



# BAPTIST WOMEN OF NORTH AMERICA



## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. TaNikka Sheppard

Thank you for journeying with us as we endeavor to broaden the horizons of Baptist women throughout North America!

In 2018 we introduced the theme Broadening Our Horizons which encourages us to recognize and grasp the opportunities that await our advancement beyond the frontiers of what has previously been regarded as our limitations.

Over the last year we have learned that in order to do this we must appreciate and celebrate the triumphs and accomplishments that North American Baptist Women's Union (NABWU) has achieved since 1951, which have brought us to our providential present, where we are now called Baptist Women of North America (BWNA).

We are committed to upholding our foundational values, as we continue to honor our past. Yet we know that we cannot live in the years that have gone by. Therefore, the question that we are constantly challenged with is, *"Do we have the courage to do what has never been done before, in order to position ourselves to take advantage of new opportunities and blessings that we have never seen before?"*

This can be a scary notion. However, broadening our horizons requires us to orient ourselves to the position of the sun. In a spiritual sense, we must constantly orient ourselves to the Son, Jesus Christ, as we seek the Lord's guidance through prayer, to discern the will of God, and move towards a brighter and more serendipitous future.

As part of our rebranding effort, we are re-emphasizing our determination for BWNA to be recognized as women of prayer, and not simply known as women that administer a day of prayer. Soon, you will be able to pray with women throughout North America on our weekly prayer call/digital meeting. We are looking forward to this collaborative venture that will allow us to pray for one another, share testimonies and intercede on behalf of persons in need. Please visit our new website [bwna.today](http://bwna.today) to learn more and mark the start date.

You can read more about the BWNA prayer emphasis in the articles throughout this edition of *The Tie*.

Additionally, this year we have adopted Isaiah 54-55 as the inspirational verses that we are using to ground BWNA

projects, proposals, and collective prayers for this year. The key scriptures are Isaiah 54:2-4.

*"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; ... "Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood."*

This passage encourages and challenges BWNA to remain focused on growth and development, while utilizing every obstacle as a mechanism for improvement. Instead of simply centering our efforts on surviving, we are navigating our work and expectations towards thriving, through prayer, networking, resourcing and leadership development.

Please stay tuned for more opportunities that God is providing through BWNA to help women live out kingdom life, especially in the areas of helping the vulnerable.

# BROADENING THE DAY OF PRAYER

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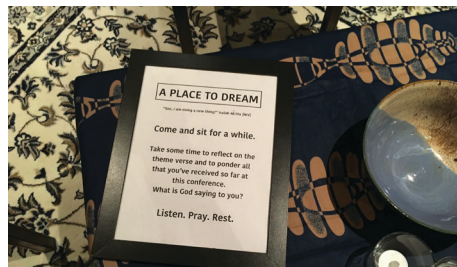
**BWNA** is leading the global initiative to rebrand and expand the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer.

We are not only seeking to do some things that are new, we are simultaneously aiming to remind ourselves, as Baptist women, of our organizational roots and reclaim the power of purpose of the original Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, which helped to foster reconciliation within the Body of Christ after the Second World War.

What we now know as the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer began as a week of prayer that united women from many of the countries that were on opposing sides of the war. The following quote is taken from the 1948 statement of the women that attended the 1948 meeting in London. It was printed in *The Tie That Binds*.

*"Facing the world...today, with its need of faith, of hope, and of love, we turn to our Heavenly Father for purification, for guidance and for strength. He has great blessings in store for us which He is longing to give to us, but which can only be given to us in answer to our prayers...Let us, as European Baptist women, dedicate the first week in November as a week of prayer when we unitedly pray for each other and for all the world. Never is the fellowship deeper, richer and stronger than when we as one heart and soul are praying together."*

—Blanche Sydnor White



Just as it was then, our world today is full of despair, injustice, suffering, poverty, and conflict. The divisions that constantly separate us into inimical stratifications of race, culture, age, political affiliation, and economic status, contradict the unity that we are called to have in the Body of Christ. As sisters in Christ, we have been called to be peacemakers and beacons of light in this dark hour.

