

Carrollton Baptist Association

Striving to be an Acts 1:8 Association

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From Your Associational Missionary...

During 2011, I had the opportunity to use the Devotional book, Voices of the Faithful book 2, compiled by Kim P. Davis, as a daily way to pray for our missionaries around the world. The devotionals, written by missionaries, are “inspiring stories of courage from Christians serving around the world.” The stories are both informative and challenging. I have used several of them as sermon illustrations.

In late December, a missionary with the South Asian peoples shared a story about giving. This devotional caught my attention. It was based on Malachi 3:10 about bringing the tithe, the full 10 percent into the storehouse. Let me share it with you.

“Church leaders in our area were discouraged that no matter how often they asked church members to give tithes and offerings, the amounts collected were very small. So we decided to instruct 30 national pastors, leaders and evangelists on biblical giving.

As an illustration, I displayed a plastic con-

tainer, Ping-Pong balls, and a tennis ball. The seminar participants named family expenses, such as food, clothes, shelter, shoes, school tuition and uniforms, medicine, and other items. Ping-Pong balls would represent each of these things. The tennis ball represented tithes and offerings. When we placed the Ping-Pong balls in the plastic container first, then added the tennis ball on top, the lid wouldn't fit on the container. But when the tennis ball was placed in the container first, all the Ping-Pong balls fit, and the lid closed! The illustration showed that we should give tithes and offerings first, then watch to see how God would supply all our needs. We challenged the participants to do the same.

These national leaders began encouraging their people, mostly poor farmers or laborers, and tithes and offerings increased substantially. You can't out give God.”

The prayer for that day was this: “When times are tough economically, Father, use this illustration to remind me to give to you first. I can trust you with the needs of my family. You are Jehovah Jireh, God who pro-

vides. Amen.”

As I read that devotional, I thought about parents who taught me to tithe and those 7 point envelopes we used in Sunday School. I can remember making sure I put my tithe in each week in that envelope after I had mowed someone's yard or put up hay. I can remember my first “real” job of bagging groceries at Bi-lo and counting out my tithe when I received my paycheck. And through the adult years and in ministry the tithe has always come first. And God has always provided for each need, even when times were tough economically. There was always enough. You truly can't out give God.

I pray that this year will be a year of growth in your walk with the Lord. That you will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. That you will make it a year of reading His Word, serving our Lord, and giving to extend His Kingdom throughout the world. Dan

COMING UP...

- *Baby Bottles due back into the Associational Office—
February 13*
- *Focus on WMU—
February 13-19*
- *Children's Ministry Day—
February 25*

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Associational VBS Clinic



March 26
at Tabernacle
6:30 p.m.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

As always, it's a busy time here at UWG. Students are getting back into the swing of things and so are we. This week we have over fifteen students applying for Send-MeNow summer missions. Bill and I are busy with interviews and preparing for our interview retreat and numerous fundraisers. This summer many students will be work-

ing with many people groups both in North America and throughout the globe. Be in prayer for these students as they listen to the Father and discern where He is calling them to serve this summer. Pray that as they are listening for where they will serve in the future that they would be mindful of their present mission on this campus. Pray for

us as we work with the many unreached peoples here at the University of West Georgia. Pray that amidst the busyness of our semester that we would not lose focus on reaching this campus and reaching this world.

Thank you for your support!

David,
BCM Intern



Note to Pastors...

Please make note of the February Ministers' Luncheons. We will meet at 11:30 each Wednesday morning. We will meet at American Pie Pizzeria on the 1st. We will meet on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at Ryan's.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Project "Baby Bottle Boomerang" will conclude Sunday, February 12. Please try to have all baby bottles back into the Associational office by Monday, February 13th. All money collected will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Carrollton. Thanks for your help with this wonderful project!

T.H.R.I.V.E.

All Pastors involved in THRIVE will meet Thursday, February 9th at the Associational office from 11:00 to 12:30. Bring your own lunch.

Senior Adult Leadership Conference

February 10-11
Mabel White Baptist Church, Macon

February Meetings:

Missions Development Team—2/13 at 8:15 at Chick-fil-A

New Church Starts Ministry Team—2/13 at noon at the Associational office. Bring your own lunch.

Leadership Development Team—2/14 at noon at the Associational office. Bring your own lunch.

Administrative Team—2/15 at Ryan's following the Ministers' Luncheon.

