

Carrollton Baptist Association

From Your Associational Missionary

When you receive this month's newsletter, I am either currently in, or have just returned from Israel with a group of Associational missionaries from GA & TN. We left Atlanta on Saturday, January 19th and return on Sunday, January 27th. I have never been to the Holy Land and I am excited to go on this trip of a lifetime to see places I have read and preached about for many years. Our group will sail on the Sea of Galilee, visit Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, and Caesarea Philippi and even have the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River. Additionally, there will be stops at Mt. Carmel, Cana, Nazareth, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethesda, the Garden Tomb, and the Dead Sea just to name a few of the places! It will be an incredible nine days. I appreciate the opportunity that has been provided for all of us to go. Maybe one day I can lead a tour. I know we have 4 of our churches planning a trip there this year.

As I read through Strong to the Core, a men's devotional by H. Norman Wright today, he shared about Needle's Eye Gate in Jerusalem which Jesus referred to in Matthew 19:24—"Again I tell you,

it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." He shared the following interesting insights for us to ponder.

"For years, pack animals have been used to carry the excess baggage people take with them on trips to remote areas. If you've ever been backpacking on a hunting or fishing trip into the high country, you're glad to have those mules or burros along to carry the gear. And if you're fortunate, you've got a guide who knows how to load and unload the animals and does it for you. It's a lot of work. To add to that, sometimes the animal is in a foul mood and either kicks or tries to take a bite of its handler.

In the Far East, camels are the mainstay for desert travelers. And in Jesus' day they were very common. His statement in today's verse has more significance that first meets the eye. One of the gates in the wall around Jerusalem was actually called the *Needle's Eye Gate*. It was very narrow—just barely wide enough for a camel. The problem was the baggage. It wouldn't fit. The merchants had to "downsize" their camels' loads.

They had to unload the beasts, walk through the gate with the camels, carry the baggage through, and, if they had farther to go, load the beasts back up. Only when the camels were unloaded could they get through the gate.

Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it" (Matthew 7:13). Are you carrying any garbage or burdens that might make it difficult to enter the narrow gate? Like the loaded camel, something may need to be stripped off. Take a look and get rid of any encumbrances."

Update for backpacks for Rogersville – 1124 delivered and distributed at the 37 parties they hosted in December. Overall 125 decisions were made for Christ, (we had 12 in the 4 parties our association hosted). There were also 75 backpacks taken to Cooper Hill from Mt. Pleasant. It was another incredible ministry opportunity and I am so thankful and grateful for your participation.

Remember to fill those baby bottles with change, currency or checks for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Last year \$46,000 was raised!

February 2019

*Continuing to be
an Acts 1:8
Association*

**The Georgia Baptist Mission Board Presents...
Listening Sessions with Rev. Thomas Hammond, the new
Executive Director of the GBMB.**

FBC, Villa Rica

Monday, February 25th

6:00pm-7:30pm

All Pastors are invited. Rev. Hammond wants to hear directly from church Pastors as he begins serving as Executive Director. The session will include Time of Prayer, Introduction and Purpose, and Round Table Discussions and Sharing



NEWS FROM CHURCHES...

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 og-bcmct@gmail.com.

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

Tyus: Rev. Micah Kilgore, Pastor, resigned

FBC, Villa Rica: Is sponsoring a Marriage Conference February 8th & 9th with Bucky Kennedy, and his wife. There will be three sessions. Cost: \$30.00 which includes a steak dinner.

Note to Pastors...

We will meet every Wednesday in February 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, Concord, Consolation, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Mars Hill, Midway, Midway West, 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

Happy New Year! We just finished with the best weekend of our year! The weekend is called Missions Discovery Weekend. During this weekend we interview students from our Georgia BCM's to determine where they will serve this summer. Any student from one of our Georgia BCM's can apply to our program which is called sendmenow. If you would like to find out more about our program you can check it out at sendmenow.net. Students can apply to go on a project to serve somewhere between one to 10 weeks. We appointed over 120 students to serve this summer. Please be in prayer for our students as they go out in the world to serve. Please pray that they reap a harvest! I hope you have a blessed New Year.

