



**Presbyterian Women
Tres Rios Presbytery
2009 History**

Coordinating Team members were:

Moderator: Joyce Bronaugh, Big Spring

Moderator-in-Nomination: Cecilia Casal, Midland

Treasurer: Mona Rood, Odessa

Together in Service: Karen Boozer, El Paso

Horizons Rep: Sue Stroman, Sterling City

Historians: Starling Edwards/Helen Glass

Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Chairman: Helen Shive, Coahoma

Cluster Coordinators:

Desert Rose: Mary Grube-Beard, El Paso

Creation: JoAnn Laird, Odessa

Crossroads: Monika Robinson, Big Spring

Concho Valley: Bea Torres, San Angelo

Mountain: Linda Allen, Fort Davis

Search Team:

Desert Rose: Joyce Burkholder, El Paso

Creation: JoAnn Laird, Odessa

Crossroads: JoDell Myrick, Sterling City

Concho Valley: Roberta James (chair), Sonora

Mountain: Louadah Waggoner, Fort Davis

Moderator Joyce Bronaugh and the CT initiated the idea of hosting two Spring Gatherings in order to include more women. In our presbytery El Paso is in the far western corner which makes the distance a prohibitive factor in women attending gatherings. Thus one Spring Gathering was held at Highland Presbyterian Church in El Paso; the other one was hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring. The theme of both gatherings was "PW Mission: 200 Years and Going Strong".

The El Paso Gathering at Highland was held on May 9 with approximately 50 in attendance including ladies from Midland, Sonora, Big Spring, Juarez, and four of the Presbyterian churches in El Paso. Marj Carpenter, former Moderator of General Assembly, was the featured speaker; Rev. Amy Robinson of Pasos of Fe, and Linda Martinez, CLP at Divine Savior Presbyterian Church, also took part in the program. The meeting and worship service were conducted in English and Spanish.

The Spring Gathering in Big Spring was attended by 65 women from eleven churches. Keynote speakers were Patti Nance, Synod of the Sun Mission Coordinator, and Marj Carpenter, former Moderator of General Assembly. The gathering began at 9:00 a.m. with registration and refreshments provided by PW of Coahoma. A delicious lunch was

cooked and served by the Big Spring PW. The day ended with a worship service, communion, and installation of officers.

Each year a Justice and Peace project is selected by the CT to be the recipient of the gathering offerings, as well as pledges from PWCs. This year Project VIDA in El Paso was selected and received \$1084.45 from Tres Rios PW.

Unique to the PW of Tres Rios is the Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship fund. The CT maintains the fund with interest proceeds funding scholarships for selected seminary students under the care of our presbytery. Helen Shive, chair of the scholarship fund, is also a member of the Tres Rios Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The amount of the scholarship was raised to \$1000 per recipient this year. The two recipients were Jo Beth McLeod and Mary Elizabeth Prentice. Jo Beth is the minister of the Alpine Presbyterian Church. She is working on her Doctorate in Ministry at Austin Seminary, attending two-week sessions twice a year and the rest of the year is working at home. Mary Elizabeth is a second year student at Austin Seminary and will graduate in May of 2010.

MO Ranch is a favorite place for PW of Tres Rios. Many women attended the Women's Conference in June. The conference keynote speaker, Eugenia Gamble, was such an inspiration to everyone attending, that our moderator Joyce Bronaugh invited her to be the keynote speaker for the 2010 Spring Gatherings in Tres Rios! We are so excited! There were 7 Tres Rios women who also attended the Bible Study Conference at MO in July where they got to meet and interact with Mary Mikhael, author of the 2009 Horizons Bible study *Joshua: a Journey of Faith*.

The Churchwide Gathering in Louisville was attended by seven women of Tres Rios: Judia Foreman, Chris Laufer, and Cecilia Casal of Midland; Donna Minear, Amy Robinson, Kelly Hernandez, and Michelle Malone of El Paso; and Joyce Bronaugh of Big Spring. Judia, Cecilia, and Chris had big parts in helping to make the gathering a huge success. Judia served on the plenary planning team, was the communication representative who put together the program book, and still managed to give a talk on PW Response to Disaster at the Sunday evening plenary. Chris Laufer did a Faces of Children workshop. Cecilia Casal, moderator for National Hispanic Latin Women, gave the Charge and Blessing during the worship service on Sunday morning, July 12th.

