

## August 2016

*Continuing to be an Acts 1:8 Association*

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### Looking Ahead...

- **Duck Craze**—August 6
- **“By All Means” Follow Christ WMU Conference**—August 20
- **Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering**—September 18-25
- **CBA Annual Meeting**—October 16 at Tabernacle Baptist Church

## From Your Associational Missionary...

Thank you to everyone who made Children’s Camp at Rockridge such a special week for the boys and girls. Overall there were 79 campers and 21 adults who served in various roles during the week. I am grateful for Rev. Justin Richards, Camp Pastor; Angie Presnal, Camp Director; Melinda Kilgore, Camp Nurse; Heather Robertson, and Anna Puckett, Crafts; Sydney Richards and worship band from Tyus who led our music; and Greg Arnold Recreation Leader. A special word of thanks goes out to those who served in each cabin—Lisa Puckett, Katie Beth Walls, Robin Hubbard, Emma Lowery, Jaelyn Eaves, Meagan Puckett, Jordan Miller, and Abbie Driver; and Anthony Puckett, Matt King, Nate Burnes, Samuel Thompson, Luke Hubbard, Sam Beam, and Greg Arnold. Everyone did an incredible job! We know of at least 3 who made decisions for Christ. In reading through Dr. Tony

Evans, Time to Get Serious, devotional book, I recently came across this devotional which I thought was very applicable for today.

### “The High Cost of Leaving God” (Nehemiah 5:1-5)

“If anyone doubts the relevance of God’s Word to today, all that person needs to do is read Nehemiah 5. Even as Jerusalem was being rebuilt and the Israelites were reestablishing themselves in their land, serious conflicts arose that were tearing the community apart. The problems revolved primarily around money. The people were giving their time to building the walls, which meant they didn’t have the normal opportunities to earn a living. Some families did not have enough food to eat. So the first problem was poverty. The second problem is in verse 3. Other Jews had mortgage it to survive. So the community was also facing the problem of growing debt. The third problem was the

taxes imposed by the Persian government (vv.4-5), which the people had to borrow money to pay. You know you’re in trouble when you have to borrow to pay your taxes. Why were they being choked to death economically by poverty, debt, famine, and high taxes? Because they had left God in the first place. You can’t always see the roots of a community’s problem just by looking at the immediate circumstances. Israel’s problems went way back. If the people had not forsaken and disobeyed God, they would not have been in Persia, and they would not be dealing with the king’s taxes. If the Israelites had not left God, they would not have been a debtor community but a loaner community. If they had not left God, the poor of Jerusalem would have been taken care of. You’ve got to go and straighten out spiritual things first. When you see an economically depreciating community, you know something is wrong spiritually because God promises to meet the needs of His people.”



### Backpacks for Appalachia

If you haven't yet picked up your backpacks from the CBA, you need to do so as soon as possible. They are going fast! The cost is \$3.00 each. Fill them with school supplies, toys, food, etc, then bring them to the CBA annual meeting October 16th at Tabernacle Baptist Church. This is a wonderful mission opportunity for your mission groups, Sunday School classes, or the entire church.

## Church News...

### Baptist Collegiate Ministries

I hope everyone is having a great end to their summer! The leaves will be changing soon and the weather will be cooling off! By the time this letter gets to you we will be working hard to get everything ready for the students coming in the fall. We are anticipating another great year! Please pray for us! For the moment, however, I am writing this note to you from a family vacation in Disneyworld. Just two weeks ago my wife and I were sitting in Leogane, Haiti leading a mission trip. Last summer I led a trip to India and these words rang loudly in my ears “without Jesus there is no hope!” Spending a week in Haiti strongly reemphasized this to me and being here at Disneyworld it rings even more strongly! Not for America nor anywhere else is there any hope without Jesus Christ! Please pray that our students would boldly proclaim this message to our students this year! God Bless! Bill

### 2015-2016 CBA Gifts

**Thank you to all the CBA churches who have supported our Association financially since September 1st** ( the beginning of our fiscal year).

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

**Glenloch:** is searching for a full-time Family Life Minister. For more information, or to apply, contact the church office (770-854-5346) or Neil Aubrey, Pastor (770-301-0664).

**Harmony:** is looking for a church pianist. If interested please send resume to Harmony Baptist Church, 1594 Bowdon Junction Road, Carrollton 30117, or contact Rev. Anthony Puckett at 770-301-3040

**Fullerville:** honored their Pastor, Steve Swafford on July 10th, celebrating his 20th anniversary at Fullerville. He was further honored by State Representative J. Collins with a presentation of a Resolution from the Georgia House of Representatives recognizing his many accomplishments and dedication to our Lord in the community.

**Shady Grove:** joined with Waco Baptist and Pine Grove Baptist to go to New Mexico to the Navajo Indian Reservation to do VBS and carpentry work. A new roof, siding, and more to a Hogan home and other rebuild projects were done. VBS was taught three times a day at three different places and there were 40 plus professions of faith.

