

# Carrollton Baptist Association

Striving to be an Acts 1:8 Association

## From Your Associational Missionary....

November, 2009

### Coming Up...

- **Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting**—November 9-10 at FBC Woodstock
- **Samaritans Purse Collection Week**—November 16-23
- **Week of Prayer for International Missions & the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**—November 30-December 6

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As I write this article I have completed writing thank you notes to churches who assisted our community following the aftermath of the flooding. Those churches have done a tremendous job ministering to folks in their communities and have even helped outside their communities. Since the flood of September 20th our Association has been very involved in meeting many needs. Our churches were asked to prepare meals for 3 weeks for flood victims staying in a hotel, to help staff the collection center and distribute the items at the Tabernacle bus barn, to remove carpet and contents from at least 9 homes, and to remove sheetrock and insulation from 13 homes. Several of our pastors served as on call chaplains for FEMA and our local EMA. This has been overwhelming to say the least because of the multitude of needs, but our churches and their people have definitely risen to the occasion. It's been great to be able to call pastors, youth ministers, or our local BCM director, Bill Grissett, with a need and know they will respond quickly to meet that need. That's what an association is all about—a family of churches

on mission with God and our churches have definitely been on a mission! Thank you for not just hearing about the need but giving of yourselves to meet that need. I am so grateful to be your associational missionary.

Let me also say a word of thanks to Fullerville and to Tabernacle for hosting our annual meeting. They were both such wonderful hosts and definitely had prepared for each night. Thank you Pastor Steve Swafford and Dr. Jimmy Gentry for making our messengers feel right at home and providing your facilities for us to use. We had two wonderful nights of fellowship and celebration.

Thank you for the beautiful clock and generous check you gave me on Monday night of our annual meeting recognizing my ten years of ministry with you. It seems like only yesterday we were packing up that moving truck in Cleveland, Tennessee heading to Carrollton, Georgia. Yet when I look back over these ten years I feel so blessed having the opportunity to

minister with you each day. Whether it has been on a mission trip, or ministering to a family in our community, whether it has been in a conference setting or having a meal together, my life has been touched by your concern and compassion for others. You have helped me "think outside the box" and not to be afraid to try some new things in our association. I am grateful for these 10 1/2 years now (we came in April 1999) and I look forward to many more years of ministering together with you.

My hope and prayer for you during this Thanksgiving season is that you will stop and reflect upon the blessings God has bestowed upon your life. And then spend some time thanking Him for all He has done. May your life reflect an attitude of gratitude each day and that Thanksgiving will turn into "thanksgiving."

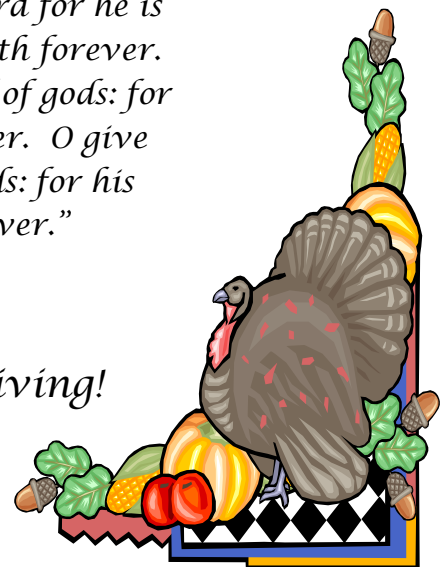
Happy Thanksgiving.

Dan

*"O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth forever."*

*Psalms 136:1-3*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



**Note to Pastors:**

**Please make note of the Dates, Programs & Locations for the November Ministers' Luncheons**

**November 4th**—11:30 a.m. at the Associational office. Dan will share "For the Love of It"

**November 11th**—11:30 a.m. at Papa's Pizza.

**November 18th**—11:30 a.m. at Papa's Pizza

**November 25th**—There will be NO Ministers' Luncheon.

## Baptist Collegiate Ministries

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the Fall Semester already. The first half of the semester has been a blur of activity. Our students are busy preparing for West Georgia's homecoming this Saturday. Before you know it we will be in the middle of the Holiday season! Please pray for our students as they begin to get into the crunch time of the semester. Please pray that God would help them to maintain a focus on Him. Please pray that our students

would continue to reach out on Campus while they are in the midst of the end of the semester activities.