Priority of Preaching Conference

February 20th
Mid State Baptist Association, Macon



G.B.A.M.A. 2012

GA Baptist Association of Ministry Assistants
March 7-9
FBC, Peachtree City
Dr. Ken Hemphill, Keynote Speaker

Register Online:
dm.gabaptist.org

Sisters Who Care
Missions Summit

February 4

“Here am I. Send Me!”

Isaiah 6:8

Christian Fellowship
Baptist Church

College Park



Sons of Jubal

Thursday, February 16

FBC, Bremen



**CHURCH
NEWS**

Unity: Rev. Bobby Robinson, Pastor, retired after 25 years service at Unity, and 40 years of ministry. He was honored Sunday, January 15th.

Tabernacle: called Mrs. Janet Cleland as Minister to Children

Bowdon: is having a Wild Game Supper February 7th. Call the church for more information.

Discovery: has recently relocated to a location behind Quick Trip in Villa Rica.

**Coming
Up...**



March 4-11: **Week of Prayer for North American Missions**

March 5-6: **GBC Evangelism Conference**
FBC Newnan: “Awaken”

March 26: **Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic—Tabernacle.**
6:30 p.m.

**Children’s Ministry
Day**

February 25

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
(lunch included)

Pilot Gym in the Tracy
Stallings building in
Carrollton

Bring a group to join in
this mission project. Call
Sonja Thomas for more
details: 770-365-1438

Focus on W.M.U.

February 13-19

From the WMU...

A few weeks ago I was able to share a children’s message during our morning worship service. I’ve used different resources before to find object lessons. This time I used Focus on the Family’s Thriving Family magazine. Each issue has a family faith lesson and age-level activities. The current issue’s lesson is The Reason for Hope. I chose the preschool activity to help the children understand that putting our trust in Jesus gives us hope. We sometimes hear **hope** being used as a wish or desire. But for believers hope is much more than that. It’s an unshakable confidence in God, despite our circumstances. Hope is not wishful thinking, it’s an essential part of our faith. Hope in the Lord gives us strength, teaches us patience and brings encouragement. Because of Jesus we have hope both for this life and eternity. Raising

children to understand the hope we have in God is important. It can help them as they face struggles growing up.

We also want children to learn to serve their communities and live their faith. One way they can do that is by being involved with a mission project related to education during this year’s Children’s Ministry Day. **It’s inspiring.** It helps children reach out with God’s love. **It’s easy.** Children can participate in a hands-on mission project as we meet together **February 25 in the Pilot Gym in the Tracy Stallings building in Carrollton from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** (lunch included). **It works.** Children who live out their faith will be more likely to get involved again.

Whether you are a children’s mission leader or a Sunday School

teacher for Children grades 1-6 please bring a group of children to help with this mission project. Please call Sonja Thomas if you would like more details. (770-365-1438)

Upcoming Events:

March 24—Save the date. We are planning to take a trip to Wellspring Treasures in Peachtree City. Wellspring Treasures are upscale resale boutiques that support the ministry of Wellspring Living. They confront the issue of exploitation through advocacy, education and treatment programs for girls and women.

Georgia Baptist Women’s Spring Event, April 27-28 at Callaway Gardens. Find more information at www.gabaptistwomenspringevent.com

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| 30-5 | Pray for Indian Creek | | |
| 1 | Ministers' Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria. Rev. Tom Crites, GBC, will be our guest speaker. | 14 | Leadership Development Team meeting —Noon at the Associational office. |
| 4 | Sisters Who Care —Missions Conference at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, College Park | 15 | Happy Valentine's Day |
| 6-12 | Pray for Kansas | 15 | Minister's Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at Ryan's |
| 6-8 | Associational Missionary Retreat —Norman Park | 16 | Administration Team meeting —following the Ministers' Luncheon |
| 8 | Ministers' Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at Ryan's | | Sons of Jubal —FBC, Bremen |
| 9 | Thrive —11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | | Sunday School Mentoring Program —18 month follow-up fellowship. |
| 12 | Baby Bottle Boomerang ends —bottles due back Monday, February 13. | 20 | Priority of Preaching Conference —Macon |
| 13 | Mission Development Team meeting —8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A | 20-26 | Pray for Midway Macedonia |
| | New Church Starts Team —noon at the Associational office. Bring your own lunch. | 22 | Ministers' Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at Ryan's |
| 13-19 | Pray for Mars Hill | 25 | Children's Ministry Day |
| | | 27-March 4 | Pray for Mountain View |
| | | 29 | Ministers' Luncheon —11:30 a.m. at Ryan's |