

January 2016

Continuing to be an Acts 1:8 Association

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Looking Ahead...

- Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship—Jan. 12
- Associational Preschool and Children's Ministry Conference—Jan. 14
- Sanctity of Human Life Day—Jan. 17—Baby Bottle Boomerang begins
- VBS Jumpstart Clinic—Jan. 28th

From Your Associational Missionary...

4,185 shoeboxes! That's the number of shoeboxes collected for Operation Christmas Child in our office. It was an incredible week, a record week, and I'm grateful for Scottie and Steve Jennings and Pam and Mac Orange who served as our coordinators. They made sure every hour was covered, every box was counted, and every one who brought a box or boxes felt welcomed and appreciated. And thank you for taking the time to "pack a shoebox." That shoebox will make a great impact on some child's life in the days ahead.

The weekend of December 4th and 5th, Rev. Milford Ballenger and his wife, Joyce and myself along with a group of youth and adults from Indian Creek Baptist Church went to Rogersville, TN to assist with Christmas parties and help distribute

gifts and backpacks. It was wonderful to see the expressions of each boy and girl as they received their backpack and their wrapped gifts. One little girl just had to look in one compartment of her backpack and she was excited by what she found. One of the highlights of the weekend though was that 5 people (3 adults and 2 children) prayed to receive Christ!

We have another team from Kansas going up December 11th and 12th to Rogersville, TN and a team from Mt. Pleasant going to Copper Hill, TN to distribute backpacks there. Overall almost 870 backpacks were collected for Appalachia from our Association. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

Let me share some upcoming dates with you that you might

want to mark on your calendars:

- January 12: Minister/Mate Dinner at FBC, Carrollton
- January 14th: Preschool and Children's Ministry Conference at Tabernacle
- January 28th: VBS Jumpstart at FBC, Villa Rica
- February 11th: "Missions Multiplied" Conference at Tabernacle
- February 24th: "Taking Your Groups to the Next Level" at FBC, Douglasville from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Hope you have a wonderful 2016! Dan

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.*

All Pastors, Associate Pastors, Ministers of Music, Youth Ministers, etc. and their wives are invited.

Church News...

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are almost ready to go to our Summer Missions selection weekend. Please be in prayer for us that we would make Godly decisions during this process that happens later this week. We have two summer missions' fundraisers coming up quickly. Please help us to promote these in your churches. Our first fundraiser is a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament that will be on Friday, January 22. The cost will be \$30 per team. The second fundraiser is our annual Dinner Theater. It will be happening on Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 both nights at 7:00 PM. The cost of the Dinner Theater is still \$10.00 per person. For information on either event please call us at 770-834-7588 or e-mail us at bgrissett.bcm@gabaptist.org.

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, Fuller-ville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Mars Hill, 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

Bowdon: called Rev. Justin Richards as Pastor. He will begin his ministry on January 3rd.

Flat Rock: Dr. Len Turner will be the guest preacher on Sunday January 17th for the 11 AM and 6 PM services.

Providence: Sent 1,361 Christmas Cards to troops around the world through the American Red Cross. Their goal was 1000 so they definitely surpassed their goal.

Rocky Mount: called Rev. Steve Riddle as Pastor. Rev. Riddle and his wife, Michelle, are former IMB missionaries to Brazil. He will begin his ministry there on January 3rd.

Tyus: Rev. Justin Richards has resigned to become Pastor at Bowdon.

FBC, Villa Rica: Dr. Kevin Williams, Pastor, was elected 2nd Vice President of the GBC.

January Meeting Schedule...

- 1/04 **Mission Development Team Meeting—8:15a.m. at Chick -fil-A**
- 1/07 **Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A**
- 1/13 Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 1/14 Leadership Development Team Meeting—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.
- 1/18 Executive Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. at the CBA

Note to Pastors:

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

NOTE: Please have all announcements and articles for the February Newsletter into the CBA office by January 15th.

Executive Committee Meeting

**Monday, January 18
7:00 p.m. at the CBA office.**

Operation Christmas Child Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

Thank you again to all the volunteers who made this week such a success!!

Total Boxes: 4,185
(the highest number ever collected at the CBA)

To God be the Glory!!

