

Carrollton Baptist Association

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)

Forty two 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 home of missionaries—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. Also 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 following breakfast, hearing the Christmas story, 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 my 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 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 surrounding 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

*Continuing to be an
Acts 1:8 Association*

December 2020



**Week of Pray for International Missions
And the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

November 30th-December 6th

I SAW

A GREAT MULTITUDE

FROM EVERY NATION AND TRIBES

REVELATION 7:9



NEWS FROM CHURCHES...

Note: Please have all announcements for the **January Newsletter into the CBA office No later than December 9th.**

Carrollton, FBC: Had a Retirement Luncheon and Celebration for Dr. Steve Davis on November 1st.

Oak Grove: hired Kathy Camp as their New Ministry Assistant

Roopville Road: held a one day Vacation Bible School Saturday, November 14th with 67 children, and 38 volunteers in attendance. There were two salvations.

Also they had a one day Revival with Dr. Herb Reavis on Sunday, November 15th

Villa Rica FBC: Rev. Kevin Williams, Pastor was elected as President of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Merry Christmas to everyone! I hope you all have a blessed Christmas season! Our annual Dinner Theater for missions is coming up quickly. The dates for our performance will be Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6. Please put those dates on your calendar. This year due to Covid 19 we will do a smaller in-person audience and will also have a way for you to watch the play both nights online. We will get some paper publicity out to you in late January. Please help us publicize this event in your churches. This will be our main fundraiser for the year! Please remember our students in prayer as they make big decisions about whether to do missions this summer! Once again, have a Merry, Safe and Blessed Christmas!

Bill

Note: We will have our **December Wednesday Ministers' Luncheons, on the 2nd and 9th at 11:30 am at American Pie Pizzeria. There will be no Ministers' Luncheon on the 16th, 23rd, or 30th.**

Thank you to all the churches who have supported the CBA financially since September 1st, 2020, the beginning of our financial year....

Antioch, Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, FBC Carrollton, Centralhatchee First, Concord, Consolation, Discovery, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Midway, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion Community, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, FBC Temple, Trinity, Tyus, Veal, FBC, Villa Rica, and Whitesburg

Christmas Backpack Update:

We collected 1,101 backpacks that were delivered to Rogersville, TN

Thank You!!!

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes as of 11/17/20 1355



December Meetings:

- 3 Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:30 a.m. by Zoom**
- Next Generation Team Meeting—Noon by Zoom**
- 7 Mission Development Team Meeting—8:30 by Zoom**
- 11 Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon**



From the WMU

The Global Impact Guide that the IMB has published reports the success of our International Missionaries. It also shares future opportunities ahead for IMB missionaries. The guide provides some numbers that I hope would encourage us to give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO).

- 154,937 people are dying daily without Christ
- 7070 unreached people groups (1.5 billion unreached people)

Our financial giving allows the IMB to get well trained missionaries into the field faster with established launch programs. The LMCO allows our missionaries to stay engaged in ministry instead of coming home to raise funds. The resources and reputation of the IMB allow us to get into remote areas to reach the

unreached with the hope of the gospel. They're also able to provide support and mental health care for our missionaries on the frontlines.

The LMCO supports 3,585 missionaries.

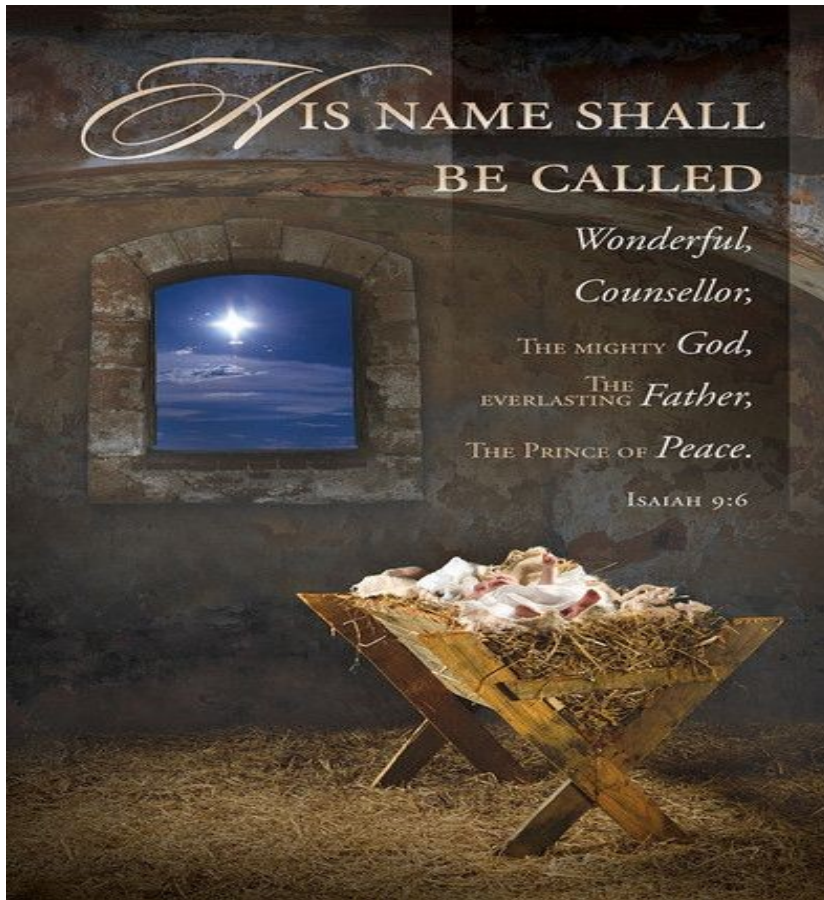
In 2019...

