

January 2018

Continuing to be an Acts 1:8 Association

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Looking Ahead...

- **Holiday Office Hours**—The CBA Office will be closed Dec. 21 through January 1
- **Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship**—Jan. 16
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang begins**—January 21
- **Executive Committee Meeting**—January 22

From Your Associational Missionary...

As you were watching and enjoying the beautiful snowfall on Friday, December 8th, I was traveling with a mission team from Concord Baptist to Rogersville, TN to distribute backpacks. We drove in the snow for over an hour wondering if we should turn around and come back but since the weather folks were only calling for a dusting or up to an inch we continued our journey. And are we glad we did! On Friday night, at the Christmas party, seven people (children and adults) made decisions for Christ! We were all very excited to see God at work in the lives of the people there and to see many accept the greatest gift ever—Jesus. And then we helped to distribute the backpacks and gifts to the boys and girls. It was definitely an incredible evening and I'm glad we didn't let a

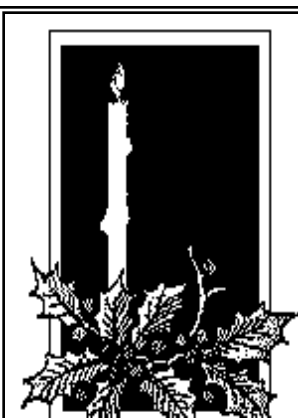
“Little” snow stop our mission team from going.

The week before, a mission team from Pleasant Ridge, Salem, and Oak Grove went to Rogersville and hosted two parties for the children—Friday night and Saturday morning. Each child made an ornament, their family enjoyed a meal, we sang carols and I shared about gifts and the plan of salvation. Nine children and adults (from ages 9 to 57) made decisions for Christ. So in the two weekends our teams went up to Rogersville we were able to minister to many families, hand out backpacks and gifts, and see 16 people make decisions for Christ. It has definitely been a reminder that a backpack can make a difference. Thank you for taking the time to purchase and pack a backpack!

As we think about January we think of new starts, new beginnings, a clean slate, and a new year. It's hard to believe it is 2018! Another thing we think about is Baby Bottle Boomerang and the chance to support the Pregnancy Resource Center. Jill Bowman, Director of Development, recently sent us a list of our churches and how their gifts saved many lives—111 babies were saved last year. What an incredible impact on our community! Thank you for making a difference! Baby Battle Boomerang begins Sunday, January 21st. You need to have your bottles returned to your church on either February 11th or 18th. We look forward to another great year!

It's a joy to serve with you,

Dan



Minister /Mate After Christmas Fellowship

January 16, at 7:00p.m. at FBC, Carrollton

Due to a generous donation, there will be no cost.

Menu: Baked Italian Chicken, Loaded Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Broccoli Salad, and Dessert

All Ministers in your church are invited.

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 10th.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New year! We are in the middle of a very hectic and blessed time in the life of our BCM. Our BCM Summer Missions selection weekend is January 5-7. We call this weekend our Discovery Weekend. We call it that because this is the weekend where our students will discover where God is calling them this summer. Our weekend will be filled with prayerful challenges to our students who apply from all over the state to take a hard look at themselves and where God is calling them. As I am writing this there are currently 184 applicants from around the state (10 from our UWG BCM). Please pray for all of our students and our selection team that they will make wise decisions and that they truly listen to the Spirit's leading! Once everyone is placed we have to get busy raising money to pay for the trips! Our biggest fundraiser scheduled this semester is our Dinner Theater. It is going to be March 9th and 10th this year. The cost will be \$15 which will include Dinner & a play. For tickets call 770-834-7588. 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, 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...

Mars Hill: honored Mike Jiles, Minister of Music for 3 years of service with a surprise reception Sunday, December 3rd.
Roopville Road: will have a men's 2018 Kick Off Event with a Low Country Boil, Friday, January 19, at 6:00 pm. Guest speaker is Dennis Swanberg. Cost is \$10 per person. Deadline is January 5. For tickets call Scotty Burkes (770) 328-1583 or the church office (770) 854-8824.
Tabernacle: has called Rev. James Kimmel as their Minister of Music. He will begin his ministry there on January 15.