Prayer must be the unifying force that will galvanize us to intercede on behalf of vulnerable persons that are crying out for justice and for reprieve from their afflictions. Prayer not only connects us to our Divine source, but it must be our most **powerful** course towards accessing our God-given healing, peace, hope, comfort and joy. Prayer is the unstoppable way that we will mobilize new generations to participate in the kingdom-building and life-changing ministries that are

## WOMEN OF PRAYER

Starting on Wednesday January 8, 2020, join the BWNA admin team every week for a short time of praying for issues that affect women everywhere across this continent.

### So how will it work?

Follow the prompts under PRAYING ONLINE. Every Wednesday call the number listed at either 6 a.m. or 7 p.m EST. A leader will be on the line ready to facilitate a 20-minute time of prayer where we can pray for each other and the monthly prayer focus.

Of course we will also be praying for BWNA, Baptist World Alliance Women and all the member body ministries we represent.

**When to call?** Every Wednesday

**What time?** 6 a.m. or 7 p.m. EST

## PRAYING ONLINE

We will use Zoom to pray online. To join us, please:

1. Install Zoom's software on your computer. Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and follow the prompts.
2. Follow the links below to join us

*There is no cost to you to download zoom and join us.*

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supported through the Day of Prayer. I am very excited about the Day of Prayer rebranding initiative. With it, we have identified three different types of Day of Prayer expressions, which will allow everyone to participate in the Day of Prayer in a way that will be powerfully fulfilling and impactful:

- **Traditional Prayer Events**  
Conventional occasions that occur at churches and various public spaces. These locations will be advertised on the Day of Prayer Map at [bwna.today](http://bwna.today) so that persons can find it.
- **Private Prayer Gatherings**  
Intimate events, which are hosted at small locations, such as homes, libraries, or coffee shops. The city will be shared on the Day of Prayer map to acknowledge the gathering.
- **Prayer Stations**  
Open prayer tables (or booths) in public sites, such as college campuses, subway stations, or street corners, etc., where hosts offer prayer to anyone who wants it throughout the day. These stations utilize the Day of Prayer Kits and the locations will be posted on the Day of Prayer Map.

For more information on how you can be a Day of Prayer host, or help with the Day of Prayer rebranding and expansion efforts, please send an email to [prayer@bwna.today](mailto:prayer@bwna.today).

## PRAYER FOCUS

January • Current Affairs/Concerns

February • Gender-based violence (in and outside of the Church)

March • TBD

April • Health (mental health, physical health/aging, caregiving/caregivers)

May • Human Trafficking (frontline ministries, victims, gang violence, pimps, traffickers, johns)

June • Refugees and Immigrants

July • Creation Care (Environmental Concerns)

Every week we will pray on a particular aspect of that month's prayer focus.



# ENLARGING TENTS

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PRAY?

*Jemell Moriah, vice-president, prayer*

### AN INTERVIEW WITH JOY BOLTON

Joy Bolton is a former executive director, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), and current volunteer missions consultant with the Woman's Missionary Union of Southern Baptist Convention. For her, the path to becoming an active participant in the BWA-WD World Day of Prayer (DOP) began when she accompanied her parents to the Baptist World Alliance Congress at the tender age of twelve. Although she doesn't remember when she started to participate in the Day of Prayer she credits the experience at the BWA Congress for giving her an understanding of the global Baptist family, an interest in women's issues around the world and Baptist women around the world.

#### **Awareness**

According to Joy, her parents "influenced her perspective of being a world citizen and praying for Baptists in other places." Through the observance of the BWA-WD World Day of Prayer she learnt to be more aware of the challenges and issues women around the world face daily and this has given her a deep concern for our sisters around the world. She is ever

so grateful to have the opportunity to pour into other women's lives through prayer and sacrificial giving on the Day of Prayer so that other women might experience the love of Christ in a tangible way.

#### **Connection**

Reflecting on how God used her in her past role with WMU to deepen her understanding of the challenges and issues of our Baptist sisters globally, Joy says: "Through my work with Woman's Missionary Union, I have had opportunity to participate in mission trips in Rwanda, Tanzania, Malawi (2x), South Africa, Swaziland, Kyrgyzstan, Romania, Poland, Brazil, South Korea (3x), Indonesia, Israel, and Puerto Rico. Because of these experiences, the prayer requests from the continental unions are very meaningful. I have met many of the leaders of the work among Baptist women. It has been meaningful to say to them, 'I will be praying with you on the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.'"