3 On 3 Basketball Tournament to benefit the Baptist Collegiate Ministries Summer Missions

January 22

Cost per team will be \$30.00. Contact the BCM at 770-834-7588 for more information.



**V.B.S.
2016**

V.B.S. Jumpstart Clinic

Thursday, January 28th
7:00—8:30. at FBC, Villa Rica

This conference is for all Pastors, and Directors



Sanctity of Human Life Day

January 17th



Baby Bottle Boomerang will begin this day as well. 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.

Preschool and Children's Conference

January 14th at Tabernacle

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

A conference for all Preschool & Children's workers that will help improve your teaching and will help you see your teaching space with new eyes. Led by some of the best preschool & children's ministers/directors in our state, this is a conference to make plans to attend.



Georgia Baptist Association of
Ministry Assistants (GBAMA)

March 2-4, 2016

Pinnacle Retreat Center, Clayton

"But we have this treasure in
jars of clay
to show that this
all-surpassing power is from
God and not from us.
2 Corinthians 4:7

To Register go to gabaptist.org/gbama.

Cost: \$105 (until 1/20); \$125 (Jan. 11-Feb. 17)

**Lodging: \$173 (single), \$126 (double) . Lodging rates
include all meals & banquet.**

From the WMU

I recently read an article on the WMU website. Wanda Lee, executive director of WMU, told the SBC Executive Committee "we're (WMU) grieving over the imminent downsizing of 600-800 missionaries and staff members in a multi-million-dollar shortfall confronting the International Mission Board." Lee reminded the committee of the insight of Annie Armstrong that is still important today. Annie said missions education first entails a study of God's Word. Then comes a study of the mission field, then prayer, then sacrificial giving for the advance of the Gospel. One thing Lee believes we have failed to do in our churches is to embrace the missions assignment of helping our children and our youth understand God's field. She continued to say

when there's "no understanding of the depth of lostness, there's no passion to give." Lee also said we have to do what Annie said years ago. We have to teach them God's Word. We have to help them see all of God's world—the way He loves people and the way He desires for them to come to Him. When we feel that depth of conviction, we will pray like we've never prayed before, we will give sacrificially.

Lee said WMU will stand with and support our missionaries and be the best partner with IMB we can be. We can help returning missionaries find housing and be alerted to employment possibilities. WMU provides council to those who want to learn more about starting a missionary house ministry and facilitates

communication between missionaries and those who have houses available for use. Lee mentioned, "if you have a home available to offer to missionaries as they transition back to the U.S. please contact WMU (state or national WMU office) so it can be added to the housing list. Transportation will also be a need."

I hope this article will help you understand the impact missions education can have on your life as well as the children. If we will begin or continue missions education in our churches I believe we will see a positive impact for missions giving. Please continue to pray for all missionaries as they make future decisions.

Thank you for all you do!
Keri Perkins

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| 28-Jan. 3 | Pray for Fellowship | Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch. |
| 1 | Happy New Years | Preschool and Children's Ministry |
| 3-10 | January Bible Study | Conference —6:30-8:30 at Tabernacle |
| 4 | CBA office reopens. | 17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday |
| | Mission Development Team Meeting —8:15 a.m. | Baby Bottle Boomerang begins |
| | at Chick-fil-A | 18 Executive Committee Meeting —7:00 p.m. at |
| 4-10 | Pray for Flat Rock | the CBA |
| 6 | Ministers' Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at American | 18-24 Pray for Glenloch |
| | Pie Pizzeria | 20 Ministers' Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at |
| 7 | Community Ministries Team Meeting —8:15 | American Pie Pizzeria |
| | a.m. at Chick-fil-A | 22 "3 on 3" BCM Basketball Tournament |
| 11-17 | Pray for Fullerville | 25-31 Pray for Harmony |
| 12 | Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship | 27 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at |
| 13 | Ministers' Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at American | American Pie Pizzeria |
| | Pie Pizzeria | 28 VBS Jumpstart Clinic —7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. |
| | Administrative Team Meeting —at American Pie | at FBC, Villa Rica. This conference is for |
| | Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon | VBS Directors and Pastors. |
| 14 | Leadership Development Team Meeting — | |