

2017 AL/MS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

July 19-21, 2017



Sponsored by Presbyterian Women from Alabama and Mississippi Presbyteries

The Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

**Reverend Dr. Melissa Bane Sevier
Bible Study Leader**

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Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

10:00 a.m.-12 Noon Registration
11:45 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Opening
 Opening Remarks/Introductions
 Devotion
 Lunch
1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Workshop #1
2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Workshop #2
4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Field Trips
6:00 p.m.-7:10 p.m. Dinner Program
 National Child Advocacy
 RiahRose Home
 Presbyterian Home for Children
7:15 p.m. Bible Study
8:15 p.m. Closing Announcements

Thursday, July 20, 2017

8:30 a.m. Community Singing
8:45 a.m. Devotion
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Workshop #3
12:00 p.m.- 12:50 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Workshop #4
2:30 p.m. Workshop #5
4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Field Trips
5:45 p.m.-6:35 p.m. Dinner
6:45 p.m. Special Program
7:00 p.m. Bible Study
8:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 21, 2017

9:15 a.m. Community Singing
9:30 a.m. Devotion
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Closing Announcements

Registration

Full Conference Registration: Early registration ends on June 28, 2017. Late fees begin June 29, 2017. Fees include lunch and dinner on Wednesday and Thursday. **Breakfast on your own each day.**

Day students: Starts at \$60.00 a day (includes lunch for selected day). See Conference Registration for Day Student Fees.

Conference Housing

Springhill Suites by Marriott

745 Constellation Place Drive

Huntsville, AL 35801

\$109+ taxes per night: two double-bed suite or king suite. **Free breakfast daily.**

Telephone: 1-256-512-0188

[**Book your group rate for ALMS Conference**](#)

Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 28, 2017
Ask for AL/MS Women's Conference.

Offering Recipients

RiahRose Home for Children's mission is to help women become self-sufficient. It is not a shelter, but a home. Each person has a different need; she is taken from where she is and helped to move forward.

National Child Advocacy Center was developed to coordinate the multidisciplinary response to child abuse while seeking to limit any additional trauma to the child.

Market Place Donations

Please donate items that have been made by **hand and with love** (canned, baked cooked, knitted, crocheted, sewn, painted, etc.). Bring items to Market Place by **1 p.m. Wednesday**.
**** CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED ****

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Based on **2017-18 Horizons Bible Study**, the Conference offers 29 workshop choices, both on and off site. Each workshop will be one hour and fifteen minutes in length. Be sure to visit the **PW Resources Room and the popular Market Place**.

Field trips to RiahRose Home, The National Child Advocacy Center and Lowe's Mill are offered on Wednesday and Thursday. Limited number of seats per each trip.

Daily **Community Singing**, along with the **Conference Choir** will bring joy to your heart.

Lunch and dinner will be served on Wednesday and Thursday. Snacks will be available all during the day.

Friday Morning Worship Service begins at 11:00 a.m., includes Holy Communion. A Love Offering will be taken.

2017 AL/MS Offering Recipients

Friday's Love Offering, along with all Market Place sales and Centsibility collections will go to RiahRose Home for Children, Inc., and The National Child Advocacy Center Both are in Huntsville, Alabama and both organizations are past recipients of the PW Thank Offering Grant.

Conference Leaders

Bible Study Leader – Reverend Dr. Melissa Bane Sevier, author of the 2017-18 Bible Study, will present an overview of the study on Wednesday night, and Thursday and Friday morning. Rev. Bane, a business writer and a photographer, will also present a workshop on her decision-makings as she developed the Bible Study. (See Workshop listing for details.)

Music Director – Mrs. Brenda D. Davis, will lead us in song and music for the Community Singing and will direct the Conference Choir (choir meets on Wednesday and Thursday). Mrs. Davis is the Director of Music Ministry, Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Alabama. **(Choir Practice: Wednesday: 2:30; Thursday: 10:30)**

Worship Leader – Reverend Peggy McClure, will be our worship leader during our Closing Program on Friday. Service will begin at 1100 a.m. Service includes Holy Communion.

Specialty Classes

Improving Your Floral Arrangements- Dr. Joyce Pettis Temple admits that most of us can put flowers in a vase, but can we improve the beauty of these arrangements? Learn about creating design lines, about colors and about choosing containers; then construct your own arrangement to take home.

Class size limited \$7.00
Offered: Thursday: 1:00, 2:30

Chocolate Truffle (candy making) – Ms. Caitlin Lyon and Ms. Michelle Novosel, owners of Pizzelle's Confections will challenge your taste buds as you learn the history of chocolate, the science of chocolate and the art of making chocolate truffles. This class will take place in the kitchen of Pizzelle's. You will not only make and fill a chocolate truffle to take home, but sample their special drinking chocolate with house-made marshmallows. \$10.00

Offered Wednesday and Thursday: 4:00

National Child Advocacy Center: How You Can Help A Child – Mr. Chris Newlin will walk you through the process of a child abuse investigation. Visit the campus and see how you can help. **Limited Seats.**

Offered: Wednesday and Thursday: 4:30.

