

WMU News, by Doris Melton

The WMU leadership team met on Saturday February 3 at Faith Baptist Church. Ms. Shirley Kool was our invited guest. Ms. Kool has years of experience in WMU and came as our guest to share ideas to help us determine how we can be more flexible and get more involvement in churches and throughout our entire county. Ms Kool gave us 10 points to ponder and incorporate. 1). Training-This is a must and beneficial for all members. The state offers WMU training each year;however, there are many local folks that can also provide excellent training. 2). Mentoring-We have to be vigilant about growing new leaders. Personally invite people to help and train. 3). Enthusiasm-Leaders have to be excited about what WMU is doing to spark the interest of others. 4). Open-Minded-We must be open-minded and not set in our ways to grow.5.) Constitution-Get a copy of the WMU Constitution and see what it requires. 6). Funding- We can't out spend God! If it is His will the money will be there. 7).Theme- A theme pulls groups together and unites them for a common goal. 8). Communication-This is a key piece of successful and thriving WMU community. 9). Planning- Try to plan at least 6 mo. ahead so that folks have time to get things on their Church calendar and gather resources. 10). Announcements-promote projects with enthusiasm and excitement. Ms. Kool has agreed to install our Officers for the coming year. We truly appreciate her guidance.

Our next planning meeting will be on March 15 at Lovedale Baptist Church starting with a covered dish meal at 6:30pm. Faith Praise Team will provide our music. We encourage all WMU members to join us! If you know someone call and invite them to join us! We have exciting news, plans, and projects on the horizon!

Exciting sneak preview of our annual meeting scheduled for May 10th at Locust Field Baptist Church! Missionary Ruth McWhite is coming to be our guest speaker!



Hispanic students from Fruitland's Hispanic Theological Education Program assisted the Baptist Men once again. They accompanied Gerald Morris and a team from our association. The team traveled to Lumberton on February 8th. They worked on homes damaged by last year's hurricanes.

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