YOUR Gifts…For HIS Glory

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Dear Sister in Christ,

I have two questions for you…. Yes, YOU! What has God placed inside of YOU, for HIS GLORY and HIS HONOR? What could our AWESOME GOD do through you, if you would only allow those gifts and talents to be used by HIS HOLY SPIRIT?

Rest assured that God has equipped you with at LEAST one special talent. It is part of your design. So, if you don't know what your talent or gift is, then I challenge you to begin earnestly praying and asking one. God didn't make any mistakes. He, in his infinite wisdom, KNEW where you were going to live and what skills, gifts, and talents you needed to have, before the beginning of time. He knew that you, your family, your church, your community, and your circle of influence would need the specific gifts and talents that YOU have. Your uniqueness can contribute SO much to the cause of Christ. There are NO BIG "I's" and little "U's" among the people of God.

All are important when we work together, in cooperation with the HOLY SPIRIT and with each other. When we surrender ALL to Jesus, there is NO limit to what He CAN and WILL do THROUGH and FOR us! Working TOGETHER, we will accomplish much more than we ever could accomplish working alone.

WHATEVER you have…is enough. Remember, LITTLE becomes MUCH, when we place it… in the MASTER'S HANDS. Give GOD what you HAVE! HE IS a miracle worker!!

In His Service,

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Getting Involved in Women's Ministries

If you are interested in participating in Women's Ministries, please contact your local Women's Ministries leader, Area Leader, or State Director.

Upcoming Events

April 3 - Central Alabama Presents Sabbath Vespers (Held 7:00 pm EVERY Friday night. However, Central Alabama hosts it the 1st Friday of every OTHER month)
Call the Morning Manna Line- 1-712-432-0075 Access Code: 748339#

March 7, 2020 - International Women's Day of Prayer

Sun., April 26th - Central Alabama WM Leadership Training 10:00 am @ South Park SDA (Conducted by SCC WM Director– Elder Freddie Williams Jenkins)

Oct 22-25- SCC Women's Conference 2020 (Birmingham, Alabama)

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Central Alabama Women's Ministry Newsletter (CAWM)

Adamsville, Alexander City, Anniston, Bessemer, Birmingham, Boaz, Brent, Demopolis, Eutaw, Fairfield, Fultondale, Gadsden, Jasper, Leeds, Midfield, Sterrett, Sylacauga, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa

Women's MINISTRIES
SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Maranatha SDA Church- Women's Emphasis Day

On October 19, 2019, the Women's Ministry Department of Maranatha SDA Church held its Women's Emphasis Day. The speaker was their very own, Sister Kianah Brooks, and the title of her message was, "A Woman that Walks by Faith."

Sister Brooks shared how God has help to guide her through life's challenges and she shared some of the things that she learned from her late grandmother. Sister Brooks reminded us that God **builds** you to handle your situations, and God allows you to go through whatever you are going through for a reason. In her words, "You complain about being different, but you don't realize that your blessing is that **you ARE different!**" The Women's Ministry leader at Maranatha SDA Church is Deberal McDaniel.

Sister Kianah Brooks
Maranatha SDA Church

Women's Emphasis Day
Maranatha SDA Church

Ephesus SDA Church- Women's Emphasis Day

The Women's Ministry Department of Ephesus SDA Church held it's Women's Emphasis Day on August 3, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama. The theme was "I am a Precious Gift from God" and the focus text was Psalm 46:5. The message was delivered by Pastor Larry Bailey, the pastor of Ephesus SDA Church, and the title was "Women are Making a Difference."

After the 11:00 service, everyone was treated to a taco and desert bar, followed by an afternoon seminar. The presenter was Tammy Edwards-Cauthen, CEO of TC Counseling Services LLC., and she did a wonderful job of emphasizing the importance of self care and how important it is to our health. As you can see from the picture to the right, the event was **well attended** by both men and women. The Women's Ministry leader at Ephesus SDA Church is Gwen Reasor.