- 827 people groups were engaged by IMB
- 535,325 heard the gospel message
- 47,929 baptized
- 12,368 new churches started
- 33,068 received advanced theological training
- 214 people groups with self-sustaining ownership in the missionary work
- 89,325 new believers worldwide

The 2020 LMCO goal is \$175 mil-

lion. Every church. Every nation. Every church, regardless of size or resources, has a role to play in reaching every nation. Your generosity through praying and giving is the lifeblood of Southern Baptist missions. Please give sacrificially remembering your money is used 100% for missionaries. Your prayers are needed. Dr. Gordon Fort reminds us that prayer isn't just important—it is essential! You can find prayer requests at imb.org/pray. You can also find prayer requests in the Loving the Lost Prayer Guide. Request this free prayer guide from the IMB at store.imb.org. You can also get copies of the Global Impact Guide from this site too.

Thanks for all you do,
Keri



*May you and yours
have a Wonderful
Christmas Season!!*

*From your Associational Staff
Dan Dockery
Ceresa Britt*

**The CBA Office will be closed
December 22nd through
January 3rd**





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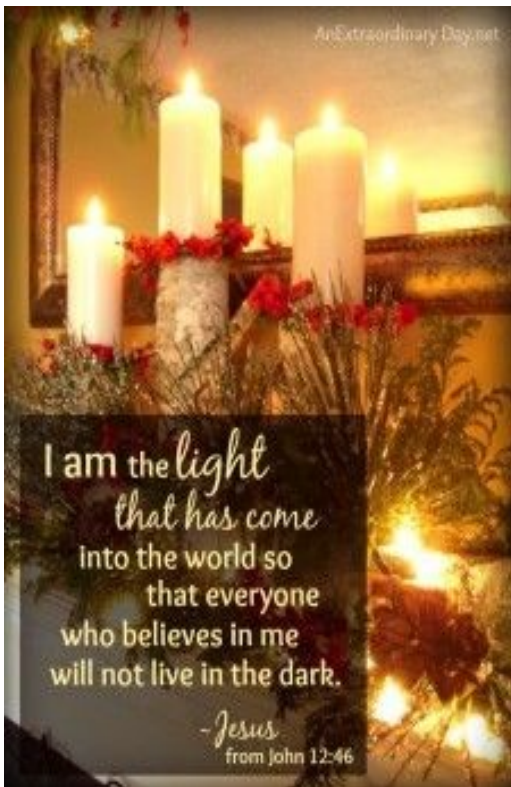
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Rev. Mark Williams: Moderator
Rev. Mike Harris: Vice Moderator
Rev. Dan Dockery:
Associational Missionary
Mrs. Teresa Britt:
Ministry Assistant



December



- 29-Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 30-Dec. 6 Pray for Consolation, Rev. Mike Powers, Pastor
- 2 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 3 Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:30 a.m. by Zoom
Next Generation Team Meeting—Noon by Zoom
- 7 Mission Development Team Meeting—8:30 a.m. by Zoom
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 7-14 Pray for Discovery Church, Rev. Alan Trippe, Pastor
- 9 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 14-20 Pray for Ephesus, Rev. Kevin Geter, Pastor
- 21-27 Pray for Eureka, Rev. Russell Shadrix, Pastor
- 22-January 3 CBA Office closed for the Holidays
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 28-January 3 Pray for Flat Rock, Dr. Jerry Brown, Pastor
- 31 Happy New Year!

