

**AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES &  
YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES  
CONFERENCE  
LAKE WILLIAMSON, CARLINVILLE, IL.**

**A Note from your Conference Co-Chairs**

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2025 Conference. We are all hoping to reconnect back to Camp Williamson in Carlinville, IL.. As you can see in the brochure, we will have some great speakers and Music lined up. Sue Hagerty will be our missionary, which is not in the Brochure. More activities will be added as we go. Please put a carload together and enjoy a weekend with the Girls and Blessed Women.

Camping is available at Lake Williamson. It's an option for those who want to come with their family and you can attend conference. High School age and above will attend with the Young Women's Group. Special rates for 6th thru 8th Graders. if interested that age group contact me for cost options.... As Stated in the info Brochure and registration form....there are special rates for the dorm rates. Please call me at 309-830-4342. sometimes, it is easier for me to know your circumstance, so we can answer your questions. also...Saturday evening program is in the works... (Variety Show) Not finalized yet, but coming along... You will want to be there!

PS Call 309-830-4342 if you have questions. Please leave a message and phone number. I will get back to you that day or the next morning.....Nancy

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE - JULY 15, 2025**



# COME TO LAKE WILLIAMSON



**Comfortable  
Rooms**

**Peaceful  
Setting**



**Great Food**





## Overnite Accommodations

### Friday, July 25

#### Check-in begins at 4pm

- \* Conference Doors open 5:45pm
- \* Friday Program begins 6:30pm

### Saturday, July 27

Buffet Breakfast for those staying overnight. Time TBA

#### Saturday Check-in time: 8:00 a.m.

- Conference Doors open at 8:15 am
- \* Saturday Program at 9:00 am

### Sunday, July 28

Buffet Breakfast for those staying overnight. Time TBA

- \* Conference Doors open at 8:45am
- \* Sunday Service starts at 9:15am

- If you are not staying overnite, Please register for the days you will be attending.

**Everyone needs to pre-register.**  
**Our deadline for the Hotel is 10 days before Conference. (July 15th)**

## "What YOU Need to Know"

**If you have any special dietary needs or special room needs, please note on registration form.**

- Please dress in layers as it is sometimes difficult to control the temperatures in each room that we will be using.
- Bring with you.....
- **Casual Clothing**

**Toiletries**

**Bible**

**Comfortable Shoes**

**Swimsuit**

**Sweater or Jacket**



**Smiling Faces**

**Fellowship, Music, Speakers,  
Prayer Time, Social Time  
Rose Ceremony Testimonies,  
Business Meeting, & more to come!**

### Special Project

Mini Libraries For Talita Cumi Girls

Clubs — **Goal: \$15,000**

This project will provide 3,800 Spanish books of various reading levels at 50 Talita Cumi Girls Clubs in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico and Nicaragua. The goal of this project is to create 50 mini libraries in Latin America that will improve the literacy skills of girls in the Talita Cumi Girls Clubs and the chance for a better future.

## Great Rivers Region

### Annual Conference

### American Baptist Women's Ministries

Friday July 25 thru Sunday July 27, 2025

Lake Williamson Christian Center

Carlinville, IL

**ABWM, ABYW\* & G.I.R.L.S.\*\***

**\*American Baptist Young Women**

**\*\*Girls In Relationship,**

**Leadership & Service**



Our theme for 2023-2025 is, **"Be Strong and Courageous."**

**Joshua 1:9, God has commanded us to Be Strong and to be Courageous. We will not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord our God is with us, wherever we go.**



The Lesters, from St. Louis, Missouri, often called "St. Louis' First Family of Gospel Music," have been sharing The Word through song for four generations. Truly, The Lesters are ~ "A FAMILY FOR THE FAMILY."

Their signature sound is a blend of inspired arrangements and vocal artistry, led by longtime performer BRIAN LESTER. Brian has been singing with the family since he was four. His vibrant voice and easy rapport with audiences ministers to young and old alike.

As a fourth generation performer, JONATHAN LESTER brings a real freshness to the group. Like his father, Brian, Jon was "born to sing," performing at a very young age. But he remains inspired by the generations of Lesters who went before him and by the message of God's eternal grace.

The newest vocal addition to The Lesters is Jonathan's wife BAILEE LESTER. She has been inspired and influenced by listening to gospel music her entire life. Since a

young child her family would attend concerts at Meramec Caverns to hear all the great gospel groups. Little did she realize that God was preparing her for something special; not only as a part of the family, but to "Sing For The Glory of God."

The Lesters take pride in their family heritage, but consider God's greater family as the real reason for their continued work. As they prayerfully pass their legacy to future generations, The Lesters hope to move others to a deeper level of spiritual commitment.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Lesters is a ministry dedicated to leading people to Jesus by sharing the joy of Christ through music and personal testimony.

