

## December 2015

*Continuing to be an Acts 1:8 Association*

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### Looking Ahead...

- Week of Prayer for North American Missions—November 29-December 6
- Associational Mission Trips to Rogersville, TN December 4-5 & December 11-12
- CBA Office closes at noon on Dec. 22 through January 3.
- Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship—January 12th

## From Your Associational Missionary...

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:1-3, 14 (KJV)

Thirty seven years ago (1978) I celebrated my first Christmas outside the U.S. serving as a Journeyman missionary in Liberia, West Africa. There were no shopping malls, no “Black” Fridays, no Christmas open houses, no lights or decorations in the little town’s dirt streets, no parades, no Christmas trees being sold, no Christmas music being played in the stores and no wreaths on the doors of the homes. In fact, I only remember one Christmas tree and that was in the missionaries’ home—Oren and Martha Robison. I know that George, an American doctor who worked for the CDC and the

Peace Corps workers, had some lights up but I don’t recall another tree in the whole town. The Swedish Pentecostal missionaries had candles and even came to sing for us one night before Christmas and the local Baptist Church had some candles in the windows. For me it was definitely an unusual Christmas. There were a few presents under the tree and I remember going to the Robison’s home on Christmas morning, making donuts (their tradition) and after breakfast was over, hearing the Christmas story and then opening the presents. It was a wonderful morning just celebrating the birth of our Savior and Lord and reflecting upon the “Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us.” I was not able to talk with family on that day and I must admit I was a little homesick that afternoon not being with my family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I missed the cold weather and snow—it was 75 degrees on Christmas day there, but I was grateful that God had placed me right where He

wanted me on Christmas Day—even if it was quite different. But as I reflected on that, the passage from John 1 came to mind. I was reminded that Jesus had left his familiar surroundings and its beauty to be born in a stable surrounded not by royalty but poverty. His first Christmas away from home was quite different! From a majestic place to a manger surrounded by his earthly parents, animals, and later shepherds. His father had placed Him right where He wanted Him to be on that first Christmas morning.

So this Christmas, my prayer for you is to spend some time looking at the manger and the Christ child who left His home for you. Remember to pray for our missionaries as they celebrate Christmas away from home. And remember “Because of Who He Is” we pray and give so these missionaries can stay and share.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Dan



## Merry Christmas...

from your  
Associational Staff

Dan



Teresa



## Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Merry Christmas to everyone! This is such a great time of year! I hope you and yours have a very blessed Christmas season!

We have two Summer Missions fundraisers that we would love for you to help us promote. The first is a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament that will be on Friday, January 22. The cost per team will be \$30.00. The second event is our annual Dinner Theater for missions which is going to be Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5. Please put those dates on your calendar and help us publicize these events in your churches. We will get some paper publicity out to you in January. It is especially critical for us to make our goal this year, as we have had a record number of over 220 students that have applied for BCM Summer Missions throughout our state. Once again, have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Bill

### Note to Pastors:

We will meet December 2nd and 16th at American Pie Pizzeria for our Ministers' Luncheons. **We will meet December 9th at the CBA. Lunch will be provided.** There will be No meetings on the 23rd or 30th.

**NOTE:** Please have all announcements for the January Newsletter into the CBA office **NO LATER THAN Thursday, December 10th!!!!** We will be working with a short month and need the extra time.

## Church News...

**Association:** The Association has two mission trips planned to Rogersville, TN—December 4-5 and December 11-12. If you would be interested in going on either trip, please contact the CBA office.

**Mt. Pleasant:** The Choir and Orchestra will present *Christmas in His Presence* December 6 at 10:15am and 6:00 pm

Also, the Mt. Pleasant Children's Choir will present *A tree Lot Christmas* December 13 at 6:00 pm

Also, they had a "Celebration Sunday" November 1st to honor Dr. Doug New for his years of ministry there. Dr. J. Robert White was guest preacher for the morning worship service and several others shared through video.