Our next Strategy and Support team meeting is just around the corner. We will be meeting at the BCM Center on Thursday, October 29 at noon. Lunch will be provided. We would like to encourage all of our churches to send a representative! We would also like to thank all of the Churches and the Association for their continued

support of our ministry! We couldn't do any of this without your support!

We have a couple of special needs around the center. If anyone knows an engineer or a tree specialist we are in need of their assistance. We have some trees that need to be assessed and possibly removed. We also have a wall that we need an engineer to look at.

God Bless!

Bill

**November Meetings...**

**Missions Development Team Meeting**—November 2nd at Noon. Lunch will be provided.

**Leadership Development Team Meeting**—November 3rd at Noon. Lunch will be provided.

**New Church Starts/Ministries Team**—November 12th at Noon. Lunch will be provided.

**Administrative Team Meeting**—November 11th following the Ministers' Luncheon at Papa's Pizza.

### Georgia Baptist Convention

#### Annual Meeting

November 9-10 FBC, Woodstock



GBC Inspirational Meeting—  
November 9th at FBC, Woodstock

#### Love Loud: Light it Up

Missions experience planned for GBC Annual Meeting November 10

Go to: [loveloud.gabaptist.org](http://loveloud.gabaptist.org) for a list of projects & to register your group to participate.

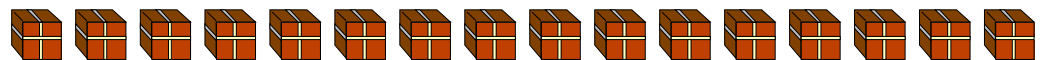
#### Daylight Saving Time Ends



Don't Forget to Set your Clocks Back one hour November 1st!

Be much in prayer for the following upcoming Mission Trip...

Mt. Pleasant: December 2, Israel



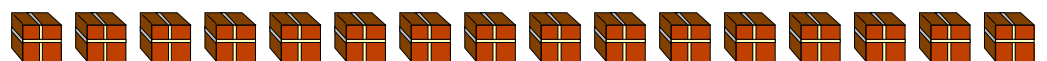
### Samaritan Purse

#### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We still have plenty of brochures for your boxes here at the office.

#### Collection Dates: November 16-23

Monday-Thursday: 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m., Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m., Saturday: 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m., Sunday: 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m., Monday (11/23): 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m.)



**Prayer Walking Schedule:**

October 26-November 1: **Beulah**  
November 2-8: **Bowdon**  
November 9-15: **Calvary**  
November 16-22: **FBC Carrollton**  
November 23-29: **FBC Centralhatchee**  
November 30-December 6: **Consolation**

**18th Annual Hospice Food Sale**

November 21

If you would like to participate take your baked goods to Carrollton First on 11/20 between 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

**NEWS FROM CHURCHES**



**Midway Macedonia:** Honored Rev. Todd Wright for 25 years of ministry.

**Providence:** Recently ordained five deacons—Clay Smoot, Alan Ford, Scott Gray, Buddy Cash and Morris McDowell.

**Roopville Road:** Recently returned from two mission trips—Honduras and Germany.

**Week of Prayer for International Missions**

November 29-December 6

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**

**Sunday School Mentoring Program Session #3**

Thursday, November 19—6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

**Harmony Baptist Church**

**Note from the Office:**

We are busily documenting the new information from the church ACPs and creating a new mailing list. If we have your e-mail you will receive your newsletter electronically. If you had rather receive a hard copy, let us know. Thank you.

**From the W.M.U.**

The last few days have made me wonder where did fall go and how did winter get here so quick. I love fall with all its beautiful colors and enjoyed a week-end in the North Georgia mountains earlier.

