

Carrollton Baptist Association

From Your Associational Missionary

Thirty five years ago, I was serving as the Minister to Adults at FBC, Cleveland, TN. Donna and I had graduated from Southwestern Seminary in December 1983 and began at First Baptist in February. In April, the pastor called me into his office and told me that my role as the Adult Minister also included the role of VBS Director since our Preschool and Children's Director was involved at our Family Life Center six miles away with our preschool program. In other words, I had two months to plan our church's VBS which included recruiting workers, organizing the week, ordering materials, training workers, planning snacks & recreation, and mapping out routes for the four buses he wanted to use to help kids come. Somehow, somehow, we managed to pull it off and saw over 400 kids attend each day. I had a lot of folks pitch in and help or it would have never happened. We also had many salvations and on family night had a

chance to meet many of the parents.

That VBS helped me see the true value of VBS. Yes we did see many kids come and yes we did see children come to know Christ. But, the one thing I remembered—it gave us a chance to see children for more than one hour a week. One child, Jimmy stood out that week to me. He rode one of our buses that picked him up in one of our low income neighborhoods. I noticed him the first day as he got off the bus with a big smile on his face. This was his first time attending VBS. But I also noticed something else—he had on dress shoes. I thought that was kind of odd. I figured his Mom thought that since he was coming to church, he needed to dress up. But on the second day, Jimmy again wore his dress shoes. I watched as he played on our asphalt parking lot with these shoes on. When I told him it was ok to wear tennis shoes the next day, he shared with me that he had out grown all of his other

shoes and these were the only ones that fit. He had to wait until school began to get new ones.

When I told his teachers his situation, they decided to collect some funds and buy Jimmy some new tennis shoes. They found out his size and on Thursday sent Jimmy home with some new shoes and socks. On Friday, when he came back to VBS he was beaming with his new shoes on. That week, Jimmy made a decision to follow Christ because he saw Christ's love being demonstrated by his teachers.

That's why I love VBS! We have a chance to reach out to girls and boys (2.5 million) of all ages for an extended period of time (10-15 hours) to share the love of Christ with them. Every day we get to share the gospel and last year there were over 70,000 decisions for Christ. Your church needs VBS during the summer! I hope you are making plans to have it and to bring your workers to our training on Thursday, April 11th. Who knows what "Jimmy" you might touch!

Dan

April 2019

*Continuing to be
an Acts 1:8
Association*



Associational

Ministry Assistants' Luncheon

April 23rd at 11:30 a.m.

At Chicken Salad Chick in Carrollton

This luncheon is for all Ministry Assistants in your church.

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, April 17

NEWS FROM CHURCHES...

Association: Congratulations to Rev. Dan Dockery who celebrates 20 years of ministry as our Associational Missionary here at the Carrollton Baptist Association on April 5th.

Centralhatchee: is seeking a part time Children and Youth Minister. Please send your resume to Rev. Mark Williams at redmarkwilliams@gmail.com

Oak Grove: is seeking a part-time Music/Worship Pastor requiring up to 20 hours per week. We are seeking a man of God to lead a contemporary blended worship service on Sunday mornings and special events. The skills for this position would include reading music, ability to play an instrument, ability to lead a praise band, computer skills, creativity and flexibility. If interested please call Corey Parker at 678-673-4710 or email at ogbcmet@gmail.com.

Rocky Mount: is looking for a part-time minister of Youth. For more information, contact Dale Driver at 770-617-3882

Trinity: will be hosting a Model Passover Seder meal Sunday, April 7 at 5 pm. This is a powerful look at the Easter story through the lens of Jewish tradition. It's hosted by Igor Barbanel, a former atheist from Ukraine, now a believer and Missionary Director with Jews for Jesus. Please let the church know if you are bringing a group so they can plan for you. 770-834-5161. Everyone is invited.

FBC, Villa Rica: just returned from an incredible mission trip to Egypt.

Note to Pastors...

We will meet every Wednesday in April for our weekly Ministers' Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria.

Thank you to all the churches who have supported the CBA financially since September 1st, 2018, the beginning of our financial year....

Antioch, Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, Calvary, FBC Carrollton, FBC Centralhatchee, Christ The King Church, Concord, Consolation, Ephesus, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Mars Hill, Midway, Midway West, Mountain View, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Rocky Mount, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, FBC Temple, Trinity, Tyus, Veal, FBC, Villa Rica and Whitesburg

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Hey everyone! I hope you are enjoying spring! I am writing this note while we are on a Mission Trip in Albany, GA. We are helping to clear some of the last rubble caused by the hurricane that came through back in October. Albany has been hit hard by 7 major natural disasters in the last 25 years. I know everyone here is worn out and anxious. Please pray for the people in South Georgia, North Florida, and Alabama! Pray for strength, patience, endurance, and for finishing all that needs to be done. Also, pray for opportunities to share the Gospel! God is good, even in the midst of our worst moments!

God bless,
Bill

April Meeting Schedule

- 4/04 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 4/08 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 4/10 **Administrative Team Meeting**—At American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 4/11 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**— Noon a.m. at the CBA.