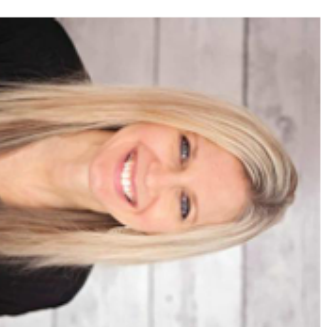


**TRACY WILLET**

**HARMS: WORSHIP LEADER & SONGWRITER**  
Tracy Willet grew up in IL. She studied acting & musical theater at Circle in the Square Theater School in NY.

Tracy spent 17 years in NYC, serving on the worship team at Calvary Baptist, working as an actress/singer/ song- writer

& obtaining her Master of Science in Education with a concentration in Mental Health Counseling. Willet advocates for the National Eating Disorders Association. She recently moved back to IL, close to family & her new husband. **Tracy will be leading worship and speaking to our group.** Tracy now tours with a Group of Christian Comedy Ladies called "The Unknown Tour". It's a fun "Girls Nite Out" with Christian messages..



**Rachel Wojto** is a

public speaker and freelance writer for well-known faith-based companies. She hosts Bible reading challenges on her popular blog, [rachelwojo.com](http://rachelwojo.com), which rallies readers of all ages to search God's Word for solutions to life's problems.

Her Bible reading plans are used by more than four million people worldwide.

Rachel is the author of *Desperate Prayers: Embracing the Power of Prayer in Life's Darkest Moments*. She and her husband, Matt, reside in Ohio and are the parents of eight children, two in heaven and six on earth.

Rachel Wojnarowski

## **MAIL TO MARCIA WIMMER**

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(Name & Phone for Emergency Contact)

Local Church\_\_\_\_\_Area\_\_\_\_\_

Room mates\_\_\_\_\_

☐ First Time Attendee

### **1 night Option**

☐ \$165.00 for 2 persons to a room (3)

☐ \$180.00 for 3 persons to a room (3)

☐ \$240.00 for 1 person to a room (3)

☐ \$75.00 Saturday Only (2)

### **2 night Option**

☐ \$220.00 for 2 persons to a room (4)

☐ \$215.00 for 3 persons to a room (4)

☐ \$314.00 for 1 person to a room (4)

WRITE CHECKS: ABWMINISTRIES GRR  
& mail this registration form to:

**Marcia Wimmer**

2249 North Fairview Ave

Decatur, IL 62526

Questions: 217-855-4158

E-Mail: [salad49@comcast.net](mailto:salad49@comcast.net)

**Dorm Rooms for Larger Groups, Bring your  
own Linens, Call Nancy for info 309-830-4342**

## **Save this Copy for Yourself**

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Meals\_\_\_\_\_



## 2024-2025 SPECIAL PROJECT TALITA CUMI GIRLS CLUBS

Each year the ABWM-GRR adopts a special project to support financially. This campaign/fundraiser runs from conference to conference. Our project for 2024-2025 is to provide Mini Libraries for the Talita Cumi Girls Clubs in Latin America. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 by the end of Conference (July 25-27, 2025). It is not too late to give toward this project. Many churches host fundraisers like Special Project Dinner, Churchwide offering on Sunday morning, tea parties, etc. Gather your women together and support this much needed project and either send your donation to Becky Jones, ABWM-GRR Treasurer or bring your donation to conference at Lake Williamson, Carlinville, IL.



The goal is to create 50 mini libraries in Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, and Nicaragua. The project will be managed by missionary, Sarah McCurdy.

A gift of \$355 will provide 1 complete library with approximately 76 books.

A gift of \$710 will provide 2 complete libraries.

A gift of \$1,420 will provide 4 complete libraries.

A gift of \$3,550 will provide 10 complete libraries

## STUDENT AID



Please join me in welcoming our newest scholarship recipient... Ian Lohr. Ian is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Jerseyville, IL. He plans to attend Greenville University this fall to major in business and marketing. He is a part of the Jersey County CEO Program and teaches young entrepreneurs about the business world. He also actively serves as part of the men's group at Bethel Baptist.

Josephine Lohr has just completed her sophomore year at Greenville University. Josephine shared that the change from freshman to sophomore year was a bit of a struggle for her. She was really looking forward to beginning in the education focused classes this past semester. She shared "I really appreciate the prayers and I hope you know they are felt deeply by me through the school year!"

Ryan Blaise is currently involved in a study aboard.

Sara Good has just finished up the school year at Judson college and notes, "I'm doing very well this semester, I have a few exciting classes, my favorites are on the Book of Isaiah and intercultural communication. I am also participating in our semester play, I play two minor roles in Radium Girls."

Faith Roberts is excited to have just finished her freshman year. School is going well for her. She is currently working at the Jacksonville memorial hospital in the er registration.

Hope you all enjoy your summer!