Judia Foreman and Donna Minear, both past PW moderators of Tres Rios, served on the Synod of the Sun CT. Judia served as CCT Rep, while Donna served on the Search Team. Judia also attended the 2008 Global Exchange to Central and Eastern Europe. She spoke to PW of Midland First at their Thank Offering luncheon on November 10, 2009, and to the Tres Rios PWCT in January 2010 using a power point presentation to share her experiences.

Treasurer Mona Rood reports that for 2009, in addition to the Willie Hall Black-Barstow scholarships and the Justice and Peace offerings, Tres Rios PW contributed \$2981 to the Birthday Offering, \$478 to Least Coin, \$560 to Networkers, \$4635 to Mission Pledge, and \$1505 to the Thank Offering.

The individual PW groups in the congregations have remained faithful to the purpose of PW as they work hard to be witnesses for Christ in their churches, communities, and the world. The groups have reported as follows:

Concho Valley Cluster: Bea Torres, Cluster Coordinator

First Presbyterian Church Ballinger reports that their PW group meets every third Thursday at 9:30 for Bible study and business. The women are very active in all areas of the church. Megan Belew, Kay Sizemore and Amy Batts serve as active elders; Laurie Austin serves as Historian; Joyce Spreen is treasurer; and organists are Kathy Brock and Ida Lee Ellis. The church pastor Kary Rawlings was honored at the “Women of Distinction” Banquet in San Angelo. What an honor for her and a reflection of her role as a leader in the community. The whole church participated in a Taste of Ballinger for Love of the Library, a fundraiser for the local library. Recipes from their congregation will be featured in the Ballinger cookbook. An Angel Cross was placed in the sanctuary during Lent with names and addresses of children, youth, and college students written on cards. Members took one or more cards and prayed for their “angels” throughout Lent. The women always enjoy preparing for the many fellowship meals and special events. A “Welcome Back to School” hamburger cookout was held at the local park in September. The whole church participated in Operation Christmas Child, preparing boxes to send to children around the world. Food was also collected for local Christmas food baskets.

Church of the Good Shepherd in Sonora has 10 women active in PW. These women meet monthly and use the Horizons Bible study. Roberta James serves as chair of the Tres Rios PW Search Team and attended the Spring Gathering in El Paso. They financially support the Birthday Offering, the Justice and Peace Project, and the Thank Offering. Their special mission projects are to have a food drive at Christmas for those in need and to send packages of goodies to those from their church and community who serve in the military. Women serving on the session are Jeanette Turner, Shirley Badgett, Susan Bloodworth, and Pam Armke.

Creation Cluster: Joann Laird, Cluster Coordinator

First Presbyterian Odessa conferred an Honorary Life Membership on Elizabeth Somers this year. There are 65 active Presbyterian Women in their church forming two circles, both of which meet monthly and use the Horizons Bible study. Ann Tilley leads the Bible study lessons. These women collected Campbell’s soup labels for the Goodland Presbyterian Children’s Home and well as card fronts for Project Vida. They contributed to the Birthday Offering, Justice and Peace Project, Thank Offering, Least Coin Offering,

Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund and Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Several luncheons were served throughout the year as well as bereavement meals. Seven women attended the Spring Gathering in Big Spring, two attended a retreat in Fort Davis, and one attended a MO Ranch conference. JoAnn Laird serves on the Tres Rios PW Coordinating Team in two capacities: one as Cluster Coordinator and one as Search Team member. Mona Rood serves as treasurer of the Tres Rios PWCT. Special programs during the year included a review of the book "Same Kind of Different as Me" by Marty Hinson and a Mission Study in Africa by Rosalyn Rush. They also hosted a tea for the Permian Basin Victims Coalition. The following women died during the year, joining the great cloud of witnesses: Clarine Brown (7-9-09), Delma Wright (8-11-09), Marian Jones (9-28-09), Sybil Rice (10-3-09), Marjorie Kramer (10-11-09), Juanita Muns (8-29-09), Pat Bynum (11-02-09), Emily Kuykendall (11-14-09), and Dorothy Wallace (12-13-09). Of their 187 women members in the church, 7 served on the session and 12 on the diaconate; 5 attended Presbytery meetings. PW Historians for this church are Patty Kunz and Ann Tilley. Serving on presbytery committees are: Martha Crump on Personnel Sub-Committee, Ann Tilley and Liz Somers on the Committee on Training and Nurture, and Kristin Hagelstein on Financial Services Sub-Committee.

