



# WHAT'S NEW ABWOTS!

American Baptist Women of the South  
an auxiliary of American Baptist Churches of the South

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*Happy Holiday Greetings*  
*From our*  
***ABWOTS Executive***  
***Committee***

***Blessed to Be a Blessing...Happy Holidays to each of you!***

***ABWOTS, President Cynthia Bentley***



“For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9: 6, NIV – The meaning of Christmas; the Reason for the Season.

May the hearts of the women of ABWOTS be grateful as we rejuvenate and reunite after the disparity of COVID, the destructions from storms, devastating weather, flooding, growing job loss and the increase of gas and food prices. And we are still so blessed.

May we be grateful for the new leadership of American Baptist Women’s Ministries as we are guided to create a community of passionately faithful, mission-minded women and girls engaged in worship, service and friendship.

In the past year, we have been blessed with successful area meetings, reconnecting women of the region, and a successful Annual Session. As we move into the new year, let us open, extend, and expand our hearts, thoughts and prayers to increase our connections to many more women to reflect the love of Jesus Christ and His wonderful blessings. May we continue to be strong and courageous to be the footprint for women who desire to stand up for ABWOTS and ABWM. “We will not be afraid or discouraged For the Lord our God is with us, wherever we go.”

May each of you be blessed abundantly and continue to be empowered and engaged in the work of ABWOTS and ABWM in 2025. May peace, joy, and hope be with you and your families today and tomorrow. “You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance.” Psalm 6: 11, NKJV. Thank you!

Cynthia Bentley,  
President ABWOTS / ABCOTS

*Our Vice-President and Coordinator of Events, Mrs. Angelia R. Mumford —Sends Hope*

**HOPE**



Doesn't come from predictions about your future,  
The promise of politicians, or the next new policy.

**HOPE**

Is found in One Person who was born in a manger,  
Died on a cross, rose from a tomb, and is coming again,  
Trusting, Celebrating, and Following **Him** With You, This Christmas and always.

**Amen**

***"We have our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people"*** I Timothy 4:10 CSB

***Greetings, from our ABWOTS Secretary, Claretha N. Harris***

As we celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, let us demonstrate the themes of the Advent season: **hope, peace, joy and love.**



**HOPE:** As we anticipate and wait on our personal hopes and desires, let us first renew our **hope** in God's promises.

**PEACE:** Let us seek inner **peace** through prayer. This is a wonderful time to promote **peace** through forgiveness, reconciliation and unity in our families, communities and around the world.

**JOY:** Let us be reminded that true **joy** comes from knowing and experiencing the love of God. Let us rejoice in the gift of salvation and share that **joy** with others.

**LOVE:** God showed the ultimate act of Love when he sent his Son, Jesus Christ into the world as our savior Let us love God first and our neighbors as ourselves

Remember our charge as Christian women is to spread the good news about our savior, not just at Christmas time, but all year long. May our hearts be filled with **hope, peace, joy and love** this Christmas season and throughout the year.



**Peace of Christ's Love From Our ABWOTS  
Treasurer, Mrs. Kathia Miles**



Let the peace of Christ's love be with you and your family this Christmas and always"- Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!!!  
Have a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year!

**Prayers from the heart of our ABWOTS  
Chaplain, Deacon Linda Woodson**



I greet you in Jesus joy! I pray your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. May we stay focused on the gift of salvation and the gift giver, remembering always the love of God this holiday season. Let's commit to being a light to our loved ones this Christmas. I pray that you and your family will be blessed and God will be glorified. I pray God's richest blessings on us all. Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year.

**Christmas Greetings from our ABWOTS  
Spiritual Advisor, Mrs. Adranna Rose Grant**



**"Thanks be to God for His Indescribable Gift"** 2 Corinthians 9:15

May the Joy of this season live in your heart and home this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



**Holiday Blessings from our Area VII  
Women's President, Mrs. Georgianna Jones**



**Jones**

May all that's bright and beautiful when the holidays are here surround you and stay with you every day throughout the year. Carry God's Blessing everywhere you go.



