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From Your Associational Missionary...

One of my New Year's Resolutions this year was to read at least one book a week during 2018. With the cold and snowy weather in January, I am definitely going to make it for January. One of the books I have just finished is the January Bible Study on First Peter Living as Strangers in a Secular World, by Dr. Bruce Frank. It's a short, compact study of 1st Peter and has some helpful insights into the book. In his last chapter on I Peter 5:1-14 entitled "Strengthened", he has a story of Johann Sebastian Bach the great composer and how he gave glory to God through his music.

"Johann Sebastian Bach was to classical music what William Shakespeare was to English literature and Sir Isaac Newton was to physics. His body of work includes 256 cantatas.

Listening to Bach's music is a rapturous experience, but it's not just because of the melodies and harmonies. It's more than the mere combination of notes. It's the motivation behind the music. The reason *Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor or Mass in B Minor* touch the soul is that they come from the soul. Bach's cantatas didn't originate as music. They were prayers before they were songs, literally. Before Bach started scoring a sheet of music, he would scrawl *J.J.—Jesus, juva*—at the very top. It was the simplest of prayers: Jesus, help me.

Then, at the completion of every composition, Bach inscribed three letters in the margin of his music: SDG. Those three letters stood for the Latin phrase, *Soli Deo Gloria* —to the

glory of God alone. Soli Deo Gloria was one of the rallying cries of the Protestant Reformation, but Bach personalized it. His life was a unique translation of that singular motive. So is yours. No one can glorify God like you or for you. Your life is an original score."

As he shared the story, I thought about how everyday is God's Masterpiece. It's a new day, a new beginning, a new journey. What if we wrote on the top of our to do list—Jesus, Java-Jesus help me. I bet the day would go so much better as we begin in prayer for the day. And at the end of the day—Soli Deo Gloria—to the glory of God alone, as we reflect upon what He has done for us that day. It might help us to rest more easily, knowing He has been with us throughout the day.

ON MISSION

HERE & NOW

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions
and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

March 4-11, 2018

National Goal: \$70 Million

100% of your gifts support
North American Missionaries

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Hey Everyone! I hope your winter is going well! We are having a great start to our Spring Semester. We recently had nine of our students that were appointed to our BCM Summer Missions program. We have one student going to Africa, two going to France, one going to Canada, and one going to Haiti. We also have students serving in Massachusetts, Georgia, Washington, DC, and Vermont. We will have more students being appointed throughout the spring. Missions is one of the most exciting things that we do each year. We always see significant change in our students lives through missions! We will have a few fundraisers this semester to help pay for our students trips. The biggest fundraiser that we will do this spring is our Dinner Theater. This semester our Dinner Theater will be on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. Both nights will be at 7:00 PM and the cost will once again be \$15 a ticket (\$10 for children). The name of our play will be Mayhem in Mayville. It is a Murder Mystery with a lot of comedy sprinkled in. Please help us to promote this in your churches! Hope to see you there! God Bless, Bill!

2017-2018 CBA Gifts

Thank you to all the CBA churches who have supported our Association financially since September 1st, 2017
 Antioch, Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, Carrollton First, FBC Centralhatchee, Christ The King, Concord, Consolation, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Mars Hill, Midway Macedonia, Midway West, Mountain View, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Rocky Mount, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, Temple First, Trinity, Unity, Veal and FBC, Villa Rica.

Church News...

Glenloch: was On Mission January 6-12 to Nicaragua.
Centralhatchee: will be participating in the Johnny Hunt Simulcast February 2-3. We will provide dinner Friday at 5:15 followed by the simulcast. Saturday, breakfast begins at 7:15 followed by the simulcast. Cost is \$10.00 which includes both meals.
Salem: Rev. Milford Ballenger, Pastor, announced his retirement, effective February 11th.
FBC, Villa Rica: will be participating in the Johnny Hunt Simulcast—"Unspoken" What Men Won't Talk About and Why, February 2-3. Friday: Dinner at 5:45; Praise & Worship 6:30; Simulcast at 7:00. Saturday: Biscuit Breakfast at 7:15; Simulcast at 8:00. Tickets are \$10 and are sold through the church office (770)459-5138.