Westminster Presbyterian Odessa gave three Honorary Life Memberships: Betty Hawk, Anna Hess and Suzanne Vallo. Approximately 15-18 women attend their circle which meets monthly on the third Thursday, and uses the Horizons Bible study. Of the 110 total number of women in the congregation, 26 are active in PW. Contributions were made to the Birthday Offering, Justice and Peace Project, Thank Offering, Least Coin Offering and Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund. They collected card fronts for Project Vida in El Paso, socks and underwear for the Methodist clothes closet, and school supplies for local children. PW assisted Diaconate projects as well as the Youth Projects, including Souper Bowl Sunday and the youth mission trip to the Texas coast. The Angel Tree is also a favorite project, as is the Boys and Girls Club. In May the PW Birthday Luncheon and officer installation was hosted for women of both Odessa First and Westminster. Four women served as elders on the session: Joan McCown, Charlotte Adams, Anna Mackey and Carolyn Tripp. Those serving as deacons were Carolyn McEntyre, Anna Hess and Nanette Kelton. Serving on presbytery committees were: Karen Hildebrand on Church Development Committee and Barbara Chappell on Committee on Nominations. The women remember fondly the following who died during the year: Betty Hanks (9-6-09), Barbara Haston (9-17-09), Helen McMahan (3-27-09) and Bernice Jordan (5-9-09).

First Presbyterian Seminole has a group they call "Squares" in which the women and men meet together monthly for Bible study using the Horizons materials. The pastor Ed Wegele keeps PW information posted for their women.

First Presbyterian Andrews has chosen not to meet officially as Presbyterian Women but they do get together monthly for a dinner and book review. Their pastor is Mary Breden.

Crossroads Cluster: Monika Robinson, Cluster Coordinator

First Presbyterian Big Spring reports that of their 117 women members, 32 are active in PW. There are two circles that meet monthly using the Horizons Bible study. One group meets every fourth Tuesday afternoon for Bible study and business. This group is a traditional PW group with a full slate of officers. The Bible study is led by various individuals. Those who led the Joshua study this year were Rev. Allan Guthrie, Mary Ellis, Helen Glass, Marj Carpenter, Lucy Odom, and Rev. Bert Bronaugh. The Working Women's group meets every second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. strictly for Bible study led by Helen Glass. They do collect an offering each time for PW causes. The 2 groups work together for church and PW events. They met together in May for a Birthday Offering Party. At that time Katie Grimes was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of her faithful service and leadership in the church and PW. PW has collectively supported financially the Birthday Offering, Two Cents a Meal Offering, Thank Offering, Least Coin Offering, Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund, Presbyterian Children's Home, Networkers Mother's Day cards, Church World Service, and the PW Mission Pledge to presbytery, synod and churchwide. They have collected cancelled postage stamps for the Congo, greeting card fronts for Project Vida, jackets and school supplies for local students, and participated in the Noisy Offering for hunger, an offering that is received the last Sunday of each month during worship. At Thanksgiving the women volunteered to make pies for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving dinner and at Christmas participated in the Adopt-a-Family program initiated by the Service Committee. It is always the PW who plan, cook and serve meals for bereaved families. Additionally this year the women were privileged to host the ecumenical March Lenten Luncheon and the Tres Rios PW Spring Gathering. They also hosted a farewell reception in September for the interim pastor Bert Bronaugh and his wife Joyce who is our presbytery PW moderator. When Craig and Susan Holstedt, the new minister and his wife, arrived in October, PW was on the doorstep with food for their move-in day. The women then held a welcoming reception for them on their first Sunday in the church. After Craig's installation service on November 1st the women hosted a wonderful Mexican Fiesta dinner in the fellowship hall. PW is very supportive of Church Women United and this year held a Get Acquainted Reception with 26 women in attendance. Cake mixes and icing were provided for local nursing home patients, cupcakes and punch for Big Spring State Hospital patients, Christmas cookie trays for shut-ins and care packages for college students. Shut-ins are remembered with visits, gifts, and cards. A cleanup day was held to spiffy up the church and a pizza lunch enjoyed by the workers. Women serving as elders on the session were Ellen Austin, Katie Grimes, Claudie Patterson, and Helen Glass. Six women attended Presbytery meetings in El Paso and Midland; one went to General Assembly; three attended Mo Ranch conferences. Several women served on presbytery committees: Lucy Odom, Mission; Helen Glass and Joyce Bronaugh, Personnel; Marj Carpenter, Judicial Commission; Myra Robinson, Second Harvest; and Deborah Jones, Training and Nurture. Those serving on the Tres Rios PW Coordinating Team were Joyce Bronaugh, Moderator; Helen Glass, Historian; Jo Dell Myrick, Search Team; and Monika Robinson, Cluster Coordinator. Myra Robinson also

served on the General Assembly Irish Task Force. Many women volunteer in other ways such as providing transportation for cancer patients, and serving as hospital volunteers.