Women's Ministry Emphasis Day
Ephesus SDA Church

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Hillsview SDA Church-Women's Emphasis Day Events

On May 12, 2019, the Women's Ministry Department of Hillsview SDA Church, in Birmingham, AL, held a Mothers' & Daughters' Brunch. Celita Holt, Hillsview's Women's Ministry Leader and SCC Central Alabama Area Leader, was the speaker. The theme was "Broken Pieces." The event highlighted the pressure that women sometimes face when they are overwhelmed but feel pressured to act as if nothing is wrong.

On May 13, 2019, Hillsview SDA Church held its Women's Emphasis Day and the guest speaker was Dr. Janice Browne. Dr. Browne's message focused on overcoming struggles in life during difficult times. This service further expanded on the ideas that were highlighted during the Mothers' & Daughters' Brunch that was held the night before.

During a segment of the service, women walked down the isle dressed as their favorite woman in the Bible while a narrator explained the Biblical person's significance. Later in the program, several women were brought on stage and recognized for their contributions to the church and community.

Women's Emphasis Day
Hillsview SDA Church

Mothers' & Daughters' Brunch
Hillsview SDA Church

First SDA Church– Women's Emphasis Day

On August 10, 2019, the Women's Ministry Department of First SDA Church held its Women's Emphasis Day in Bessemer, Alabama. The theme was "The Call to Arise and Shine" which was inspired by Isaiah 60:1-2. The guest speaker was Sis. Valencia F. Lamar from Crumbey Bethel Primitive Baptist Church.

Sis. Lamar shared some of the challenges that she has faced in life and pointed out that everyone can make a difference in their surroundings. During the program, several women were recognized for their contributions to the church and community. The

Women's International Day of Prayer
South Park SDA Church

South Park SDA Church– Women's International Day of Prayer

In honor and celebration of Women's International Day of Prayer, South Park SDA Church hosted "Walking with Jesus" Prayer Stations immediately following Divine Worship on March 2, 2019. This event was for the young, older, and in between. A number of interactive prayer stations were set up with prayer prompts and an activity to enrich the prayer lives and spiritual journeys of the participants. It was also an opportunity for sisters in Christ to strengthen ties with one another as they prayed together. The Women's Ministry leader at South Park SDA Church is Gail Davis.

Central Alabama Women's Ministries Days (CAWM)

One of our major accomplishments in 2019 was the implementation of CAWM sponsored Women's Emphasis Days. Typically, the local church's Women's Ministry Department is responsible for planning those days. However, a few of the churches expressed that they did not have a WM leader and/or they did not have enough people to have an active women's ministry at this time. To ease their concerns, the CAWM State Director offered to work with the local church by bringing a program to them and inviting people from around the area to fill in the gaps on the program. To date, these programs have received very positive feedback and have been a blessing to all in attendance.

The Power of Cooperation

On July 26, 2019, the 1st CAWM Day was held at First SDA Church in Fairfield, AL. The speaker was Shondolyn Young Richardson, SCC Central Alabama State Director. The theme was "The Power Of Cooperation." The ladies of First SDA provided a delicious meal after divine worship. During the evening session, Elder Freddie Williams Jenkins, SCC Women's Ministries Director, presented a seminar entitled "How to Conduct Bible Studies." There was also a seminar presentation by Gwen Jones, SCC North Alabama State Director, entitled "Witnessing and Outreach."

When Little Becomes Much

On September 14, 2019, CAWM Day was held at First United SDA Church in Eutaw, Alabama. The speaker was Shondolyn Young Richardson, SCC Central Alabama State Director. The theme was "When Little Becomes Much." After divine worship, a wonderful meal was served by the ladies of First United SDA. During the evening session, Gwen Reasor, SCC Women's Ministries Area Leader for Central Alabama, presented a seminar entitled "Women's Ministries 101" . The seminar focused primarily on the importance of Women's Ministries and how to implement Women's Ministries events, activities, and programs that work for the women and circumstances of your specific church.

Various Women's Ministries Leaders and Friends
CAWM Day

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