**Pleasant View:** Pastor Myles Brown has resigned to accept the call from FBC Oakwood GA as Pastor.

**Tabernacle and Roopville Road:** sent a mission team to Cumberland, KY to put on a roof for 180° Ministries and to look at other projects.

### December Meeting Schedule...

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| 12/03 | Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A                 |
| 12/07 | <b>Mission Development Team Meeting—8:15a.m.</b> at Chick-fil-A            |
| 12/09 | Administrative Team Meeting—at the CBA following the Ministers' Luncheon   |
| 12/10 | Leadership Development Team Meeting—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch. |

### 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, Midway Macedonia, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Rocky Mount, Roopville, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, Temple, Trinity, and FBC Villa Rica

### Operation Christmas Child Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

We are currently in the very beginning of our collection week for Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes. To date we have collected 1266 boxes. We will have a total number in the January Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who packed a box, volunteered to help this week in any capacity, and especially to those who volunteered to spend their entire week coordinating the collection, packing of crates and keeping up with the number of boxes brought. To God be the Glory!!



### Holiday Office Hours...

The CBA office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 22, and reopen Monday, January 4th. Have a Merry Christmas & and a Happy New Year!!

Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
 “Because of Who He Is”  
 November 29th-December 6th



Looking Ahead...

*Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship*

January 12 FBC, Carrollton

7:00 p.m.

Menu: *Baked Italian Chicken, Loaded Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Broccoli Salad, Bread & Dessert*  
*R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 6th*

Looking Ahead...

**Baby Bottle Boomerang**



Begins January 17th. All money collected will go to help the Pregnancy Resource Center in Carrollton. Please have filled bottles back at your church by Feb. 14th & at the CBA by Feb. 15th.

**From the WMU**

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is Nov. 29-Dec. 6. It is an opportunity for churches to join in prayer for the work of missionaries who take the gospel to people in cities and extreme places. It's also a time to reflect on giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that supports them. You can find wonderful resources to help promote the Week of Prayer and offering at [imb.org](http://imb.org), as well as videos, special helps for children, and more. Thank you for giving, Keri Perkins

**YOUR IMPACT THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**



(The numbers above are taken from the 2014 Annual Statistical Report, a summary of Southern Baptist work overseas in 2013. For up-to-date statistics, go to [public.imb.org/globalresearch](http://public.imb.org/globalresearch).)

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| <p>Nov. 29-Dec. 6 <b>Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</b></p> <p>Nov. 30-Dec. 6 <b>Pray for Consolation</b></p> <p>2 <b>Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria.</b></p> <p>3 <b>Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A</b></p> <p>4-5 <b>Associational Mission Trip to Rogersville, TN</b></p> <p>7 <b>Mission Development Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A</b></p> <p>7-13 <b>Pray for Discovery</b></p> <p>9 <b>Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at the CBA. Lunch will be provided. <u>You must R.S.V.P. so we will know how many to prepare for.</u></b><br/><b>Administrative Team Meeting—at the CBA following the Ministers' Luncheon</b></p> | <p>10 <b>Leadership Development Team Meeting— Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.</b></p> <p>11-12 <b>Associational Mission Trip to Rogersville, TN</b></p> <p>14-20 <b>Pray for Ephesus</b></p> <p>16 <b>Ministers' Luncheon—11:30a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria.</b></p> <p>21-27 <b>Pray for Eureka</b></p> <p>22 <b>CBA Office closes at Noon</b></p> <p>23 <b>There will be No Ministers' Luncheon</b></p> <p>23-Jan. 3 <b>CBA Office closed for the Holidays. We will reopen on Monday January 4</b></p> <p>24 <b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p>25 <b>Merry Christmas!</b></p> <p>28-Jan. 3 <b>Pray for Fellowship</b></p> <p>30 <b>There will be No Ministers' Luncheon</b></p> <p>31 <b>New Year's Eve</b></p> |
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