, our quarterly Bible study guide, continues to be a **free online resource**! Our themes each year are geared toward relevant topics that will help equip women to become stronger disciples and disciple-makers. 2021's theme was centered on developing 20/20 Spiritual Vision by "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus". Our 22 theme has been emphasizing "When God Intervenes".

#8 We are meeting Dr. Moody's challenge to increase our social media presence. Blogs are posted monthly on our Shine website, along with posts on the Shine Facebook and Twitter pages.

#9 Twice a month Eblasts are sent to highlight current news and videos that share devotional thoughts and ministry ideas. We also have a Facebook and Twitter presence.

#10 Our website (wnac.org) and app (found in the app store) are other ways of communication opportunities.

#11 After 2 years of virtual conference and online meetings, attendees enjoyed the first in-person Flourish event. **Ladies (and men) from 10 states gathered at Central FWB church in Huntington, WV, on March 26, for the 2022 Flourish Conference. Keynote speakers Alicia Crowe, Jody Sullivan, and Judy Delong** encouraged attendees with stories of brokenness, loss and grief, and how God redeemed each one.

#12 The Steward Provision Closet remains a tangible way to love on missionaries and church planters. FWB women gave \$21,000 in cash, gift cards, and items to the closet in 2021.

#13 Our scholarship programs help to invest in the next generation of FWB leaders. Each year our **Cleo Pursell Scholarship** is given to **international students** studying in our various Bible Institutes/Seminaries.

I'm excited to announce that this year's scholarship has been awarded to the students at the **Word of Life School of Evangelism** in Bangladesh. The school currently has 24 students on two campuses undergoing a 9-month program. The students are relatively new Christians learning about the Bible and evangelism. After graduation, they will be sent out to evangelize unreached villages.

#14 **Dr. Mary R. Wisehart Scholarships** are given to **young ladies** from our FWB churches/church plants studying at FWB colleges here in the states. These are awarded by the financial aid offices at the respective colleges. This year's recipients are:

Leslie Arrendondo is a Junior at **Southeastern FWB College** working toward a degree in Secondary Education with proficiencies in math and science. Leslie is from Fuquay-Varina, NC, and attends Hilltop FWB church.

Heather Thomas is a graduating Senior at **Welch College** finishing her degree in Elementary Education. She is planning to teach in an elementary school and pursue a Master of Education. In the future, she hopes to work in administration at a school.

Michelle Sharp is a junior at **Randall University** studying Multidisciplinary Studies with a desire to serve in missions. She is married with two children. Michelle works as an Administrative Assistant and a realtor in both Arkansas and Oklahoma. She attends East Side FWB in Muldrow, Oklahoma.

#15 The **Miley International Student Scholarship** is given to young people won to the Lord on our mission fields and are enrolled in stateside FWB colleges. This year's recipient is **Daniel Delgado** a senior at **Welch College** studying intercultural studies (missions).

#16 It has been my privilege to serve the women of our denomination as interim director since August of 2021. FWB women are some of the most caring and supportive women that I know. I was overwhelmed by the number of cards and Facebook messages I received during my journey with thyroid cancer. I deeply appreciate all of you who prayed and are praying for me. I want to thank Elizabeth Hodges for stepping in and helping me keep "caught up". God truly intervened!

#17 On March 2, 2022, the board hired Ruth McDonald to be the new director of WNAC. She along with her husband Donnie have ministered in Japan for 38 years. Ruth has a passion for women's ministry and sharing through the written and spoken Word. The McDonald's will move to Nashville in October and Ruth will begin in her new role on November 1. Ruth, will you come and bring greetings to the convention body?

#18 We honored Pam Hackett **(SC), in our Celebration Service on Tuesday morning. Unfortunately, Pam has to leave early and could not be with us today. Pam** has served on our board **since 2009**. We are grateful for her service to FWB

Women's Ministries. Thank you, Pam, for 13 years of service to WNAC. You will be missed!

Brother Moderator this is our report. We request you accept our report and adopt our budget.