2019 Mission Opportunities

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| 3/29-4/7 | Midway | Prague, Czech Rep. |
| 3/30-4/15 | Midway | New Orleans, LA |
| 4/24-4/27 | FBC, Villa Rica | LA, CA |
| 4/28 | Association | PrayerWalking |
| 4/29-5/02 | Association | "I Love My Community Week" |

Note: Please have all announcements for the May Newsletter into the CBA office **No later than April 15th.**

Sunday School Mentoring Program
Mars Hill Baptist Church
April 16th
Meal at 6:30
Program at 7:00

From the WMU

It's not too early to think about summer plans and activities. I have shared before about Summer Camp for girls at Camp Pinnacle in Clayton, GA. They offer camps for Younger Girls (grades 3-6), Teens, and mom and me (K5-6). Teen Camp is offered June 3-7 or July 1-5. There are dates available in June and July for the Younger Girls. Mom & Me overnight is June 21-22; Mom and Me Two Night is June 27-29. Please look at their website (<https://campinnacle.net>) to find out everything you want to know about camp. Registrations are on a first come, first served basis, so to insure the week you want, register early! All forms and payments for June sessions are due on May 15, and all forms and payments for July are due on June 15.

A mission idea for April from Tonya

Heartsill's book [We Can Do That! 100+ Ways Families Can Be On Missions](#) is putting together a MK Birthday in a Box (MK-Missionary Kid). If you have age level missions you can usually find MKs listed who have birthdays. Addresses are given too. If you don't have that material and you would be interested in doing this activity, let me know and I can get some names and addresses for you. You may want to check with the missionary parents to learn about needs and likes of the child. You might purchase a boxed cake mix and frosting. Include cupcake liners and birthday candles in the box. Buy a present for the child. You might let your children help pick the gift. Remember the present might have to travel a while if it's going a long

distance. Don't mail anything breakable or too heavy. Maybe put some balloons and definitely a birthday card. Be sure to send the box early so it will reach its destination before the MKs birthday.

April 7 is designated as Cooperative Program Sunday in our Southern Baptist Churches. This is a great opportunity to share how we do missions together around the world. You can find some great resources at <http://www.sbc.net/cp/resources/>. If you happen to have the 2018-19 Missions Leader/WMU Planning Guide it has an idea (page 48) for a children's message you might use during a service.

Thanks for all you do,
Keri Perkins



"I Love My Community Week"
April 29-May 2

Monday: Pray for our Schools
 Tuesday: Pray for our Fire and Police Departments
 Wednesday: Pray for our Churches and our Government Officials
 Thursday: National Day of Prayer


Executive Committee Meeting
April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the CBC

Baby Bottle Boomerang
As of 3/19 we have collected **\$45,358.76** from our Associational churches, and we are still counting! Praise the Lord!

Georgia Baptist Spring Gathering for Women
"Chasing the God Who Chases Us"
Saturday, April 27th
Mabel White Baptist Church, Macon

Associational VBS Clinic
"In The Wild"
April 11th at 6:30 p.m.
Tabernacle Baptist Church

All Workers in your VBS are invited to this Conference!



Conference Leaders:
 Preschool and Kindergarten: Rita Loftin
 1st & 2nd Grades: Dawn Schaffer
 3rd & 4th Grades: Scott Patrick
 5th & 6th Grades: Rob Sauls
 Youth: Justin Richards
 Directors: Jenni Carter
 Crafts: Kellie Wiggins
 Music & Worship: Angie Presnal
 Missions: Donna Dockery
 Decorating on a Shoe String Budget:
 Jatou Leverette and Lauren Charles





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1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-Noon
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

Return Service Requested



Rev. Tony McManus: Moderator
Rev. Mark Williams: Vice Moderator
Rev. Dan Dockery:
Associational Missionary
Mrs. Teresa Britt:
Ministry Assistant



April

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| 1-7 | Pray for Mountain View, Rev. Scott Estes, Pastor | 14 | Palm Sunday |
| 3 | Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria | 15-21 | Pray for Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Chris Bonner, Pastor |
| 4 | Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A | 16 | Sunday School Mentoring Program—6:30 p.m. at Mars Hill |
| 7 | Cooperative Program Day | 17 | Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 p.m. at American Pie Pizzeria |
| | Model Passover Seder Meal—5:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church | 19 | Good Friday |
| 8 | Mission Development Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A | 21 | Easter |
| 8-14 | Pray for Mt. Pleasant, Rev. John Lemings, Pastor | 22 | Executive Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. at the CBA |
| 10 | Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria | 22-28 | Pray for Oak Grove, Rev. Jason Bowman, Pastor |
| | Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie Pizzeria, following the Ministers' Luncheon | 23 | Associational Ministry Assistant's Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at Chicken Salad Chick |
| 11 | Leadership Development Team Meeting—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch | 24 | Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria |
| | Associational VBS Clinic—6:30 p.m. at Tabernacle | 27 | GA Baptist Women's Spring Gathering—Mabel White Baptist Church, Macon |
| | | 28 | PrayerWalking |
| | | 29 | Pray for our Schools |
| | | 29-May 2 | I Love My Community Week |
| | | 29-May 5 | Pray for Pleasant Grove, Dr. Joe Tanner, Pastor |
| | | 30 | Pray for our Fire and Police Departments |

