From Your Associational Missionary

In 1873 a group of 17 churches came together to organize the Carrollton Baptist Association. “They reported in 1874 a total of 1,363 members and 126 baptisms. Financial contributions to the Association were $35.20 for printing minutes and $35.60 for missions.” Now 148 years later we gather tonight to celebrate our 148th annual session. Thank you Roopville Road for hosting our meeting tonight.

Our association continues to be an Acts 1:8 Association. In October 2020 we collected 1101 Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia with all to Of One Accord Ministries in Rogersville, TN. We also had a team that went to Rogersville to distribute the backpacks. Because of Covid we were unable to host the Christmas parties but simply distributed backpacks as they drove through.

Our Associational Office served as a collection site for Operation Christmas Child—our 20th year. Overall we received almost 3,600 shoeboxes in our office. I am grateful to Open Hands and Glenloch who allowed us to use their truck to transport them to Newnan. We also had several teams go to Atlanta to work in the processing center to prepare the thousands of shoeboxes to be shipped out around the world.

In January, 40 of our churches partnered with the Pregnancy Resource Center for “Baby Bottle Boomerang” When all the bottles were collected $39,806.11 was raised for this incredible ministry. And your gifts helped to save many babies’ lives.

In January, we were able to do a ZOOM VBS Clinic with Jenni Carter, our GBMB VBS Coordinator. We were unable to da a Spring VBS Clinic to train our VBS Leaders, but most of our churches had a Vacation Bible School during the summer. We also had several churches involved in mission trips this summer.

We were also able to have our Children’s Camp at Rockridge in June. It was different – the girls came on Sunday afternoon and left Tuesday afternoon and the boys came on late Tuesday afternoon and left Thursday afternoon. It was great to be back at Rockridge and to see the girls and boys having a great time. Rockridge is scheduled for June 27th- 30th, in 2022.

In July we collected items for the GA Baptist Children’s Homes and I was amazed by all the items brought and the gift cards given. Even the men who brought the truck and trailer were overwhelmed by your generosity. We even had more items given after loading the truck which were picked up later.

We supported three local ministries each month—PRC, BCM at the University of West Georgia and the Rapha Clinic in Temple. It’s been great to hear and see the impact those ministries are having. We also supported two church plants, both in Carrollton—Christ the King Church, and Mt. Zion Community Church.

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of the association. When we closed our books for the year we discovered that you had given more to the association than ever before! We are grateful for your partnership with us.

We look forward to being “on Mission” in 2021-2022 to see what God has in store for us. We know He is at work and we look forward to joining Him where He is working.

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