**2024 ABWOTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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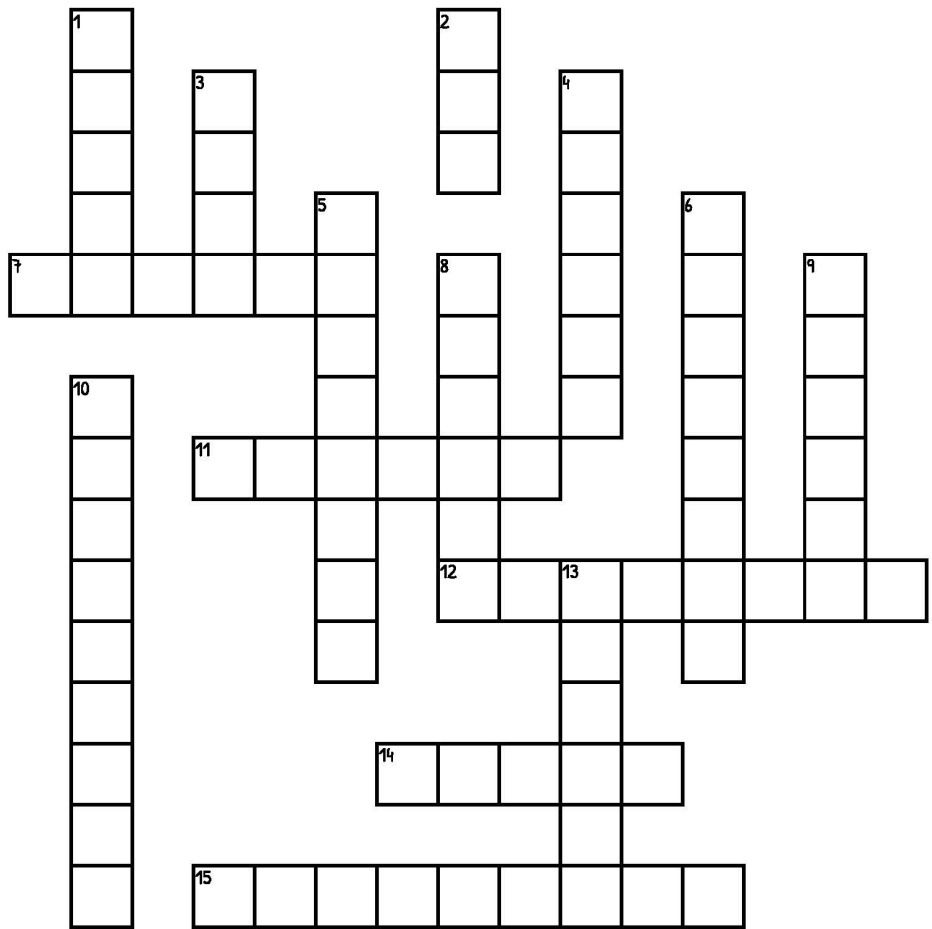
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# WHAT'S NEW!

## Save the Date 55th ABCOTS Annual Session

### Mark Your Calendar

Dates: May 6 - 8, 2025

Location: Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 7237 Tuckaseegee Rd

Charlotte NC 38214

Host Pastor Rev. Dr. Casey Kimbrough

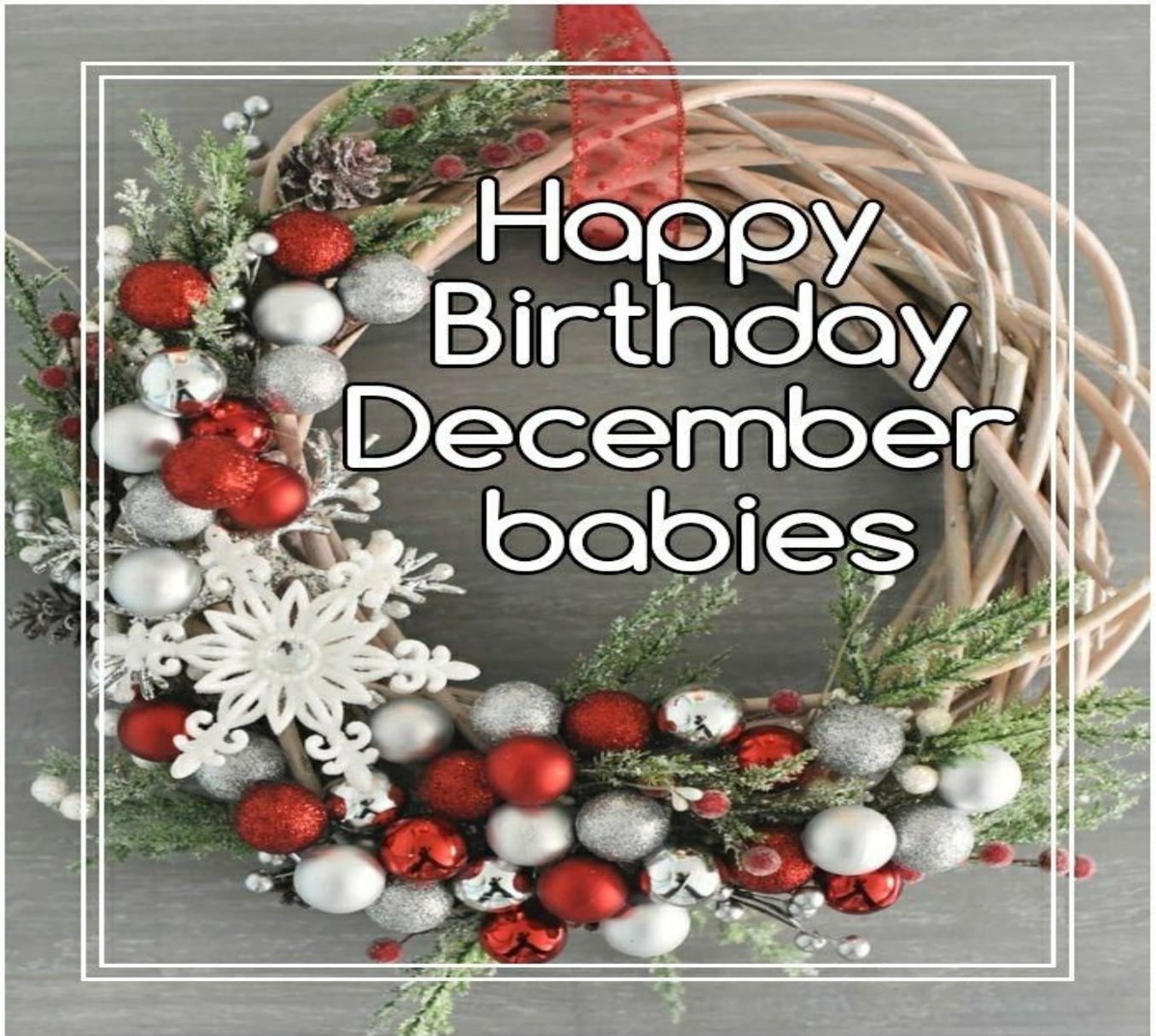
Theme: Living For Christ, Serving This Present Age

