



United
Women
in Faith

Horizon News

District 7 (formerly Brookhaven District)

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Some of our District 7 Officers
Attending District Mission u

PURPOSE of the UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH!

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian Spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Brookhaven District UWF 2024 Calendar of Events

October 12th - District Annual meeting—Adams UMC

Nominations

United Women In Faith

you are needed to share your gift(s) with the community.

There are many opportunities for:

- Study •Service •Support •Social

Know that you're needed, valued, appreciated and exceptional.

Do consider serving as a District Officer!

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Greetings from your Vice-President

First, I would like to thank Ruby Lovett and the UWF ladies at Crystal Springs New Zion for graciously hosting our District Mission u on August 17th. While we were few in number, we were great in spirit. The active participation among members made the meeting even more enjoyable.

Our study/book for the meeting was entitled Welcome Home by Noemi Fletcher. It explores how we can know God as an intimate friend who welcomes us. Abiding in God's safety and dwelling in God's provision allows us to open our hearts to a fuller embrace of the power and presence of God so that we may find our home in God.

The study is designed for 8 one-hour sessions, but our time at District Mission u was limited to two hours. Therefore, there is much more to explore within the study/book. I think it would be a good program resource for local units.

The District Leadership Team mailed letters and invitations to all 63 churches in District 7. The letters were directed to the UWF (United Women of Faith) at the church. If you are reading this and did not receive a letter, please check with your church office or the person who receives the mail. As a leadership team, it is our desire to encourage or rekindle participation in UWF and to let all the women in our district know of upcoming opportunities.

I hope to see all of you at the District Annual Meeting.

Yvonne Howell

District 7 VP

Greetings United Women in Faith! I pray that all is well with your soul.

The Mississippi Conference Mission u and District 7 Mission u were held earlier this month. Both events were wonderful experiences. The theme this year was *The Kin-dom is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another*. Neomi Fletcher's book entitled, "Welcome Home: Adult Curriculum," was used to explore how God is an intimate friend who welcomes us. Recognizing and embracing the nature of God allows us to open our hearts to fully embrace the power and presence of God. We dug deeper into what it means to live in the kin-dom of God and how this helps us to develop practices for building and existing in healthier communities. We looked at different emotions individuals might have when thinking about home, and we redefined home as it relates to our invitation in the Scripture to dwell with God as individuals, community members, and persons of faith. We were reminded that God's kin-dom not only involves our relationship with God, but also our relationship with those who are not in our bloodline, our relationship with others.

I thoroughly enjoyed Mission u and was privileged to serve as facilitator for District 7 Mission u when the scheduled facilitator became ill and was unable to attend. I counted it as a joy and honor!

The 2025 Mission u theme will be *Hope as Resurrection People*. Please plan to attend once plans have been made for this study.

I encourage all units to participate in the Reading Program. There are 4 plans from which to choose. The *Response* magazine and the Faith Talks podcast are part of the Reading Program. The Reading Program was not meant to be completed alone, therefore, be creative in getting others involved, if your unit is not actively participating.

As always, continue to visit the United Women in Faith National Website to find the reading list, prayer calendar, book studies and opportunities to participate in Faith Talks. It goes without saying that you should read God's Word daily as well as be in communion with Him throughout the day through prayer.

Stay connected and be blessed!

Ruby Lovett

District 7 Spiritual Growth



Secretary

Hello District 7!

We just completed our District Mission u and it was a wonderful morning spent studying Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher. Please consider studying this book even deeper with your local unit. As always I had a great time bonding with other UWF ladies. Thank you to all who attended and all who worked to make Saturday possible. Crystal Springs New Zion were amazing hostesses!

If you did not make it to Mission u to fellowship with your fellow UWF, don't worry a couple more opportunities are quickly approaching!!!

36th Conference Annual Meeting
Friday and Saturday, October 4-5, 2024
Central United Methodist Church
1004 23rd Ave. Meridian, MS 39302

This year registration is online. Please visit mississippi-uwf.org portal and click the "registration" link. The portal also has the hotel reservation information. Deadline to receive the group rate is September 4th, 2024.

If you are unable to make conference annual meeting, please consider joining us at **District Annual Meeting at Adams UMC October 19th**. The speaker will be from S.W.A.T. (Spiritual Warriors Against Trafficking). This is a topic that we all need to learn more about (even if it is a topic we'd like to pretend didn't exist). See the invitation and other articles regarding this meeting in this issue of the Horizon.

