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# BATON ROUGE DISTRICT BRIEF

June 2024



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

According to the temperatures, summer is here even if the calendar says we have another week until its arrival. If you haven't planned to go to Mission u, now is the time to think about it. You may meet a woman who becomes a friend or discover something new about yourself through the study or scripture. Singing together, discussing Bible passages, and focusing on those beliefs and experiences we share help us form a stronger district and community.

Our district will be providing morning breakfast snacks for those attending just for the day. Last year there were approximately 70 women who came for one day. Each unit attending does not have to provide an extreme number of snacks. Ten to twenty items ought to provide plenty of snacks and a variety of choices.

Speaking of Mission u, the leaders have planned a talent show for Friday night. If you have a true talent or are willing to make a fool of yourself just to have fun, please enter. Appreciating the accomplishments of another is a way to express gratitude for the joy the talent brings. If you are entering for fun, laughter heals the soul.

Our conference president is beginning a collection of donated musical instruments to help North Rampart Street Community Center's music program. If you have an unused instrument, please bring it to Mission u.

We usually bring school supplies to Mission u for our three missions, but we are not doing that any longer because teachers have lists of specific items. Instead, we are dividing our offering among the three missions. Your unit can write a check; individuals can donate, or a combination of both. ALL money will allow the individual missions to meet the specific needs of their children.

I have not received any more details concerning the spiritual growth retreat at First Methodist Baton Rouge. The title has changed, "Everything About Me," but the date is officially July 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Spiritual Growth officer will provide more information as soon as possible.

Women of the Baton Rouge District UWF rock! Why? We stand on the Rock, lean on the Rock, and our foundation is built on the rock of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support for all you do, and I hope to see you at Mission u.

Blessings,

*Grace*





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### UNIT HIGHLIGHTS

#### ST. MARK UWF

##### L. B. Lewis Christian Involvers

On Saturday, May 25, 2024, the L. B. Lewis Christian Involvers held their last meeting before the summer break. We met in the Fellowship Hall at St. Mark United Methodist Church. The study groups do not meet in June and July during the summer months. During our meeting, we prayed for our sick and shut in members as well as our bereaved families, in our study group as well as in our churches. We celebrated birthdays for the month, including the months we will be off during the summer. Persons whose birthdays that we celebrated were:

**Doris Huntley, Marelyn Hill, Barbara Palmer, Judy Pitts Reed, Debbie Glover, and Dolores Giles.**

At our meeting, the table (that we used as an Altar), was decorated with Angels, candles, crosses and a beautiful table covering by Marelyn Branch (see below). Our study was about prayer and the importance of prayer in our lives. While we listened to beautiful Spiritual music, Marelyn Branch and Naudra Branch presented us prayers and Scriptures to create our very own Prayer Jars. We chose from a list of scriptures that resonated with us and created a personalized Prayer Jar that can guide us through those times when we need inspiration. With us not meeting during the summer months, we wanted to have the last meeting with encouragement, and inspiration for each other.

#### BROADMOOR UWF

In April Broadmoor UWF hosted Neely UWF for a light brunch. Because we have more commonalities than differences, we shared our traditional family recipes and the stories behind them. Not only did we learn more about the women from Neely, but we also learned about ourselves and received a future invitation to Neely UWF.

Broadmoor UWF honored Dorothy Pryun, long time church member and founder of Southeast Ministries Food Bank, by sponsoring a month long "Dorothy Pryun 100 item Food Drive" to be divided between HOPE Ministries and Southeast Ministries food banks. With help from the congregation, we managed to collect more than 100 badly needed items. Although this was a special event, the need for food is ongoing.





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ST. MARK UWF

Prayer Jar



L.B. LEWIS Christian Involvers

Pictures above were room decoration for the L. B. Lewis Christian Involvers Meeting. Members present around the table were: Seated: Jamye Rooks and Marelyn Branch Standing: Edna Hickman, Doris Huntley, Glorious Wright, Patricia Watson, Geraldine Jackson, Mary Pulliam, Marilyn Hill and Naudra Branch.

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#### CAMPHOR MEMORIAL UWF

The UWF of Camphor held our Annual Woman of the Year and Awards Recognition Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Restaurant on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The theme was: "She Speaks Wisely: Teaching with Gracious Love" (Proverbs 31:26)

This year's Woman of the Year honorary was "Michelle Handy." Other members were recognized for participating in the reading program and their monetary contributions to missions. This was a very festive occasion as usual, that climaxed with a delicious meal.



#### ST. MARK UWF NEWS CON'T.

Fannie B. Armstead Study Group met in May. They had a wonderful meeting. Study groups will not meet during the months of June and July.

Two of our faithful servants were called to their eternal home. **Ellen Spears and Ethel Vicks**. They were both long time members of the United Women in Faith. Ellen Spears was a member of Fannie B. Armstead Study Group and Ethel Vicks was a member of Williamson, Chase Study Group. They will be missed.

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

**From the Secretary of Program Resources:  
To the Presidents and members of the local units:**

In January local presidents were sent information about the Reading Program through them or their unit contact person. If you did not receive that information, please contact me via email – [dodiegant73@yahoo.com](mailto:dodiegant73@yahoo.com). You can find a complete list of the books for 2024 in the November/December 2023 Response Magazine. I recommend two books I have completed: “I’m Black, I’m Christian, I’m Methodist” edited by Rudy Rasmus and “Willful Defiance: The Movement to Dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline” by Mark R. Warren. There are several books suitable for youth and children. Please encourage your unit to participate. You can find more information on the national website – <https://uwfaith.org/resources> - then click Reading Program. I am participating on the national level by serving as an evaluator for the 2026 Reading Program. I have completed and evaluated two books this month and have been assigned two more to complete and evaluate by September.

Submitted by: Dolores G. Giles

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## **Mission u 2024**

Join us at Mission u as we explore what it means to draw closer to God and one another. Jesus told his followers the kin-dom was among them (Luke 17:21). What does that mean? Who does Jesus say will inherit the kin-dom? How do we transform ourselves and our communities in ways that bring us closer to the kin-dom and the kin-dom closer to us? Dive into these questions and more at Mission u 2024 as we examine Scripture together and join in worship, fellowship, and action. Mission u 2024 offers three exciting curricula on this theme: Adult - Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher, Youth - Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom by Nica Sy, Children - Me in the Kin-dom by Kathy Cook. Order your copy here: [uwfaithresources.org](http://uwfaithresources.org)

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## **Conference Treasurer's Tips**

**Mission requires money!** Our mission dollars make a big difference for women, children and youth locally and around the world. Thank you for your generosity and hard work to raise funds.

**Does your local unit have extra funds at the end of the year?**

All local UWF units, districts, and conferences should “empty the treasury,” retaining only the funds you’ll need to get started in January. Plan to send your end-of-year-funds to your District for your Pledge To Mission giving.

**We need to support our national organization and not look to what other agencies might need extra help. We have a huge need to support what we have already committed to through UWFaith.**

*A local group should keep in its’ treasury only the minimum amount necessary to carry it into the first few months of the next year, until members’ Mission Giving pledges and gifts begin coming in. The committee on finance recommends how to use these extra funds. The committee could choose one of the following options: Send the extra funds as additional mission funds (added to your Pledge to Mission). Present one or more Special Mission Recognitions or Gifts to Mission to members or friends of the unit. Make a supplementary gift to “A Brighter Future for Children and Youth,” a mission program that receives United Women in Faith National Office funding.*

Mission giving is God-led, vital, exciting, and essential to us as United Women in Faith.  
*Contact District Treasurer Lorita Frank for more information*