First Presbyterian Church Coahoma has a very strong PW group that is quite involved in all areas of the church. Their group takes the Bible study very seriously. They use the Horizons Bible study. Of the 10 women church members, 9 are active in PW. For the PW meetings and Bible study 16 women regularly attend, including 7 non-Presbyterian women! Leaders for the study are alternated, as is the hostess for each meeting who serves a meal. A special Christmas party/Bible study was held in the home of Pam Hicks. The ladies especially enjoyed the gift exchange. Many guests were included so that about 25 women attended. Because of their reputation for good food, the women helped with the Spring Gathering held at the neighboring church in Big Spring by providing coffee, juice and other goodies during registration time. These women contributed to the Mission Pledge, Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund and Networkers. Greeting card fronts were collected for Project VIDA. In the area of local mission the women provide help at Thanksgiving and Christmas to needy families. They also give school supplies to children in need. Merlene Brown, Paulette Lindsey and Linda Berry serve on the session of the church. Paulette Lindsey attended three Presbytery meetings. Their own Helen Shive serves as the Tres Rios PW Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Chair.

First Presbyterian Midland has 793 women members in their church, 117 of whom are active in PW. There are five circles which use the Horizons Bible study and two groups which use other materials, including Beth Moore curriculum. These women are always good to invite Presbyterian Women from other churches in the area for their special events: two luncheons with guest speakers and the Legacy of Faith Dinner. 17 women serve on the session; 22 on the diaconate; 2 on Board of Trustees. 12 women attended the Mo Ranch Women's conference and 2 the Mo Ranch Bible study conference; one attended a Church Women United event; one attended Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY; 3 attended presbytery meetings; one attended General Assembly. This year the women collected 70 layette bags to donate to the Midland Memorial Hospital. They also collected items for the Safe Place women's shelter and the Children's Clinic of Midland. 85 prayer shawls were knitted for shut-ins and 150 caps and scarves were knitted for LOOPS (Loved Ones of Prisoners). \$500 was collected for the Basket Weaving project for Roma women living in the Ukraine. Other church projects strongly supported by the women include: daily manning of the Prayer closet; Faces of Children international prayer support; Midland Area Aids Support (Christmas gifts collected for all Aids patients attending the Christmas party); Stephen Ministry; Meals on Wheels volunteers; distributing sanctuary flowers every Monday to shut-ins; monthly luncheon/devotional/service project for soup kitchen activity at Manor Park Retirement Center; and mission trips to Uganda and El Paso. Monetary contributions were made to Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Justice and Peace Project, Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund, and Fellowship of the Least Coin. Women involved in PW at higher levels include Judia Foreman who serves as CCT Rep for PW Synod of the Sun and Sue Stroman who serves as Horizons Rep for Tres Rios PW. Pat Hunter served

as Moderator of Tres Rios Presbytery while Judia Foreman served on the Committee on Ministry.

Desert Rose Cluster: Mary Grube-Beard, Cluster Coordinator

Divine Savior El Paso led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Linda Martinez was recently recognized as a church engaged in significant outreach and evangelism ministries. When Linda began in August of 2006 there were 17 people attending her first worship service. Linda then set out getting to know the church's members, making calls to the families and appointments to visit them. Men, women, and youth began to participate by reading scripture and lighting candles in worship. More participation came in leadership roles, serving on the session, and even preaching. Now there 60-80 in worship each Sunday. Much of the church's growth has come from attracting youth and young adults. Once a quarter youth and children lead the entire worship service, with 21 year old Renee, who wants to become a minister, preaching. One Divine Savior youth has been selected as a Tres Rios Presbytery Youth Advisory Delegate to next summer's General Assembly. Another has been chosen as the youth representative on the presbytery council; a third is on a youth task force for an upcoming conference. Linda Martinez has a vision to open the church up to the community as a whole. She asks for prayers for Divine Savior, that the church might continue to have a transforming impact on its community and the lives of its members. Women serving on presbytery committees from Divine Savior are: Lillian Murillo-Puga on Committee on Representation, and Linda Paquian on Committee on Training and Nurture.

