

December's ABW Meeting

The ABWM is on winter break
March meeting will be March 4th at the home of Evelyn Kittle

The ABW met at the home of B.J. Baxter on December 3, 2009 with 14 ladies and 4 children present.

The meeting was opened by the singing of Jingle Bells (with sound effects) and Deck the Halls. President Karen Meister shared Christmas humor with those present.

The thought for the month is "You will never have a chance to live today again." This is a quote from Charles Stanley, who also reminds us that time is irrevocable—we cannot hit "rewind" and undo anything.

Winnie had our devotions on "Mary, the mother of Jesus" in keeping with this year's theme of "Women... Destined for God's Purpose." If any woman was destined for God's purpose, it was Mary. Winnie told how Mary in her later years probably looked back on the life of her son and all that entailed—birth in a stable, the trip to the temple when he was 12, his Baptism, his healing of the sick, his love for all people, his death and resurrection.

Prayer request cards were handed out and names were added to be remembered throughout the month. Winnie led in prayer.

In Phyllis Powell's absence, the secretary's report was read by Diana Kittle. It was approved as read. Stella Dobson gave the treasurer's report for Vi Ravenscraft.

We have a balance of \$179.53.

Karen and Cleta Lamb attended the mission talk held at Greendale Baptist Church in November and heard Barbara Bolick, who is a

missionary in Chile. Karen shared some information with the group.

Thanks you's were received from We Care, EMCC, and St. Vincent dePaul for donations given in November.

Each year the ABW selects a name of a senior adult who attends the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis and buys a Christmas gift for them. Winnie did the shopping and bought two sweaters and a bag of toiletries.

Karen plans to have a "work day" in January or February where we will put together School Bags and Health Kits used by Church World Service.



The Love Gift devotion was given by Stella and was taken from the second chapter of Luke. The offering was received and Stella led in prayer.

Amber and Autumn Secrest assisted Karen in a skit by Erma Bombeck on "hand-made" Christmas gifts. Then the fun began as "Santa" auctioned off all the beautiful Christmas gift bags and presents brought by the ladies. The auction added \$91.50 to our treasury.

Hostess B. J. treated the ladies to a great variety of Christmas goodies and great fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Phyllis Powell, Secretary