February Meeting Schedule:

- 2/01 **Community Ministry Team Meeting**—8:15 am. At Chick-fil-A
- 2/05 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 2/08 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**— Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.
- 2/14 **Administrative Team Meeting**—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon

Note to Pastors—Ministers' Luncheon Schedule

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

Attention All VBS Directors...



"Game On!" - Gearing Up For Life's Big Game

Please get your Vacation Bible School dates to the CBA office so we can get them into the Carrollton Baptist Association's Newsletter.

Looking Ahead...

The Associational VBS Clinic will be Thursday, April 12th. Please plan to bring all your VBS workers for this important training event. There will be a conference for all age group workers, as well as Missions, and Music.

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

Racial Reconciliation Sunday
 February 11

Focus on WMU
 February 12-18

On Mission...

Mars Hill	Feb 15-21	Guatemala
FBC, Villa Rica Association	April 6-10 April 30-May 3	Surprise, Arizona "I Love My Community Week"
Midway	May 19-26	Havana, Cuba
Midway	May 19-26	Eueuthera, Bahamas
Mt. Pleasant	May 21-26	Dominican Republic
FBC, Villa Rica	May 27-31	Cumberland, KY
FBC, Villa Rica	June 1-9	Guatemala
Mt. Pleasant	June 23-July 1	South Dakota
Mt. Pleasant	June 24-30	Guatemala
Midway	August 18-25	Anchorage, Alaska
Mt. Pleasant	August 19-25	Uganda
FBC, Villa Rica Association	Sept. 7-14 Oct. 22	Los Angeles, CA Rogersville, TN
Midway	Oct. 25-Nov. 4	Lijiang, China
Midway	Oct. 25-Nov. 4	Casablanca, Morocco

**Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Bottles due back into the CBA office on Monday, February 12th.

All Proceeds go to the Pregnancy Resource Center

Children's Mission Day

Saturday, February 17

This is a day set aside for churches to involve their children in a missions ministry project in their community. You can find material to help you plan this day at wmu.com/cmd.

From the WMU

I would like to encourage you to participate in Children's Missions Day Saturday, February 17. If that date doesn't work out for your scheduling, pick a date to offer a mission action opportunity for children in your church. If your church hosts a children's mission group such as Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, or Children in Action ask the leaders if plans are already in place for a CMD missions project. If you don't have a children's missions group, then ask your church staff if you can plan and conduct a children's project to serve your community.

Children's Missions Day allows children to show God's love to friends and neighbors through a one-day service project. The CMD 2018 theme is "Go Serve", based on Galatians 5:13, "Serve one another humbly in love." Think of a project that will meet needs and get children involved in their own community.

Pray for the people who will be involved and for the people you will be ministering to.

You can find resources online at wmu.com/cmd. Free resources available include clip art, customizable certificate, and computer

slide presentation. You can also find materials available to purchase that could help as you plan your Children's Missions Day. There will also be a place to complete a report at wmu.com/cmd once Children's day is complete.

Get children excited about missions as they participate in hands-on experiences right in their own community.

Thank you for all you do,
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February



Jan 29-Feb 4 **Pray for Flat Rock, Dr. Jerry Brown, Pastor**

1 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A.

2-3 **Johnny Hunt Men’s Simulcast**—Centralhatchee First, and FBC, Villa Rica

5 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A

5-7 **Associational Missionary Retreat**—Toccoa

5-11 **Pray for Fullerville, Rev. Steve Swafford, Pastor**

7 **Ministers’ Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria

8 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**— Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

11 **Baby Bottles due back to your church. Racial Reconciliation Sunday**

12 **Bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang due back into the CBA Office.**

12-18 **Pray for Glenloch, Rev. Neil Awbrey, Pastor**

Focus on WMU

14 **Ministers’ Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria

Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers’ Luncheon

Happy Valentines Day!

17 **Children’s Ministry Day**

State Racer Derby—RA/Challengers

19 **President’s Day**

19-25 **Pray for Harmony, Rev. Anthony Puckett, Pastor**

21 **Ministers’ Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria. Bill Barker will be our guest speaker.

26-March 4 **Pray for Indian Creek, Rev. Ralph Caldwell, Pastor**

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