#### **Community**

Because of her personal connection made during mission trips, during the DOP observance she "visualizes Baptist sisters around the world and thinks of them as prayers for requests from each continental union is made." During a visit to Korea, Joy was impressed with how the Korean WMU train and encourage the women to participate in the Day of Prayer. As she listened to the Korean women pray aloud simultaneously, it gripped her heart to know they were all crying out to the Lord together.

#### **Gratitude**

Joy is not only blessed by the opportunity to meet many of our sisters around the world but is also "grateful for the Day of Prayer offering and how it is divided between the work of the continental unions and the BWA Women's Department. It is meaningful to be part of projects around the world led by Baptist sisters." She realizes that "offering grants are not large, but in all of these ministries, our giving makes a huge difference."

"Our prayers and sacrificial giving impact and change lives, it's sharing the gospel and meeting needs."



# *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

AN INTERVIEW WITH SHIRLEY MCDONALD  
*Women's Missionary Union, Texas*

James 5:16b

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer is usually a grand day of prayer for the East Association Woman's Missionary Union. Women from the county Baptist churches who come are excited to think that women from all over the world are praying together on the same day. Yet, although the focus is prayer, the leadership team uses the prayer program Bible study and guide to share about the challenges and issues affecting our Baptist sisters in the seven Continental Unions. This is a big part of the celebration.



## ***How the day is celebrated***

Shirley McDonald shares that, "Sometimes there will be seven prayer tables at which participants can gather together to pray." The ladies have also engaged in a prayer walk. They displayed information about each Continental Union on the walls in the venue. The ladies then prayer-walked around the world learning about their sisters and praying for them.



## ***Offering***

The women have a keen interest in the Day of Prayer projects. "Every year, the women are excited to hear about the Day of Prayer Projects. We pray for the projects then take up an offering. The Bible encourages us to love one another. Giving an offering to support the Day Of Prayer projects and the work that women do around the world is a tangible way of showing love for our sisters around the world," Shirley declares. "Over the years, we have seen God at work opening the eyes of our ladies here in the United States to the many needs of women in the seven Continental Unions."



## ***Praying throughout the year***

In addition to praying and giving on the Day of Prayer, Shirley adds, "Our women continue to pray throughout the year." What a blessing to know that women are not only praying on that one day for their sisters around the world but they continue to lift these concerns to our Father in heaven. As she affirms: "We are so thankful that we can participate in the BWA Women's Day of Prayer."

**Let us all join our sisters in Texas and continue to pray for the prayer items mentioned in the Day of Prayer program throughout the year. Our prayers are powerful when they are rooted in a righteous life.**

# DAY OF PRAYER 2019

## WHAT?

Each year, Baptist women around the world gather in their local areas to pray for one another, give an offering and engage in Bible study and reflections.

## WHO?

Family friends, church members, colleagues, community members

## WHEN?

On or near Monday November 4, 2019... for a full day, a weekend or a couple of hours – whatever works for you.

## WHERE?

In your church, at home, workplace, community center or park, seniors' home or wherever you are.

## WHY?

Because nothing is accomplished without prayer and great and mighty things come into being because of prayer.

**The offerings during the Day of Prayer are essential. They are the main source of income for the ministries and partnerships of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department and our continental unions.**

Many of the projects supported by the Day of Prayer offering use their grants as seed money for new ministries to vulnerable and/or disadvantaged women and children. When we share with our sisters, we partner with them by giving them the tools they need to make a difference for God's kingdom in their own areas. We bring big dreams to life... and our horizons are broadened in the process.

## START PLANNING YOUR DAY OF PRAYER EXPERIENCE TODAY!

The 2019 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer program has several ideas to help you customize your gathering for your area. It has been prepared by the Caribbean Baptist Women's Union for worldwide use. The theme is Arise and Shine through Service. The program is available from the BWA-WD office or website: [bwawd.org](http://bwawd.org). This website also has ideas on how to plan your Day of Prayer Celebrations and creative ways to enhance your Day of Prayer experience. Follow BWA Women's Department Facebook page for information on how you can participate in the Day of Prayer.



## WHERE DO YOU SEND YOUR OFFERINGS?

The cheques need to be made out to BWNA or NABWU. Send your cheque to the Baptist Women of North America (BWNA), Attn: Corinne Skerritt PO Box 3578, Southfield, MI 48037. In Canada, please send in as directed by your BWNA member body, clearly marked "Day of Prayer."