Quick reminder that local officers for 2025 are **due to me by October 30th** so I'll have time to get the updated president/treasurer lists to conference secretary before my deadline and I also need all officers (see officer update form attached) so that I can update our district directory. This is especially important this year as with the expanded districts we have several new churches comprising District 7. If you know anyone in one of these churches PLEASE have them reach out to me with a contact for their unit.

Hope to see you all in October!!!

Angie Weems
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Breakdown District Treasurer

Greetings to each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We understand that we are in the midst of challenging times, but there have been lessons learned and new opportunities presented. First, let me say **Thank You** for your pledges and donations to the United Women In Faith.

I am so happy to report that the District 7 candle will be burning for fifteen minutes this year. Thank you for your contribution. Jimmie would be so proud of us.

United Women in Faith's Mission Giving – which is unrestricted funds – supports the total program of the organization. To become a Five Star Unit you must donate to each mission;: **Pledge to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gift to Mission, Gift in Memory, and World Thank Offering.**

Due Dates for Quarterly Reports:

1st Quarter (December - February) – February 28

2nd Quarter (March - May) – May 31

3rd Quarter (June - August) – August 31

4th Quarter (September - November) – November 30

Blessings,

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July 10, 2024

ALL District 7 UWF Ladies, you are cordially invited.....

What: District 7 UWF Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Registration @ 9:30 A.M.

Meeting begins @ 10:00 A.M.

Where: Adams United Methodist Church

3655 Jackson Liberty Drive

Summit, MS 39666

Details: This meeting will focus on our speaker, candle burning, and unit awards. The speaker will be from SWAT Ministries International---Spiritual Warriors Against Trafficking. There will be a light breakfast served during registration; meeting will conclude before lunch.

Registration fee will be \$10.00.

RSVP: Please notify Yvonne or Yvette and let them know your plans to attend.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU OCTOBER 19, 2024!

Bring a friend with you to learn more about this crucial topic---Human Trafficking.

Greetings Ladies,

I am Dianne Boyd, your Social Action Coordinator. I have served as Membership, Nurture and Outreach coordinator and Treasurer. Some of you may remember me. It's been a while

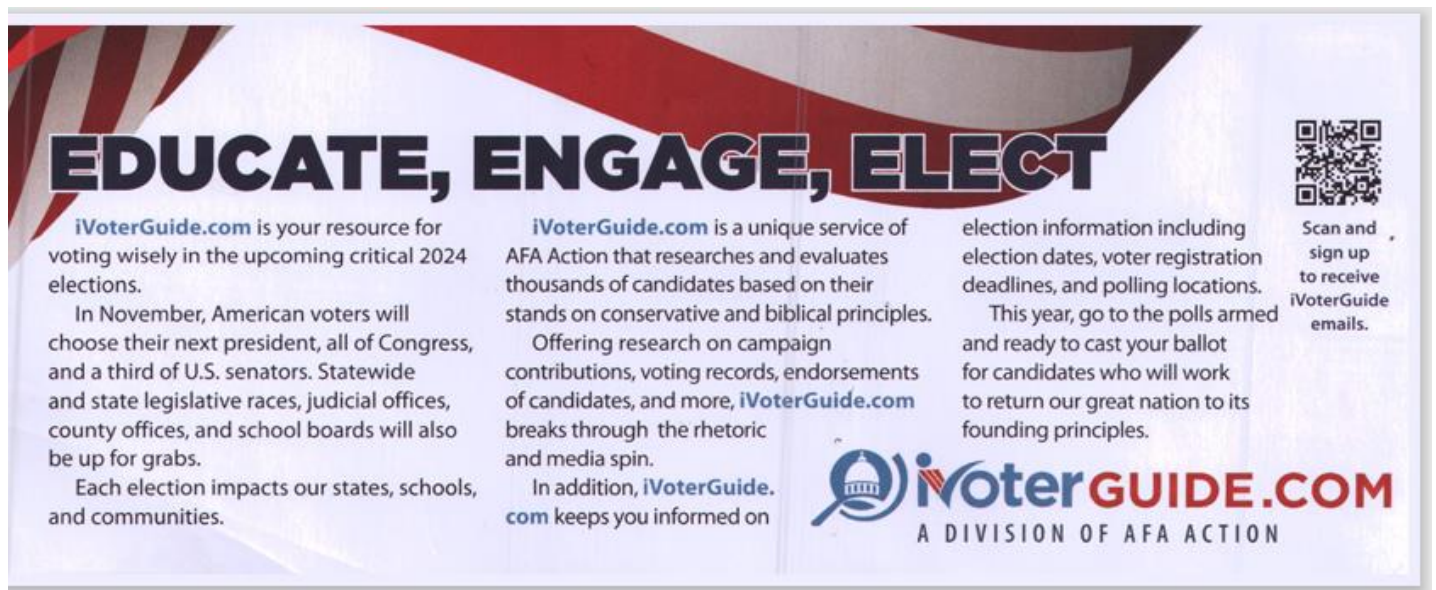
This year's social action project is SWAT (Spiritual Warriors Against Trafficking) International. Modern day slavery happens every 26 seconds, a child is sold into slavery. Human trafficking is a world wide epidemic and the fastest growing criminal enterprise. Common age for a child trafficked is 14-16.

