



Joe Ferguson, who has given truly entertaining physics demonstrations to our youth several times.

“The Keepers,” That wonderful group who “keep” all of CWM running smoothly. Pictured here from left: Betty Sparrow, aka “Granny Gourd,” who also leads art demos with our youth; Dianne Raye, who makes the cutest Christmas crafts ever!; Roberta Nicholson, my dancing buddy and discoverer of delicious international recipes; Carol Read, aka, “The



Energizer Bunny,” and de-facto president of CWM; and Jean Ferguson, my own dear aunt, who cooks, cleans, decorates doll houses, and provides the listening ear that keeps us all sane.



And here are two more Keepers: Kay Verrall (left) has been a spiritual mentor and faithful prayer warrior for all of us at CWM for over 40 years. She also cooks, cleans, decorates, and generally helps us sort life’s stuff. And she does it all with a huge dose of good humor and gentleness.

Lisa Lindley has tutored, taught Bible study, decorated pink Christmas trees, shared endless wisdom, and trained our tutors and staff in their work with students. At first glance, she appears to be shy and reserved, but we’ve come to know she will keep us laughing, and will always, always find the best angle to look at any situation or person we encounter.

I could go on an on. There is our own personal Santa, Tate Fisher; Christmas Village experts, Mac and Judy Moody; my other mother, Delores Bradford; the jewelry queen, Pat Vaughn; the best baker east of the Mississippi, Mary Sue Nicovich; Camping queen, Cindy Melby, and Fisher King, Pete Melby. So many others: Gaye Lindsay, Charlotte Leonard, Dale Phillips, Anne & Jesse McDonald, Laurie Craig, Mike Ryan (who built the stairway to heaven), the good folks at Starkville Community Theater, the MSU Student Chapter of NAACP, East Mississippi Lumber Co., dozens of students from MSU who tutor and serve, ladies from Bible studies all over town, and on and on and on. And these are just some of the local folks who have reached out to give and give and give again.

All of these dear folks have been God’s hand, refining the Gold of His Kingdom, right here at CWM. You, too, are in this Great Congregation of Faithful Ones. Many thanks to all of you who give to the Lord. There is truly much for which we are thankful.

*“... ‘til all success be nobleness, and every gain Divine,”*

Lee Ann Williamson