December Meeting Schedule:

- 1/04 **Community Ministry Team Meeting**—8:15 am. At Chick-fil-A
- 1/08 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 1/10 **Administrative Team Meeting**—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 1/11 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**— Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

Note to Pastors—Ministers' Luncheon Schedule

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

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

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



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who had a part in making our annual shoebox collection week such a wonderful success. A very special thank you goes out to Scottie & Steve Jennings, and Pam and Mac Orange who gave up their time to coordinate this special week. Your hard work was very appreciated!

Total shoeboxes collected: 3,305



Executive Committee Meeting

January 22 at 7:00 at the CBA Office

State Evangelism Conference

January 29-30

VBS Early Bird Clinic

“Game On!” - Gearing Up For



Life's Big Game



January 29th
at 7pm

Bowdon Baptist Church

This Conference is for all Pastors
& VBS Directors.



Baby Bottle Boomerang



Begins January 21st.

This is a wonderful mission project for your Sunday School classes, missions groups, or your entire church.

Bottles are due back February 11th. All money collected goes to the Pregnancy Resource Center

Sanctity of Human
Life Day

January 21, 2018



The CBA office will be closed
January 1st.

From the WMU

I sometimes look forward to the winter season. Even though we face the cold winter winds outside, I look forward to the warm comforts of home. Some of my favorite things are cozy warm blankets, hot chocolate, comfy winter wear, homemade soup, and a chance of snow. With it getting dark so much earlier in the evening I just feel like getting home and settling in to a warm spot on the couch. Sometimes I just want to forget about other things and enjoy being at home. But I know I can't just hibernate for the winter. I need to keep the most important thing right in front of me and not tune out all the needs around me.

I read a blog post on WMU's website titled The Not-So-Easy commission

that helped me not to forget what we are to be a part of everyday. In her article Abi Khavari reminds us...

“The call to share the name of Jesus to the ends of the earth will always take sacrifice. It is not a call where we can sit within our comforts and delights and be effective in reaching out. Oftentimes in our lives, when God calls us to be bold and share His love, it comes at a cost. Changing routines. Moving communities. Giving up money. Giving of our time. And for some, moving to distant lands. We must begin loosening our grip on our time, finances, and family, in order to allow space for the kingdom at work to move. We migrate to moments in life where we begin to love the world and share the love of Jesus with people around us. Over time, it becomes a life-style we grow committed to. The results

will not be quick, and I think that's where, as the body, we can grow weary in persevering toward this call.”

She continued by reminding us that God is faithful, present and consistent. He will guide us through each season. She concluded her post by helping us keep our focus on our calling to share the life-changing news of Jesus, remembering He will never leave us in this call.

May we be about His work. Thank you for all you do!

Keri Perkins

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| <p>1 Happy New Year!
 1-7 Pray for Discovery, Rev. Alan Trippe, Pastor
 2 Office Reopens
 3 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
 4 Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A.
 7-14 January Bible Study
 8 Mission Development Team Meeting—8:15 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
 8-14 Pray for Ephesus, Rev. Kevin Geter, Pastor
 10 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
 Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie following the Ministers' Luncheon
 11 Leadership Development Team Meeting—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch
 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 15-21 Pray for Eureka, Rev. Russell Shadrix, Pastor</p> | <p>16 Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship—7:30 p.m. at FBC, Carrollton
 17 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
 21 Sanctity of Human Life Day
 Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins
 22 Executive Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. at the CBA
 22-28 Pray for Fellowship—Rev. David Ayers, Pastor
 24 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
 29 VBS Early Bird Clinic—7:00 p.m. at Bowdon
 29-30 State Evangelism Conference—Warner Robins
 29-February 4 Pray for Flat Rock, Dr. Jerry Brown, Pastor
 31 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria</p> |
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