Hope you can attend our Dinner Theatre on March 1st & 2nd that helps to support these summer missionaries. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children

God Bless, Bill

February Meeting Schedule

- 2/04 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 2/07 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 2/13 **Administrative Team Meeting**—At American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 2/14 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**—8:30 a.m. at the CBA.

2019 Mission Opportunities

- 2/11-2/15 FBC, Villa Rica Guatemala
- 2/21-2/25 Midway Havana, Cuba
- 2/28-3/5 FBC, Villa Rica Surprise, Arizona
- 3/7-3/15 FBC, Villa Rica Egypt
- 3/29-4/7 Midway Prague, Czech Rep.
- 3/30-4/15 Midway New Orleans, LA

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



From the WMU

I would like to share some information with you from Sharan Sitton from Mt. Pleasant. She volunteers with Days for Girls. Days for Girls has a new Team in Carrollton that started in July 2018. The Days for Girls would be a great service/mission project for women and girls from approximately age 12 and up. Days for Girls make sustainable feminine hygiene kits. The kits include everything needed for the girls. The Carrollton Team plans to give their kits to local missionaries to take back to the field and distribute them along with a health briefing (provided online by Days for Girls). Many of the girls in these countries have nothing to use during their monthly

cycle. Some of the girls cannot go to school during this time. The Days for Girls kits help give the girls dignity and allows them to stay in school all month. These kits also aid the missionaries in entering schools that they are normally not allowed to enter. After four months working, the Carrollton Team is looking forward to packing their kits during January and giving them to the Faithful Servants missionaries, Tommy and Teresa Harris, for distribution in Uganda, Africa. The Team will meet the third Saturday of each month excluding April, November, and December in 2019. They meet

at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 694 Mt. Pleasant Church Road, Carrollton, GA 30116, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. You can come and stay all day or just stop by for a short time. The Team would love for you to stop in and see what they do. If you need more information on the local Carrollton Team you can contact the Leader, Sharan Sitton, at carroll-tonga@daysforgirls.org or you can look up more information on Days for Girls at www.daysforgirls.org. What a great project for women and teenage girls to be a part of. Thank you to the ladies who have been working on the kits! Thank you for all you do, Keri Perkins



Baby Bottle Boomerang



All Bottles are due back into the CBA Office Monday, February 11th. All money collected goes to support the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Sunday School Conference

February 19
6:30 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

This conference is for All Pastors, Sunday School Directors, and Sunday School Teachers—Not just those involved in the Sunday School Mentoring Program

Conference Leaders:

- Preschool:** Amy Burney
- Children:** Jenni Carter
- Youth:** Jeremy Digsby
- Adults:** Brent Thompson

Pastors/Sunday School Directors: John Lemmings

Focus on WMU

February 11-17

Looking Ahead...

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for the North American Mission Board and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
March 3-10





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1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
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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



February



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| 28-Feb. 3 | Pray for Flat Rock—Dr. Jerry Brown, Pastor | 14 | at American Pie Pizzeria
Happy Valentines' Day! |
| 4 | Mission Development Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A | | Leadership Development Team Meeting—8:30 a.m. at the CBA. |
| 4-6 | Associational Missionary Workshop —Toccoa | 16 | Children's Ministry Day |
| 4-10 | Pray for Fullerville, Rev. Steve Swafford, Pastor | 18 | Presidents' Day |
| 6 | Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria | 18-24 | Pray for Harmony, Rev. Anthony Puckett, Pastor |
| 7 | Communities Ministry Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A | 19 | Sunday School Conference—6:30 p.m. at Mount Pleasant |
| 10 | Racial Reconciliation Sunday | 20 | Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria |
| 11 | Baby Bottles due back into the CBA Office | 25 | Meeting with Thomas Hammond, the new Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board—6:00p.m.—7:30 p.m. at FBC, Villa Rica |
| 11-17 | Pray for Glenloch, Rev. Neil Awbrey, Pastor | 25-March 3 | Pray for Indian Creek, Rev. Ralph Caldwell, Pastor |
| 13 | Focus on WMU | 27 | Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria |
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