

LIFELINE

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 these events, as well. Posters and/or flyers are available for each event by calling 800.264.1225 ext. 226 or by visiting AlabamaWMU.org.

ALL AGES

Christmas Backpacks for Mississippi River Ministry

Collection Dates: October 30 – November 4

Share a gift of love and the Gospel with a child in need this Christmas. Mississippi River Ministry works with compassion ministry sites and church plants in 8 states. Alabama Baptists are challenged to provide at least 6,500 filled backpacks, bringing the Gospel to many who have never heard.

Enlist your group to fill backpacks with toys, school supplies and hygiene items, or make it a family project. Each backpack will also include a copy of The Christmas Story, as well as an invitation to participate in Mississippi River Ministry's Mailbox Bible Club. Complete details for filling backpacks and local backpack collection sites can be found online.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks

Operation Christmas Child

As in years past, Operation Christmas Child will have collection sites throughout the state of Alabama. To find a location near you, visit SamaritansPurse.org after October 1st and enter your zip code in the drop-off locator.

CHILDREN

Children's Missions Day

February 17, 2018

Observed nationwide

For children grades 1-6 & their leaders

Join thousands of children across North America in hands-on missions and ministry in your community through National WMU's Children's Missions Day! Over the years, thousands of people have been involved, and WMU invites children in grades 1-6 to participate. From feeding hungry people to visiting shut-ins, girls and boys follow God's command to "put your love into action" (1 John 3:18). Church groups create their own projects that meet needs in their local communities. Once you decide on a project for your church, make sure to let WMU know your plans!

For more information: WMU.com
800.264.1225 ext. 223 or smckenzie@alsbom.org

Check the back page of this brochure for children's events at WorldSong!

Faith Community Nursing Training

February 16–17, 2018 & March 2–3, 2018*
Register by February 1

Shocco Springs Conference Center, Talladega

Open to Registered Nurses; Class Limit: 20

\$495 (double occupancy)

Alabama WMU and Samford University's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing sponsor an annual Faith Community Nursing class to prepare nurses for congregational health ministry. CEUs are awarded upon completion.

*Attendance at both training sessions is required.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org
800.264.1225 ext. 325 or khelms@alsbom.org

Ministers' Wives Luncheon

January 23, 2018

Eastmont Baptist Church, Montgomery

Open to all ministers' wives

Complimentary (Advance registration required due to limited seating)

Wives of all ministers (pastors, youth ministers, music ministers, directors of missions, etc.) are invited to attend our annual ministers' wives luncheon held in conjunction with the State Evangelism Conference for a time of fellowship and encouragement. Take the opportunity to gather with other women who understand the unique challenges of being a minister's wife. Advance registration is required.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org
800.264.1225 ext. 292 or pingram@alsbom.org

Renew... a day away with friends

February 24, 2018 – Register by February 15

Heritage Baptist Church, Montgomery

\$35 per person (includes lunch)

For women of all ages, Renew is specifically designed to bring hope and refreshment to all who attend. Renew 2018 is scheduled for February 24, at Heritage Baptist Church in Montgomery. With dynamic worship through music, incredible Bible teaching and amazing missionaries, our prayer is that this event will be a life-changing event for all who attend. Gather a group of friends, or come by yourself and make new friends. You will be glad you came!

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/Renew
800.264.1225 ext. 226 or smckenzie@alsbom.org

Equip, leadership training of Alabama WMU

July 27–28, 2018

Shocco Springs Conference Center, Talladega

All leaders of any WMU age-level group, Women's Ministry, Girls Ministry or Royal Ambassadors

Cost dependent upon length of stay

Equip, Alabama WMU's annual statewide leadership training event, features high-quality, in-depth training for leaders with all levels of experience. But it's more than just great training! Equip also features times of worship and Bible study, missionary testimonies and a variety of personal interest conferences. It's a weekend to get equipped for missions, for ministry and for life!