## GRANTS AVAILABLE!

Do you know of a Baptist women's project that could use a BWNA Day of Prayer Offering grant in 2020? See the application guidelines and information posted at [bwna.today](http://bwna.today) or contact [Jemell Moriah at prayer@bwna.today](mailto:Jemell.Moriah@prayer@bwna.today). The deadline for applications is December 31, 2019.

BWNA is one of seven Continental Unions in the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. Together, we represent women in 137 countries and 239 national Baptist women's organizations.

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## 2019 DAY OF PRAYER PROJECT GRANT RECIPIENTS

### EXPENDABLE

Atlantic Baptist Women

This grant helps eXpendable raise awareness, especially among high school students, about the dangers of the sex trade, prostitution and human trafficking.

### GRADE 3 TUTORING PROGRAM

Women's Auxiliary, National Baptist  
This project will help elementary school children, struggling and being held back in classes.

### SURVIVE AND THRIVE

General Baptist WMS

This project reaches out to single mothers and their children.

### RESTORING HOPE

Women's Ministry, North American Baptist Conference  
Homeless and victimized women include victims of human trafficking and domestic abuse will be served through this project.

### GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Women's Missionary Union, Texas

This grant supports two female graduates of Baptist Seminary as they work in community and leadership development.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN JOB CORPS. OF GREATER ARLINGTON

Women's Missionary Union, Texas

This project helps under-employed and unemployed women prepare for the job market.

### BEAUTY INSIDE AND OUT (BIO)

Atlantic Baptist Women

This project supports young women to leave the sex trade and helps those who have left.

### RED CIRCLE YOUTH OUTREACH

American Baptist Women's Ministries  
This project focuses on disadvantaged high-risk youth who are 13 – 18 years old.



## FRESH WAYS TO PRAY



### MUSICAL PRAYERS

Have prayer requests written on cards and placed on the floor around a room. Play favorite worship hymns (traditional and contemporary) and when the music stops, each person goes to a card and prays about what is written on it. One of the group needs to be the music director for this exercise.



### FRIDGE PRAYERS

Print prayer requests on a card, and add a magnet to each card. Hand out a card to each person to pray for during the Day of Prayer celebration. At the end of your time, ask women to take their cards home and place on their fridge and pray for this concern during the year.



### TEXT PRAYER GROUPS

People commit themselves to pray at a particular time and text each other as a reminder; or one of the group texts the others with a prayer or Bible text for reflection.



### EMAIL PRAYER GROUPS

Set up an email group and send each other prayer requests. Use our monthly prayer foci as a springboard or download and use the Day of Prayer prayer guide created by the Caribbean Baptist Women's Union.

## PRAYER SPACES, SACRED SPACES



Set up a prayer room in your church and offer a variety of stations of prayer stations representing the Continental Unions. Place prayer requests from each continent around each station and have people move from station to station praying for the concerns mentioned.

Use candles (safely!) as a focus for silent prayer.

Have Bible passages on pieces of card for people to reflect on and then take away.

Use music - either to create an atmosphere for the whole prayer space, or through headphones for individual contemplation.

# REMEMBERING THE WOMEN WHO WENT BEFORE US

## PEGGY BEAUFORD (1946 – 2018)

**S**ister **Peggie Beauford** was born on July 1, 1946 in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late Eloise Qullins-Carr. She was adopted and raised in Friendfield Community, near Effingham, South Carolina, by the late Benny and Rosa Williamson Edwards. She departed this life in service to her GOD and her church on Monday, November 5, 2018.

Peggie was educated at the Mt. Rona Grade School of Effingham and Gibbs School in Pamplico, South Carolina. She also attended Hampton University, Florence-Darlington Technical College, and the Southern Institute of Real Estate.

Peggie has been a member of Olive Grove Baptist Church of Coward, South Carolina, Mt. Rona Baptist Church of Effingham, South Carolina, and Wayside Baptist Church of Florence, South Carolina since the age of 14. At Wayside, she has served as member of the Junior Usher Board, Junior Choir, Baptist Training Union (BTU), Celestial Choir, Senior Choir, Youth Department, Mass Choir, Willing Workers, Planning Committee, Anniversary Committee, Culinary Committee, the Missionary Society, along with many different offices that are too numerous to name. She also served as a former Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher.

