

December
2013

Carrollton Baptist Association

Continuing to
be an Acts 1:8
Association

Coming Up...

- Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—December 1-8.
- Office closed for the Holidays—December 23-January 1
- After Christmas Minister/Mate Fellowship—January 14

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From Your Associational Missionary:

Max Lucado's book, Christmas Stories, is a wonderful book about "Angels, a Manger, and the Birth of Hope." I thought I would share the preface with you.

"The world was different this week. It was temporarily transformed.

The magical dust of Christmas glittered on the cheeks of humanity ever so briefly, reminding us of what is worth having and what we were intended to be.

We forgot our compulsion with winning, wooing, and warring. We put away our ladders and ledgers; we hung up our stop-watches and weapons. We stepped off our race tracks and roller coasters and looked outward toward the star of Bethlehem.

We reminded ourselves that Jesus came as a babe, born in a manger.

I'd like to suggest that we remind ourselves he still comes.

He comes to those as small as Mary's baby and as poor as a carpenter's boy.

He comes to those as young as a Nazarene teenager and as forgotten as an unnoticed kid in an obscure village.

He comes to those as busy as the oldest son of a large family, to those as stressed as the leader of restless disciples, to those as tired as one with no pillow for his head.

He comes and gives us the gift of himself.

Sunsets steal our breath. Caribbean blue stills our hearts. New-born babies stir our tears. Lifelong love bejewels our lives. But take all these away—strip away the sunsets, oceans, cooing babies, and tender hearts—and leave us in the Sahara, and we still have reason to dance in the sand. Why? Because God is with us.

He comes to all. He speaks to all. Let's let him speak to us this Christmas."

At our Annual Meeting, I shared about how grateful I am of our partnership. It was neat to see the "energy light" come on when we joined hands together. We can do so much more when we work together to be "on mission" with Him. We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement and financial support. Below are listed churches that have given to our association since September:

Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, FBC Carrollton, FBC Central-hatchee, Eureka, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Midway Macedonia, Mountain View, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, Temple First, and FBC Villa Rica.

Hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas!

Dan

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord".

Luke 2:11 (KJV)

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From your Associational Staff:

Dan Dockery
Teresa Britt



Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Merry Christmas to everyone! I hope you all have a blessed Christmas season! Our annual Dinner Theater for missions is going to be a little earlier this year. The dates for our performance will be Friday, March 7 and

Saturday, March 8. Please put those dates on your calendar. Please help us publicize this event in your churches. We will also be doing a 5K to raise funds for missions called Run for the Son. The

race will be Saturday, April 18th. We will get some more information out about this at the beginning of the year. Once again, have a Merry and Blessed Christmas! Bill

December Meetings...

12/02 **Missions Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A

12/05 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

12/11 **Administration Team Meeting**—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon

**Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Update**

**As of Monday (1st official day):
1,305 boxes!**

Note to Pastors:

We will meet for our weekly Ministers' Luncheons December 4th, and 11th at 11:30 a.m. American Pie Pizzeria. There will be no Ministers' Luncheons on December 18, or 25th.

Minister/Mate

After Christmas Fellowship

January 14th 7:00 p.m.

FBC, Carrollton



*For all Ministers
in your church.*

**If you need an announcement in the
January newsletter, please have it
into the CBA by December 15.**



One Night In Bethlehem

December 20, 21, 22 6:30-9:00

Glenloch Baptist Church

Come experience the blessing of Christmas during this FREE, guided walking tour through the city of Bethlehem as it might have been 2000 years ago.



**Week of Prayer for International Missions
And the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 1-8**

**“Hope of the Broken World”
Presented by
Son Rise Celebration Choir**

December 8th and 9th at 7:00 p.m.

At Copeland Hall
103 Barr Ave
Bowdon, GA
Free Admission



Looking Ahead....

**REACH
2014**

**Revival. Strategy.
Leadership. Vision.**

2014 Evangelism Conference

February 10-11
FBC, Bremen

Make plans to bring a large group
from your church.

Church News:

Mt. Pleasant: the Church Choir and Orchestra will present “Come Messiah King” on December 1st at 6 p.m. and December 2nd at 7 p.m.

The Children’s Choir will present “An Out-of-the-Box Christmas” on December 8th at 7 p.m.

Tabernacle: The Carrollton Christmas Festival will be Friday, Dec. 13th-Sunday, Dec. 15th.

Roopville Road: The Celebration Choir will present “Christmas is Jesus” on Dec. 14th and 15th at 7 p.m.

From the WMU

November’s issue of Mission Mosaic had an article titled “A Loud Whisper: The Beauty of Bethlehem” written by Kimberly Sowell. In this article, she reminds the reader why such an insignificant city, compared to Jerusalem or Athens, was chosen for the birth of our Savior. Bethlehem is remembered as the birthplace of Jesus, but it was mentioned in the Bible several times in the Old Testament. Rachel the wife of Jacob, was buried there. It is the home of a Levite mentioned in Judges 17. Naomi and Ruth returned to Naomi’s people in Bethlehem to live. Ruth married Boaz and gave birth to Obed, the grandfa-

ther of David. Through this, God was forming the lineage of Christ. The prophet Micah also wrote that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Savior. Kimberly Sowell shares that that this town whose name means “house of Bread” would be the birthplace of Jesus, the Bread of Life. She continues by asking, why Bethlehem? Sowell writes, “The Son of God arrived on the scene with a loud whisper. Bethlehem’s quiet beauty foreshadowed the gentle beauty of the humble Savior. His arrival was reflective of the way Jesus would conduct His earthly ministry—not with pageantry of trumpets’ blares but with strength and hu-

mility to bless even the poorest of the poor.

May each of you enjoy this joyous season. Please be in prayer for our missionaries serving around the world.

If you are looking for a way to serve others this Christmas you can find information about local ministries at www.carrolltonwmu.com. Click on local ministries on the left.

Thanks for all you do,
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December



Nov. 25-Dec. 1 **Pray for Centralhatchee**
1-2 **“Come Messiah King”** presented by
Mt. Pleasant Choir and Orchestra
1-8 **Season of Prayer for International
Missions and the Lottie Moon Christ-
mas Offering**
2 **MDT Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
4 **Ministers’ Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria
5 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—
Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.
8-9 **Hope of the Broken World”** - 7:00 p.m.
at Copeland Hall in Bowdon

9-15 **Pray for Discovery**
11 **Ministers’ Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria
16-22 **Pray for Ephesus**
18 **There will be NO Ministers’ Luncheon**
20-22 **“One Night in Bethlehem”** at Glenloch
Baptist Church. 6:30-9:00
23-30 **Pray for Eureka**
23-Jan. 1 **Office Closed**
24 **Christmas Eve**
25 **Merry Christmas**
30-Jan. 5 **Pray for Fellowship**