For more information: khelms@alsbom.org or
800.264.1225 ext. 325
For pricing or to register: 800.280.1105 or shocco.org

Student Missions Weekend

January 19–20, 2018

Early bird registration deadline:

December 14, 2017 – \$40 per person

Standard pricing registration deadline:

January 11, 2018 – \$50 per person

WorldSong Missions Place, Cook Springs

For students grades 7–12 & their leaders

SMW is an awesome missions experience with high-energy worship, Bible study, missionaries and hands-on ministry projects in the local community, as well as testimonies from young missionaries.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/SMW
800.264.1225 ext. 226 or Iglass@alsbom.org

Acteens Activators Training

February 2–3, 2018

Team applications due by December 5

WorldSong Missions Place, Cook Springs

Open to Acteens (age 15+ or grade 9+) & leaders

Acteens Activators mission trips allow groups of Acteens to serve alongside North American and international missionaries in a variety of ministries. For many, Activators makes a lifelong impact. Applications to serve in the summer of 2018 may be downloaded at AlabamaWMU.org/Activators and are due in the Alabama WMU office by December 5.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/Activators
800.264.1225 ext. 226 or Iglass@alsbom.org

Complete, a gathering for teen girls

March 2–3, 2018

Register by February 22

Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Montgomery

For all teen girls grades 7–12 & leaders

\$35 per person (includes t-shirt & lunch)

Complete is a weekend devoted to teen girls and their leaders who want to learn more about how to be godly young women in an ungodly and fallen world. Held each year in March, Complete will encourage, equip and inspire teen girls to fully embrace the completion only found through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/Complete
800.264.1225 ext. 226 or smayes@alsbom.org

Alabama Challenge Team

Applications due May 1, 2018

Open to girls entering 10th–12th grade or who will be age 15 by Sept. 1, 2018, who are members of an SBC church

Challenge Team members are young women who are committed Christ-followers and are actively involved in their churches. They represent Alabama WMU at events and assist with the planning of Complete, a gathering for teen girls. Alabama Challenge Team members also are eligible to receive a mission trip scholarship. Download the application for the 2018–2019 team at AlabamaWMU.org/Students.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/Students
800.264.1225 ext. 226 or smayes@alsbom.org

Fall Missions Festival for Children

October 6–7, 2017 or October 13–14, 2017
Register by September 29

WorldSong Missions Place, Cook Springs

For children grades 1–6 & their leaders

\$50 per person

The 2018 Fall Missions Festival for Children will focus on the country of Russia. Children grades 1–6 and their leaders will hear from missionaries and experience the culture through food, customs, crafts and other activities led by young adults who love the Lord and have a heart for children and for missions.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/FMFforChildren
800.264.1225 ext. 223 or smckenzie@alsbom.org

Fall Missions Festival for Adults

October 17, 2017
Register by October 10

WorldSong Missions Place, Cook Springs

For adults of all ages

\$16 per person (includes lunch)

Held on the beautiful campus of WorldSong, like the Fall Missions Festival for Children, this year's adult festival will include a focus on Russia, the emphasis area for this year's International Mission Study. We'll hear from missionaries, pray together, do crafts and spend time learning about what God is doing in our world.

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org/FMFforAdults
800.264.1225 ext. 223 or smckenzie@alsbom.org

Mom & Me Spring Fling

April 6–7, 2018 – Register by March 23

WorldSong Missions Place, Cook Springs

For girls grades K–3 & their moms

\$60 per person (includes lodging & meals)

Join us for an action-packed overnight camp that will:

- be filled with fun and adventure
- foster your desire to live on mission
- provide meaningful one-on-one time for you and your daughter.

Reserve your spot now. This camp fills up quickly!

For more information: AlabamaWMU.org
800.264.1225 ext. 223 or smckenzie@alsbom.org

Missions Adventure Camp 2017

Summer 2018

WorldSong Missions Place, Cook Springs

Open to girls and boys completing grades K–12

Don't miss out on all the fun and excitement of Missions Adventure Camp! The promotional poster will be mailed to churches soon. The poster includes great information about why and how to register. If you need additional copies, contact Alabama WMU at 800.264.1225 ext. 223 or smckenzie@alsbom.org, or order copies online using the Free Materials Order Form found at AlabamaWMU.org/Resources.

Find camp dates for 2018 at WorldSongRetreat.com.