She faithfully served the women of the St. John's Women's Convention as Vice-President, and at the time of her demise, she was the current President.

A life-long educator of over 30 years, she retired from Florence School District One, having served in many capacities at Theodore Lester Elementary School. She also retired as a Real Estate Broker Manager of GKB&W Enterprise Real Estate of Florence.

Active in the life of her children, she served with pleasure as the Parent Teachers Association's President, Vice Pres-



ident, Secretary, and Treasurer at Timrod Elementary, Williams Middle and Wilson High Schools. She also was a member of the Wilson High School Choral Booster Club and the Wilson Marching Pride Band Booster Club.

Never meeting a stranger, she lived and worked for the benefit of others, treating everyone with love and respect. She worked tirelessly to be a vessel in changing lives for the better. She daily sought to fulfill what she knew was her God given purpose: to teach, encourage, serve GOD, and her community.

She leaves a rich legacy of leadership, love, and service with her children, grandchildren sisters, special relatives and all those she loved.



PEGGY BEAUFORD IN HER WORDS  
LABOR OF LOVE  
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

“... When you help your fellow man when he is in need, that’s a labor of love. When you give your offering to the church, that’s a labor of love. When you come to choir rehearsal, sing the best you can and don’t complain, that’s a labor of love.

So many times we may find it hard to do what that little voice inside tells us to do, but remember: Labor of Love. My challenge today is for each one of us to do something GOOD, out of the ordinary for someone else and watch how it makes you feel. We might find ourselves smiling for absolutely no reason; we might feel a flutter of the heart that makes us laugh out loud; we might find that the problem we thought was going to take us out seems trivial.

**What does the Scripture say?**

Proverbs 16:31 says that grey-headedness is a crown of glory/beauty when it is found in the way of righteousness.

Job 12:12: With the ancient is wisdom; and the length of days is understanding.

You’ve heard the saying, “He called the old because of wisdom and understanding and the young because they are strong.”

Seniors! Don’t you get comfortable on the stool of do-nothing! Don’t you let nobody push you aside! Don’t you allow anybody to plant in your mind that you are no longer useful! You are the salt of the earth. Share your wisdom with your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Make them put down the cell phone and tell them the days of old. Teach the young how to love one another. Jesus was willing to labor because God loved us. Labors of Love!”

# YOU ARE A PART OF BWNA!

## 17 MEMBER BODIES

- Atlantic Baptist Women
- American Baptist Women’s Ministries
- Baptist Women in Ministry
- Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec
- Converge Worldwide Women’s Ministries
- General Baptist Women’s Ministries, Inc.
- Senior Woman’s Missionary Union, Auxiliary to National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.
- Women in Focus, Canadian Baptists of Western Canada
- Woman’s Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention
- Women’s Auxiliary, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention, Inc.
- Woman’s Auxiliary, National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
- Woman’s Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
- Women’s Department, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
- Women’s Division, Russian-Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Union
- Women’s Ministries, Union of Latvian Baptists in America
- Women’s Ministry, North American Baptist Conference
- Women’s Board, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

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# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH BWNA

## LEADERSHIP WEBINARS

One of the greatest pursuits of BWNA in this season is to help Baptist women become stronger and more capable leaders. Therefore, we are offering free Leadership Development webinars, beginning in September.

2019 Leadership Development Webinars – Every Third Thursday at 7 p.m. EST

- Thursday, January 16  
**Leading Yourself**  
(Mastering Self-Motivation)
- Thursday, February 20  
**Developing Your Influence**
- Thursday, March 19  
**Expanding Your Influence**
- Thursday, April 16  
**Fruitful Collaborations**

If you would like specific leadership coaching for your leaders or organization's team, please send an email to [president@bwna.today](mailto:president@bwna.today) or call (614) 732-0394.

## VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS – COMMUNICATIONS, PRAYER, NETWORKING, ADMINISTRATION

We have a number of internships available for younger Baptist women to shadow the admin team while learning valuable skills.

Please send an email to [president@bwna.today](mailto:president@bwna.today) if you'd like to get specific information on what would be required to intern in communications, prayer, networking or administration.