#### August Meeting Schedule:

- 8/01 **Mission Development Team Meeting—8:15 a.m.** at Chick-fil-A
- 8/04 **Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:15 a.m.** at Chick-fil-A
- 8/11 **Leadership Development Team Meeting—** Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

#### Student Evangelism Day

August 7th

#### Georgia Baptist Pastors' Conference 11:00 am—1:00 pm

#### Go Georgia Equipping Event Prince Ave Baptist Church, Athens

August 5-6

Please go to the GBMB website at [www.gabaptist.org](http://www.gabaptist.org) to find out more about this events:

#### Note to Pastors:

Our weekly Ministers' Luncheons will start again August 10th. We will meet the 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st at American Pie Pizzeria.

#### BAM Ladies Event

#### By All Means... Follow Christ

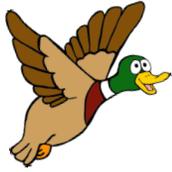
Saturday, August 20, 9 am to 12 pm  
First Baptist Bremen  
331 Pacific Ave, Bremen, 30110

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes lunch)  
Please register by August 11. If you need childcare let us know when you register.

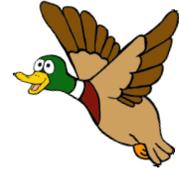
Special Guest: Barbara Curnutt—served as Executive Director for GA Baptist WMU & Women's Ministry 1998-2013

Our ministry will be to **bring canned vegetables** for our food pantries.

To register: Keri Perkins (770) 834-6965 or Barbara Swaynham (770) 834-9683. Or mail information to Keri Perkins, 109 Comly Rich Dr., Carrollton, GA 30117.



# “Duck Craze” 2016



## Faith, Family & Fun: The Greatest Outdoor Event in Georgia

Foxhall Resort

Cost: \$5 per person

\$10 for parking or \$40 for buses

**Activities:** Christian Music & Speakers, Horseback Riding, Frisbee golf, horseshoes, cake walk, corn hole competitions, archery, Clay & Bow Shoot, Baking Contest (bring your favorite cake), Fishing Activities, Door Prizes, and much, much more. Bring your own picnic, or enjoy a diversity of food options from a variety of vendors.

To register: [www.fcaoutdoorsduckcraze.com](http://www.fcaoutdoorsduckcraze.com)

### From the WMU

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying cool. Summer allows me to slow down just a little bit. It has also allowed our associational team to work with the Polk/Haralson association on some plans for a ladies event on August 20. We want this meeting to inspire you as we start a new church year. Barbara Curnutt, who served as Executive Director to Georgia Baptist WMU and Women's Ministry, will be our speaker at the event. She will share about a mission trip she went on recently and also share about how important and necessary prayer is right now. Barbara is such a powerful speaker. She always shares from her heart and from God. Please don't miss being there.

We are using the new WMU theme “By All Means” for this event. This new emphasis encourages us to follow Christ's example, step into the world around us, cultivate relationships, and create oppor-

tunities to demonstrate the love of Christ by all means. (WMU Year Book)

Join us **August 20, 9am to 12 pm at First Baptist Church Bremen** (on the corner of Hwy 78 and Business Hwy 27, up the road from Higgins hospital.) Cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch. Please register by August 11th. You can call Keri Perkins (info below) or Barbara Swaynham, 770-834-9683 to register yourself/group. We will be collecting canned vegetables as a mission action project at the meeting that we can provide to local food pantries. We would also like some churches to help us decorate the tables. We would like for you to bring some things representing a mission project you do through your church that you could tell about. For example, one of our churches is going to decorate a table with items they use for their backpack ministry where they provide food for students to have over the weekend.

Please let me know if you/your church could help decorate one of the tables.

#### Prayerwalking our Schools

We would like to encourage all of our churches to prayerwalk community schools as the school year begins. The first Saturday in August is sometimes the date some choose to do this, but you plan a time that works best for you and your church. You can find some ideas on our website, [www.carrolltonwmu.com](http://www.carrolltonwmu.com), about adopting a school if your church would be interested in supporting a school throughout the school year.

Thank you for all you do,

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August



- 1 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 1-7 **Pray for our Schools**
- 4 **Community Ministries Team**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 5-6 **Go Georgia Equipping Event**—Athens
- 6 **Duck Craze**  
**PrayerWalk our Schools**
- 7 **Student Evangelism Day**
- 8-14 **Pray for Trinity**
- 10 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 11 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

- 15-21 **Pray for Tyus**
- 17 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria.
- 20 **"By All Means" Follow Christ**—WMU Conference, FBC, Bremen
- 22-28 **Pray for Unity**
- 24 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 25 **Georgia Baptist Pastors' Conference**—FBC Villa Rica
- 29-September 4 **Pray for Veal**
- 31 **Ministers' Luncheon**—American Pie Pizzeria