First Presbyterian El Paso PW are known for making baby baptismal quilts which are signed by those present on the baptismal date. They also knit prayer shawls for shut-ins and those who are ill. PWC Historian Beverly Stevens reports that of the 192 women members in the church, 38 are active in PW. They are very supportive of Church Women United as indicated by the fact that 12 of their women attended the CWU event which was hosted by their PW groups. There are two circles and one service group. The circles meet monthly September-May and use Horizons Bible study. Four local annual PW meetings were held with an average of 30 women attending. One event featured Linda Black, Director of Hospice of El Paso, who spoke on "End of Life Issues". "More Manna from Heaven" is the name of the cookbook being published and sold by the women. The proceeds will be donated to mission in 2010. The ladies proudly honored Lynne Heider with an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. Eight attended the Spring Gathering at Highland Presbyterian Church in El Paso, one attended a Mo Ranch conference, and one went to a PW retreat. Donna Minear serves on the PW Synod of the Sun Coordinating Team as a member of the Search Committee. Donations from these women benefitted the Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Least Coin Offering, and Casas por Cristo. Twelve women served on the session: Cathryn Baker, Pearl Burkett, Justine Coleman, Lindsay Green, Sharon Heider, Lilla Lide, Donna Minear, Martha Peck, Elie Ponsford, Barbara Rees, Beverly Stevens, and Vicki Walker. Bettie Tritton serves on the Tres Rios Presbytery Financial Services Committee, while Vicki Walker serves as a member-at-large on Presbytery Council. The seventeen women serving on the diaconate

included: Elizabeth Barron, Stella Craig, Alix Duchouquette, Elizabeth Ferguson, Yoke Wan Gunstream, Kopy Koehler, Ada Long, Marilyn McMillan, Gabriela Morales, Melissa Moreno, Maria Murray, Marcia Prest, Lisa Rios, Merry Anne Summerford, Bettie Tritton, Cissy Weidner and Pat Woodhouse. PW saints who died in 2009 were Jackie Williams (1-10-09), Luta Roberts (1-20-09), Virginia Persman (4-2-09), Jan Hearne (8-15-09), Mollie Barnum (9-22-09), Vangie Corner (9-26-09), Elouise Carlton (10-26-09), Arraby Kelly (11-3-09), Mary Stokes (12-17-09), Florence Brunner (12-22-09) and Betty Farah (12-27-09).

Highland Presbyterian El Paso continues to be quite active in Presbyterian Women according to Historian Pat Bryant and Karen Boozer. Two women from this church serve on the Tres Rios PW Coordinating Team: Karen Boozer serves as Together in Service/ Mission Coordinator, while Mary Grube-Beard serves as Cluster Coordinator. They attended the Tres Rios PW Coordinating Team meeting August 28-29 in Midland. Karen was able to attend the CT retreat at Calamity Creek in Fort Davis in January. Almost half of the Highland women are active in PW. Of the 65 total women members, 29 are active! Highland's PW hosted its annual Mission Luncheon on March 8th. Several ladies from Divine Savior and one lady from University Presbyterian Church joined the large group from Highland. Four reps from Border Interfaith as well as two reps from Faces of Children were the keynote speakers. Chris Laufer of Midland spoke on Faces of Children, a prayer ministry for children all over the world. Eddie Chew of Border Interfaith shared about the mission work on the border. Highland's PW gave a contribution to both groups. They also hosted the Spring Gathering on May 9 at their church. Sixteen of their women attended. On May 17 there was an installation of the officers during worship by Dr. Rebecca Whitaker, pastor of Highland. Joanne Doute was given an honorary life membership posthumously. Joanne was beginning her third year as PW moderator when she unexpectedly died on July 31, 2008. She has been sorely missed! The PW group paid travel, lodging, and registration for two of their young women, Kelly Hernandez and Michelle Malone, to attend the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville KY July 11-13. On September 5th the annual Prayer Retreat was held in Ellis Hall, and on December 5th the annual Bayberry Luncheon was held. This luncheon was attended not only by PW members but also members of the congregation and guests. There was a bake sale, a rummage sale, and a raffle for a quilt made by Dr. Whitaker and the quilting group. The three circles, Esther, Phoebe, and Martha, meet monthly for fellowship and Horizons Bible study. This very mission-minded group has supported Super Bowl of Caring, Project VIDA, Prison Fellowship, Food Cupboard of Highland, Angel Tree Project, Drive-a-Meal, Faces of Children, Border Ministry, Birthday Offering, Justice and Peace Project, Thank Offering, Least Coin Offering, Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, and the PW Mission Pledge. Five women served on the church session: Karen Boozer, Mary Grube-Beard, Kelly Hernandez, Elaine Olsakowsky, and Jane Sturgis. Karen Boozer also served as Clerk of Session and was a commissioner to Synod. Elaine Olsakowsky was a commissioner to presbytery and served at the presbytery level on the Church Development Committee along with the pastor Dr. Rebecca Whitaker.