Scripture: Acts 13:32-42    Hymn: I Am Thine, O Lord

## BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION!

The ABWOTS Executive Committee will be holding a Zoom meeting sometime in January to begin planning for the ABWOTS auxiliary meetings to be held during the 55th ABCOTS Annual Session in 2025. We appreciate the feedback you have already given us and would like to hear more from you. We'll be sending an invitation to the Zoom meeting sometime this month..





**Birthday Honorees:**

We would like to highlight ABWOTS members' birthdays each month.

We are asking you to submit your information by email to: Angelia Mumford  
[@abwotswomen@gmail.com](mailto:@abwotswomen@gmail.com)

Please include

Your Name:

Your Church Name, Location and Area number

Birth month and day (No Year)

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Dear American Baptist Women,

As we prepare to enter this sacred season of Advent, I invite you to join me in a journey of **New Beginnings** with ABWM. Together, we have faced the ending of one chapter of leadership and embraced the opportunity to begin anew. This is a time for us to reimagine our impact and how we faithfully show up within our denomination and the world.

Reflecting on this moment of transition, these words written by the team at [Sanctified Art](#) resonates with me:

*In many ways, pregnant Mary was surrounded by endings—large and small, personal and political. And yet, Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and is making all things new. As we also move through new personal and political chapters, may these words for the beginning renew us and remind us of the ways we are called to live out our faith. No matter what you are facing, no matter what this new day brings, let love be your beginning.*

As part of our Advent journey, we are excited to share resources from [Sanctified Art](#), including a thoughtfully created **Devotional**. These beautiful reflections invite us to deepen our connection to the sacred story of Christ's birth and our call to embody hope, peace, joy, and love in our lives.

Please share [\[this link\]](#) with the women in your regions so they can follow along with the weekly devotions. Let's make this a time of renewed faith and collective reflection.

Additionally, if you haven't already, please sign up for our **Advent-Christmas Worship Series** using [\[this link\]](#), a time to come together in worship and celebration of the new life and hope that this season brings.

Let us walk into this season with hearts full of expectation and hope, trusting in a God who continues to make all things new.

In faith and anticipation,

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# Area Meeting Reports

## Area 1 Meeting –October 5, 2024—Moderator Loretta Spreight

Hosted by Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Rockville, MD

Theme: Shout It Again, Scripture Isaiah 58:1-3 & Acts 13: 42-48. Worship Service was led by Rev. Dr. Brian O. Bellamy. The women had forty-eight persons in attendance, while overall attendance was close to a hundred. Rev. Sandra Dorsainvil was one of the facilitator's.

It was spoken that ABCOTS, Area I needs to fill all of the positions in the area. Due take a stand.



One of main subjects was not knowing what it means to belong to ABCOTS. Our ABWOTS President, Cynthia Bentley helped to facilitate the meeting.