Join us October 19th for District 7 Annual Meeting at Adams UMC. Registration is at 9:30, meeting starts at 10:00. Ariel Hawley will be our speaker. We are asking for monetary donations for SWAT. Come learn more about this terrible epidemic.

This year is an election year. Every election is important from President to school boards. Let's look for candidates that best represent Biblical truths. In the past I haven't always been informed about the candidates. I voter guide.com is easy to use.

May God save and bless America. Please go vote.

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EDUCATE, ENGAGE, ELECT

iVoterGuide.com is your resource for voting wisely in the upcoming critical 2024 elections.

In November, American voters will choose their next president, all of Congress, and a third of U.S. senators. Statewide and state legislative races, judicial offices, county offices, and school boards will also be up for grabs.

Each election impacts our states, schools, and communities.

iVoterGuide.com is a unique service of AFA Action that researches and evaluates thousands of candidates based on their stands on conservative and biblical principles. Offering research on campaign contributions, voting records, endorsements of candidates, and more, **iVoterGuide.com** breaks through the rhetoric and media spin.

In addition, **iVoterGuide.com** keeps you informed on election information including election dates, voter registration deadlines, and polling locations.

This year, go to the polls armed and ready to cast your ballot for candidates who will work to return our great nation to its founding principles.

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Websters Dictionary defines Education as the act or process of imparting knowledge or skills to another

Websters Dictionary defines Interpretation as a statement that makes something clear

Dear United Women in Faith Members ad Friends

Copied from the website

Reading is connecting.

The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. You can enrich the experience by doing one or several of these things:

- **Share the program with United Women in Faith members and members of the community.**
- **Help people attain books. Distribute this guide.**
- **Connect with local and district groups. Start a book club, download books onto an e- reader to pass around and share, present book reviews at group meetings.**
- **Display a progress chart in your church for all who wish to participate, and post displays to encourage book sales.**
- **Pray. Books often raise concerns about people, countries, and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home and at group meetings.**
- **Advocate for tangible change. Many Reading Program books address issues including climate change, mass incarceration and racism. Organize a task force to address these issues in your community.**

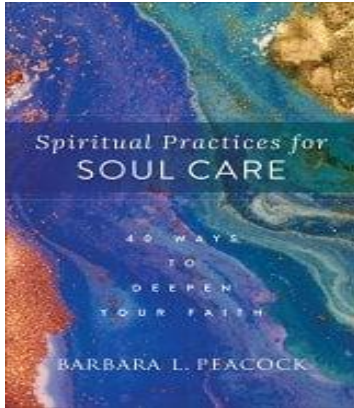
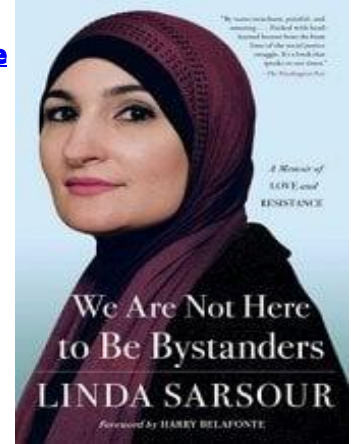
The Year 2025 Reading Program is available as a download now

United Women in Faith’s Reading Program is designed to help women of faith to achieve five key goals: lean into our spiritual growth, strengthen our leadership skills, equip ourselves for local and global mission, take faithful action for the common good, and build community in ways large and small. The books are current and cover a wide variety of topics. Participating in one of the Reading Program plans at any of the four levels, or even reading just one or two books in this catalog, can help you grow. And anyone, anywhere, can participate—whether you are a member of United Women in Faith already or just getting to know us.