## BWNA SECRETARY

This volunteer position gives you the opportunity to be an integral part of the BWNA admin team and to move forward the work of BWNA. In the role of secretary, you will have the opportunity to work with the other five officers in running an organization that encourages women to live kingdom life, particularly in the area of helping the vulnerable. Please review highlights from the job description below. Join us in praying for the woman God has prepared for this crucial role.

While it is work, and volunteer, as it is for all the officers, it is a calling given to us from God and thus, a blessing to be involved and committed to it!

The term of office ends at the next BWNA Assembly in 2022.

**Some** of the secretary's duties include:

- Chair committees as assigned
- Complete assignments as requested
- Log minutes of administrative committee and executive board meetings and distribute them
- Handle general correspondence to executive board members as approved/requested by the president
- Keep an up-to-date digital mailing list

You'll find the full job description at [bwna.today](http://bwna.today).

If you're interested or know someone who will fill this position well, please email us at [president@bwna.today](mailto:president@bwna.today) or call (614) 732-0394.



Baptist Women's Leadership Conference  
17-20 July, 2020 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil  
Start praying, start saving

Join Baptist women from all around the world as we gather to worship, love, learn and grow together celebrating our unity in diversity!

**[bwna.today/events](http://bwna.today/events)**



# UPTICK BWNA

**uptick – “an asset that appreciates with investment”**



**U**ptick BWNA is an intense mentoring and development program that NABWU (now BWNA) has launched in conjunction with Spence Network. Member bodies put forward the names of young women for consideration and 11 women are selected for this yearlong program. These women have already demonstrated significant potential for leading high-impact ministries in the future. They show strong qualities of an enthusiastic love for God and a readiness to use their gifts of leadership in the world.

With every UPTICK BWNA cohort thus far, we've seen that God is already using these young women to make a difference in their spheres and it is our joy to build them a ramp, so to speak, which will build them up, helping them rise to even greater potential spiritually, relationally and in leadership practice which is critical to thriving in leadership.

If you know of young women who will benefit from this program do fill out the Uptick BWNA form on our website - [bwna.today](http://bwna.today) - and submit.

**Uptick Voice** is a group of kingdom leaders who are women. Our focus is discipleship, and throughout the year the cohort learns from phenomenal mentors and leaders. We are women from Canada, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. We are immensely grateful for your support.

Here are a few ways you can pray for our 2019 participants:

**Jaclyn Bonner**

Discipleship opportunity

**Robin Priddy**

Pausing in the midst of busyness.

**Alicia Wilson**

Speaking invitations; new lease for Restoration Project.

**Brittany Caldwell**

New opportunities in the church.

**Dani Miller-Holmes**

New small group; listening well.

**Taylor Post**

Mentoring a student; the seasons of life.

**Stacy Dandridge**

Discerning God's call; next steps.

**Melissa O'Keefe**

Not making decisions based on fear

**Shara Benavidez**

Challenges and opportunities; for God's guidance to work towards healing and justice

Please also pray for the Uptick leaders John Chandler, Ruby Fulbright, and Katie McKown.

## NEW WEBSITE FOR BWNA

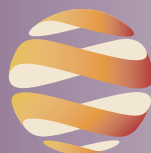
We've got a brand new website: [bwna.today](http://bwna.today).

Take a deep dive and find all the resources you'll need to broaden the horizons of your organization and groups: monthly and weekly prayer topics | Day of Prayer information | events information | resources for leadership development . . . and more.

## THE TIE

The Tie is published annually by the Baptist Women of North America. Copies are mailed free of charge to individuals and groups on the BWNA and BWA-WD mailing lists. Bulk copies are sent to national and/or regional offices of BWNA member bodies and distributed throughout their organizations.

Please help us keep our mailing list up to date. Send updates, additions and requests for copies to [communications@bwna.today](mailto:communications@bwna.today). Please include the name of your member body. For changes and corrections, state your old and new name and/or address.



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*When you give,  
we can do more*

We believe in the power of Baptist women across North America working side by side to share the hope of Jesus Christ with our communities and our world.

### GIVING OPTIONS

ONLINE:  
[bwna.today/give](http://bwna.today/give)  
(Simple and safe!)

MAIL CHEQUES TO:  
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Include BWNA in your estate plans to ensure the future of our ministry, dedicated to uniting and encouraging women of all ages. Contact the WMU Foundation at 205-408-5525 or go online to [wmufoundation.com](http://wmufoundation.com) to learn more.