Our Associational Missions Fair at Tabernacle was great. Our speaker Gordon Fort, Jr. was outstanding and we enjoyed several testimonies. We were blessed to have retired missionaries Maurice and Shirley Randall with us and I ask that you pray for them as Shirley is facing some health issues that will require surgery soon. For those of you who do not know, Shirley is the sister of David and Daniel Jackson.

November 2 we will meet at Pleasant View Baptist Church for our annual Women's Day of Prayer. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. for a

covered dish dinner and remain around the tables for our program starting around 6:45 p.m. Come and join us. We always have a wonderful time joining with our African American ladies for this meeting.

November brings us to our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. Collection week at the Associational office is November 16-23. We ask that you bring your boxes before the 23rd if at all possible as we like to get finished up before noon. We can use women and men to help pack the boxes into the cartons and men to help load the big truck on Tuesday or Wednesday and on Monday the 23rd.

Hospice will have their 18th annual food sale on the Nov. 21st. They need ladies to bake their favorite things and carry to the First Baptist Church on Dixie Street on Friday the 20th between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is their most successful fund raising effort and last

year they collected over \$19,000. Hospice is a blessing to many families and I was blessed by them when my Mother lived with me before her death.

After all this we will be preparing for our families to have a wonderful Thanksgiving together when we share our blessings of the year. I wish for you a very blessed season, good health and of course good food! This will be our families first year without Harold and it will be hard but we are full of praises for the life he lived and that he did not suffer. This is a part of life that is hard but we serve a mighty God who is able and stays with us closer than a brother.

I am thankful for each of you and for the work you do in missions and for the love and support that you give me.

Blessed by serving Him,  
Barbara Swaynham

**Women's Day of Prayer**

November 2

**Pleasant View Baptist Church**

6:00 pm: Covered dish meal

7:00 pm: Program

**Thankful Hearts Sunday**

November 15



Special offering for the GBC Health Care Ministry

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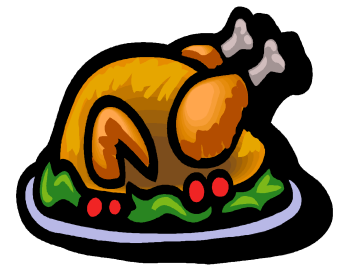
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| 1    | <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>  | 15            | <b>Thankful Hearts Sunday</b> —Special offering for the GBC Health Care Ministries.  |
| 2    | <b>Women's Day of Prayer</b> —Pleasant View Baptist Church. Meal at 6:00, program at 7:00.<br><b>Missions Development Team Meeting</b> —Noon at the Associational office. Lunch will be provided. | 16-23         | <b>Samaritans Purse Shoebox Collection Week</b> (see page two for collection times)  |
| 3    | <b>Leadership Development Team meeting</b> —noon at the Associational Office. Lunch will be provided.   | 18            | <b>Ministers' Conference</b> —11:30a.m. at Papa's Pizza<br><b>Administration Team Meets</b> —following the Minister's Conference at Papa's Pizza |
| 4    | <b>Ministers' Conference</b> —11:30 a.m. at the Associational Office. Dan will present "For the Love of it"   | 19            | <b>Sunday School Mentoring Plan</b> —Harmony   |
| 8    | <b>GBC Inspirational Meeting</b> —FBC Woodstock   | 21            | <b>Hospice Food Sale</b>   |
| 9-10 | <b>Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting</b> —FBC Woodstock  | 22            | <b>Community Thanksgiving Service</b> —FBC Carrollton  |
| 11   | <b>Ministers' Conference</b> —11:30 a.m. at Papa's Pizza  | 25            | <b>There will be NO Ministers' Conference</b>  |
| 12   | <b>New Church Starts/Ministries Team Meeting</b> —noon at the Associational office. Lunch will be provided.   | 26-27         | <b>Thanksgiving Holidays</b> —Office will be closed.   |
|      |   | 29-December 6 | <b>Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.</b>   |