Eligible years: For 2025, books from the 2020, 2021-2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 Reading Program lists are all eligible for Reading Program reporting credit, if you have not previously read them.

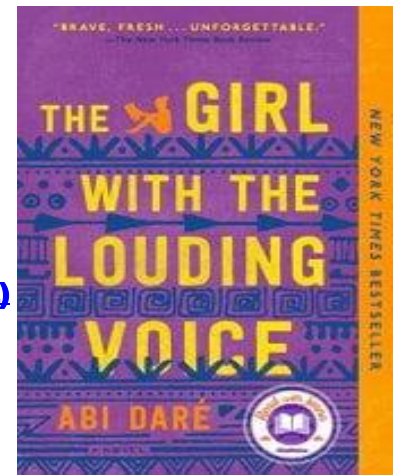
We Are Not Here to Be Bystanders: A Memoir of Love and Resistance

Linda Sarsour \$16.73 \$17.99



Spiritual Practices for Soul Care: 40 Ways to Deepen Your Faith

Barbara L. Peacock \$17.66 \$18.99



The Girl with the Louding Voice: A Read with Jenna Pick (a Novel)

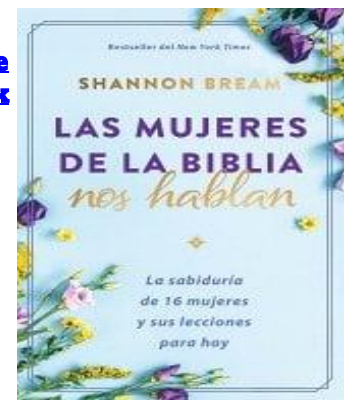
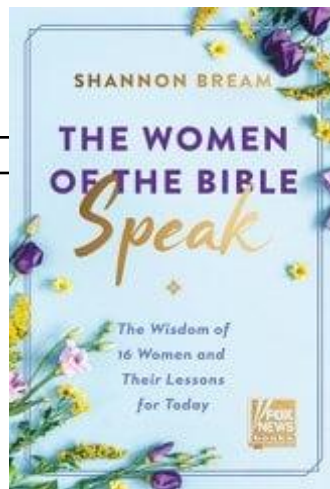
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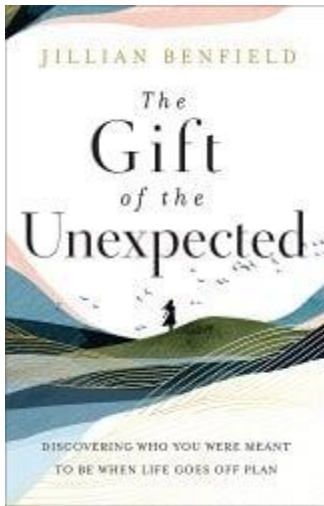
Las Mujeres de la Biblia Nos Hablan: La Sabiduría de 16 Mujeres Y Sus Lecciones Para Hoy / The Women of the Bible Speak

Shannon Bream \$14.87 \$15.99

The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today

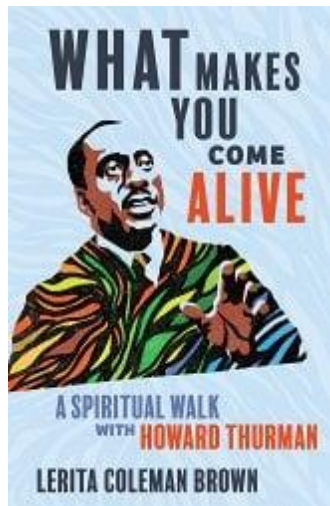
Shannon Bream \$24.17 \$25.99





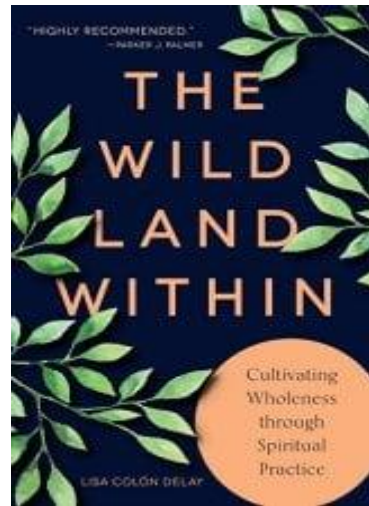
The Gift of the Unexpected: Discovering Who You Were Meant to Be When Life Goes Off Plan