Workshops

Hebrews Extended: Going Deeper into the Horizons Study -- Reverend Dr. Melissa Bane Sevier, the author of the 2017-18 *Horizons Bible Study*. Learn how a writer decides what to write, what voice to use, what to include, and what must be left out due to space? You will be able to hear from our author, ask questions, and discuss the study from both an overview and detailed perspective. **Offered: Wednesday: 1:00 and Thursday: 1:00, 2:30.**

The Discovery Bible Study Method – Reverend Gregory J. Bentley--Discovery Bible Study, DBS, is an effective process for multiplying disciples who make disciples. It is a simple, transferrable method that aims to bring about loving obedience and spiritual reproduction. **Offered: Wednesday: 2:30 and Thursday: 10:30, 1:00.**

What Does the Bible Have to Say About Health Today? -- Dr. Jamie W. Walraven Discusses health from a biblical history. Special focus on women's health, diet, exercise and stress. **Offered: Wednesday: 2:30 and Thursday: 1:00.**

The PW Community: Resources / Information -- Dr. Susan Jackson-Dowd will provide information about current PW programs and resources, including the 2017-18 PW Horizons Bible Study, Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews. She will also answer r questions about Presbyterian Women, the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). **Offered: Wednesday: 1:00, 2:30 and Thursday: 10:30, 2:30**

Revealing Hebrews – Mrs. Dee Koza looks at a series of "revelations" presented by the author of Hebrews. Through the use of various mediums, discover the overall purpose and hopes found in the New Testament Book of Hebrews. **Offered: Wednesday: 1:00 and Thursday: 10:30, 1:00**

Workshops

(Continued)

Cloud of Witnesses: Portrait Activities for the Communion of Saints -- Reverend Dr. Lynn Miller. Who are the people in your cloud of witnesses? In this workshop, you will create a portrait of one of "your" saints (no art experience required!) and discover some ideas for portrait banners and art installations for congregational use. Perfect for church anniversaries, All Saints Day, confirmation classes and more.

SPECIAL NOTE: For this workshop only

Participants are requested to send a photo (scanned and emailed is fine) of one of your saints to Lynn Miller (lynnmillerdesign2@gmail.com) **by June 30** so that she can prepare what you will need for workshop success. Better photos will yield better results. **Offered: Wednesday: 2:30; Thursday: 10:30, 2:30.**

PW Mission: Demonstrating the Community of Christ -- Reverend Katharine Reeves. PW has engaged in the missions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) throughout our Church's History. This workshop will tell about some of the ways that PW is participating in God's mission both at home and abroad. **Offered: Wednesday: 1:00, 2:30, and Thursday: 1:00, 2:30.**

Create, Make, and Take – Ms. Shemika

Stinnett. Participants will make, create and take home several small projects to be used as flyers, invitations, centerpieces for use for church activities or on your job. Limited Seats.

Offered: Wednesday 1:00, and Thursday: 10:30, 1:00.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please remove registration form and mail with your registration fee to: Gladys Bracy
3301 Deerfield Rd NW
Huntsville, AL 35810

Make check payable to: **AL/MS Women's Conference.**

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Email Address _____

Local Church _____ Presbytery _____

Special dietary request: (Please specify)

Full Conference Registration:

By June 28: After June 28:
\$120.00 \$145.00 \$ _____.00

Day Students

By June 28: After June 28:
Wednesday: \$60.00 \$70.00 \$ _____.00

Thursday \$70.00 \$80.00 \$ _____.00

Friday \$30.00 \$40.00 \$ _____.00

Bible Study (Per Session): \$10.00 \$ _____.00

Chocolate Truffles Class \$10.00 \$ _____.00

Floral Workshop \$ 7.00 \$ _____.00

Total Submitted: \$ _____.00

Your Workshop Selections

Wednesday, July 19

1. _____

2. _____

Alternate: _____

Thursday, July 20

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Alternates: _____

Field Trips

Offered: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. each day
(Transportation provided)

Wednesday:

RiahRose [] Child Advocacy Center []
Lowe's Mill [] Chocolate Making (\$10) []

Thursday:

RiahRose [] Child Advocacy Center []
Lowe's Mill [] Chocolate Making (\$10) []

Horizons Bible Study Pre-orders

Checks Payable to: Horizons. Pay at pick-up.

Number of Study Books Ordered: _____

Name of Church _____

Must order by June 29, 2017.

Questions Regarding Registration?

Email: gladysbracy@comcast.net
Call: 256-859-1980 (Home)
256-509-0725 (Cell)