



Dear Sisters,

As the leaves begin to change colors and fall, let us be reminded of God's Unchanging Hands. How blessed we are to be in His Service. We were blessed with a wonderful Annual Session in September. Our young women gave us hope that our Woman's Auxiliary will be around a long time. To God Be the Glory! Let us be encouraged to keep serving and esteeming others more highly than ourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

As we prepare for our 2018 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, allow me to encourage you, State Presidents to celebrate as you desire. The recommended week is the first week of November or November 5, 2018. The theme this year is "Arise and Shine through Unity and Justice." The World Day of Prayer connects Baptist Women Globally in person, virtually and through prayer. Prayers go out to women who many times cannot choose their own praying ground. Please send all proceeds from the service/ activity to the Woman's Auxiliary Office and collectively we will forward our contributions to the Baptist World Alliance. All checks should be made payable to National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. All donations should be received by December 31, 2018. For more information, Program suggestions and guidelines, please go to Baptist World Alliance, Programs, Women and 2018 Day of Prayer. Materials can be downloaded. Please call the Woman's Auxiliary Office (313) 921-5555 for more information.

Sisters, let's get excited! Preparations for the Mid- Winter Board Meeting January 14-17, 2019 in Jackson, Mississippi are underway. The women arriving early will fellowship with New Hope Baptist Church Sunday, January 13, 2019. Dr. Jerry Young is Pastor. One of our week's highlights will be "Women Praying Through the Seasons" Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday, January 16th. We will honor the Legacy of the late Dr. Mary O. Ross during this event. All regions will take an active role in the program. More information will follow. Designated Woman's Auxiliary Housing Forms can be obtained by calling the Woman's Auxiliary Office.

Perhaps, you have not registered to vote. November 6th will be a critical voting day. Please get your absentee ballots ready or whatever preparations you need to make. We can help determine our destiny. Vote November 6th.

Happy Birthday NBC Sisters born in September, October and November.

Let us pray without ceasing for our President, Dr. Jerry Young and the leadership of our great Convention, our Pastors, Ministers, Churches and the world.

My appeal continues to be, "Each One, Reach One!"

With Sisterly Love, "Envisioning the Future Exceptionally",

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