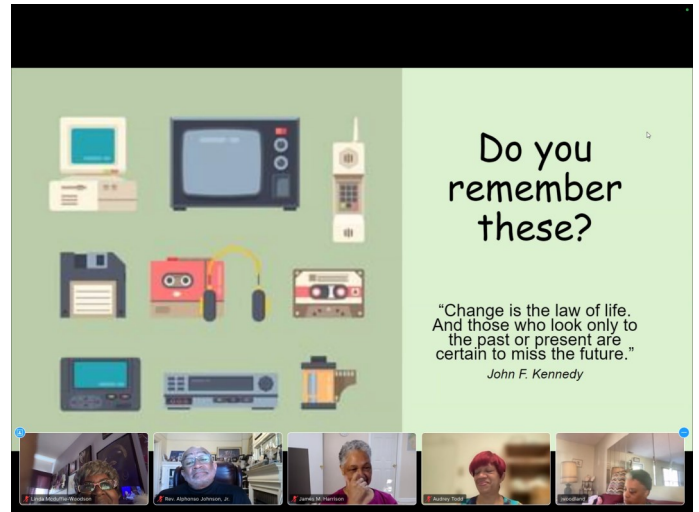
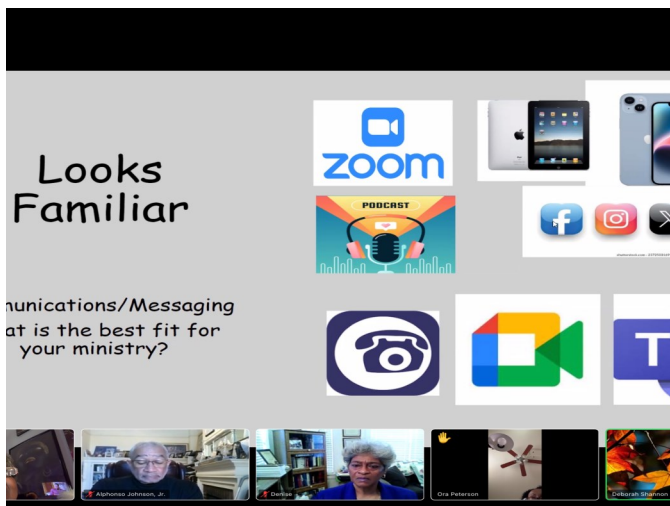


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Area II Meeting: October 11-12, 2024

Theme: "Shout It Again!"

Area II - There are 88 active churches in this area. The late Dr. E.B. Hicks was called as the first Executive Minister of the Region. Its first Annual Session, was held March 19-20, 1971 in Richmond, VA.



## ABWOTS Open Positions

**Coordinator of Mission with Women and Girls** promotes the vision for all women and girls to have opportunities to live in the fullness of God's purpose for their lives; studies issues related to executive committee's current emphases on women and girls and suggests materials for study and action; promotes the Women and Girls Mission Fund and special mission projects that empower women and girls; suggests ideas for education and promotion of mission related resources. (This position began at the National level in 2013).

**Coordinator of Events** provides leadership in planning all regional women's events sponsored by ABWOTS; oversees and delegates tasks in the implementation of regional ABWOTS meetings and conferences; assures that the conference revenues exceed expenses; and leads the budgeting process for upcoming conferences working with the Treasurer.

**Coordinator of AB Girls** is responsible for the regional Gathering of Girls and promotes AB GIRLS.

**Coordinator of Love Gift** is responsible for the education and promotion of the Love Gift offering.

**Area President positions for Area I, II, III, IV, V and VI are also open.**

# Crossword Puzzle Answer Sheet

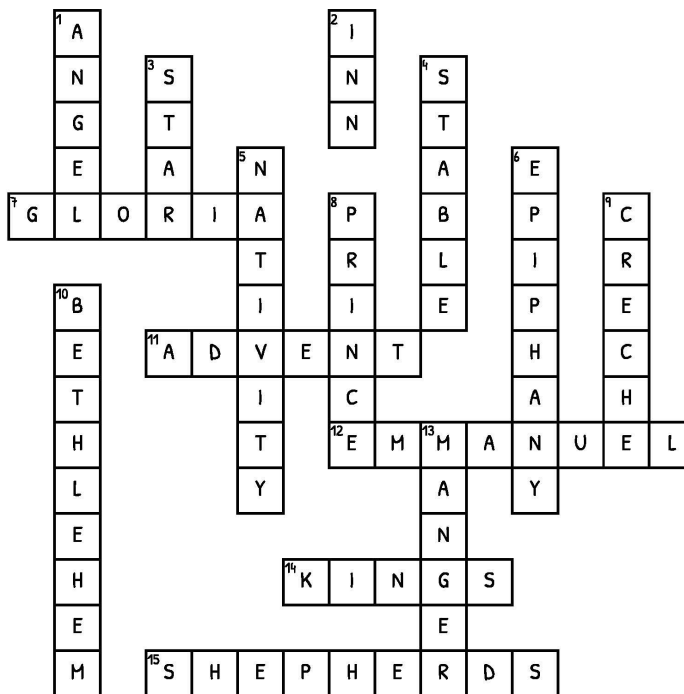
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