Jillian Benfield \$16.73 \$17.99



What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman

Lerita Coleman Brown \$25.10 \$26.99



The Wild Land Within: Cultivating Wholeness through Spiritual Practice

Lisa Colón Delay \$16.73 \$17.99

Education and Interpretation August 2024, continued

2023 UNIT OFFICERS REPORT FORM

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Church Phone #: _____

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2023 UNIT OFFICERS REPORT FORM continued

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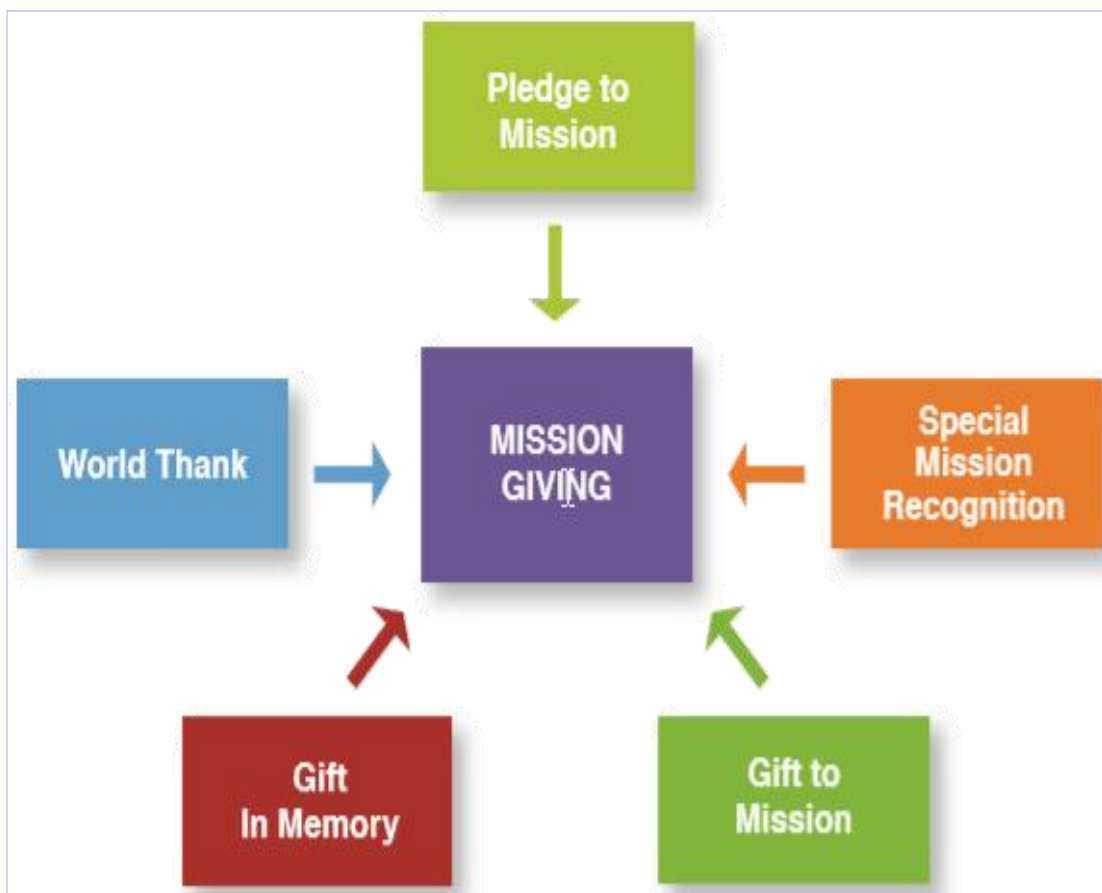
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Communications Corner

The district newsletter is sent free to District and Conference officers, all local unit Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. Please contact me if you should be and are not receiving **THE HORIZON**. You can receive **THE HORIZON** for one year by donating \$4.00. Send payment to Debra Stamps, District Treasurer, checks payable to the Brookhaven District UMW. **THE HORIZON** is published three (3) times a year.

Our deadlines and publication dates are listed below.

NEWSLETTER DATES

<u>Information Deadline</u>	<u>Publish Date</u>
February 10	February 15th
May 15	June 1st
August 15	September 1st



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