Mountain Cluster: Linda Allen, Cluster Coordinator

First Presbyterian Fort Stockton has 3 circles composed of 35 total members, two of which meet monthly using the Horizons Bible study, and the other group meets weekly doing independent studies and concentrating more fully on prayer. According to PW Historian Sue Prock, if anyone has a prayer concern they contact the Care Circle. The combined groups always start off the year with a luncheon and an overview of the year's Bible study. The Rev. Dr. Jim Miles gave the overview of the Joshua Bible study. In December they met together again for an ornament exchange. They report 59 women members in their church: 24 are active in PW, 5 serve on the session, and 1 (Jean Hoffman) serves on the Board of Trustees. The five women on the session were Anna Haynie, Lisa Tippin, Doni Whigham, Gayle Henderson, and Judy Espino. Eight women attended the Spring Gathering in Big Spring. Mission giving and projects included: Luncheon/Birthday Offering, home tie boxes sent to college students and military members, and valentines sent to local nursing home patients and other seniors.

First Presbyterian Fort Davis has 2 circles which meet in homes, both of which are very active and both use the Horizons Bible study. Officers for the day circle were: Moderator Lanna Duncan, Vice Moderator Sally Espy, Secretary Carolyn Flowers, Treasurer Louadah Waggoner, Historian Sara Pierce, and Mission Reader Diane Moore. The evening circle prefers not to have officers but have volunteers to take up the various collections, lead the Bible study lessons, and/or hostess the meeting. A special joint Christmas celebration was held in December at Sally Espy's historic home. All of the PW ladies were joined by the Alpine PW, pastors of both Fort Davis and Alpine, as well as nine members of the Alberque Casa Hogar Children's Home from Ojinaga, Mexico. PW received an update from the Ojinaga guests on how the orphanage is doing. They reported that one of the children has graduated from high school and is going to attend college!! Everyone enjoyed a beautiful spiritual service, a delicious dinner and wonderful fellowship. In addition to the children's home the women support the Birthday Offering, Justice and Peace Offering, Thank Offering, Least Coin, Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship Fund, Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, the Mission Pledge, and a women's Underground Fund which is church-specific for renovating the basement kitchen/fellowship hall. They visit patients in the local hospital and nursing home, sometimes providing personal items as needed; several helped wrap presents this year for the "Living Tree" a community-wide ministerial project; some volunteered to help at the Girls and Boys Club by meeting the children in the local library to help with their reading skills, tutor them in their studies, and give art lessons. Three women serve on the session: Linda Allen, Lindy Severns, and Lanna Duncan. 24 of the 60 women church members are active in PW. Two ladies were able to attend the Spring Gathering in Big Spring; one attended the Bible Study Conference at MO Ranch. Those women serving on the Tres Rios PW Coordinating Team are Louadah Waggoner, Search Team, and Linda Allen, Cluster Coordinator.

First Presbyterian Church Alpine has one PW circle with 14 members. They are a very active group meeting monthly for the Horizons Bible study—*Joshua: A Journey of*

Faith. They held a special Christmas luncheon in which their pastor Jobeth McLeod gave an interesting program on the origin of Saint Nickolas. Rev. McLeod had studied in Austria during college and shared with the group her beautiful collection of St. Nickolas figures. Jo Beth serves at the presbytery level on the Committee on Ministry.

First Presbyterian Church Sanderson has one circle that meets monthly with four regular attendees. They use the Horizons Bible studies. There are about 15 women in the church who are active when there is a special need, but do not participate in the PW circle. The pastor Desiree Youngblood serves on the Tres Ros Presbytery Church Development Committee.