

Carrollton Baptist Association

From Your Associational Missionary

It's hard to believe that July is almost here! 2020 has been an interesting one to say the least. Who would have thought that this year we would not be in our churches for several weeks, especially Easter Sunday, but would be doing most of our ministry on line or from a distance. Who would have thought that wearing masks in public places would be the "in thing" for most folks as we struggled to ward off the Covid19 virus. Who would have thought that people would be talking about a "new normal" for us—whatever that means. And who would have thought that in 2020 we would be watching protests and riots happening on many of our streets in America.

As I reflect over the past 4 months, I am grateful for the time of rest I have been given. Ministry takes so much out of ministers—in fact sometimes we are so involved we can burn out from burning the candle at both ends. I hope you have had some time simply to rest. To sit on your front porch or deck and listen to the sounds of nature and watch spring come to life. It was incredible for Donna and me simply to enjoy our meals on the front porch table, and watch and listen to the different birds in our yard. It also gave us an opportunity to do some things we don't often do as we took walks in our neighborhood, on the Green Belt, or at one of local parks when it opened. It also gave us a chance to reconnect with our neighbors as they

walked or as we walked by their home. I am grateful for the rest.

I am also thankful for the time of reflection. Sometimes in ministry we do not take the time to look back at our ministries to see how something worked or didn't work. Or look at where our priorities have been and see if those should still be our priorities today. Just as we do spring cleaning in our homes, it was nice to be able to reflect on the past and to see how I could improve for the present.

These past 4 months also gave me time to refocus. What do I mean by that? Well if I am reflecting about the past and getting rid of some stuff that I was wasting time on then I need to spend time looking at ways I can use my time more wisely to be a more effective leader. One of my biggest frustrations in ministry is how to minister more effectively to our Bi-vocational Pastors—these Pastors who have a full time job in the "real" world but literally have another full time job at their church. It's been difficult to meet because of their time restraints. But because of Zoom meetings we have a common ground and can begin to use that communication tool to stay in touch. In fact, one minister said he "actually felt connected for the first time to the Association." So these days have definitely helped me to refocus.

Another thing that made these 4 months very unique—it gave me time to reprioritize. Let's face it—we can get caught up in the "rut" of ministry and do the same

thing over and over again. I guess we call it "spinning our wheels", but sometimes we need to get away and see why we do what we do. If my priority is sharing the gospel, am I looking for ways to share the gospel wherever I might be? If my priority is praying for our pastors, staff, church leaders and churches do I have a list of people and churches to be praying for each day? If my priority is encouraging folks, how is my conversation—is it building people up or tearing folks down? I am still a work in progress in these areas but this rest gave me a chance to really look at where I was and where I needed to be.

One last thing I discovered—the need for repentance. One of the devotionals I read really stressed this for me and it hit home. I am definitely not perfect or even close to it. But I need to be constantly growing in my walk or I am failing to be the man of God He has called me to be. David, a man after God's own heart, understood this in Psalm 51:10 as he asks God to "create in me a clean heart." God is still working on me and when I fail to follow Him I need to come to Him in repentance.

I look forward to seeing how God will use these "moments in time" to prepare us for an ever changing world with an unchanging message. How He will use us to bring hope to a world that seems hopeless. How He will bring light in the darkness. Let's make a difference in our community today.

Dan

Continuing to be an

Acts 1:8

Association

July 2020

**Load the Truck for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home!!!
Collection Date is July 21st. The truck will leave at 10:30 a.m.**



Items Needed:

Cereals, Pop Tarts, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal (individual servings), Individual Snacks, Juice Boxes, Sunny-D, Bottled Water, and Target & Walmart Gift Cards



NEWS FROM CHURCHES...

Note: Please have all announcements for the August Newsletter into the CBA office No later than July 15th.

Bowdon: Rev. Benny Boggus, Minister of Music retired. His last Sunday will be August 9th.

Also, they will host a "PrayerWalk for Bowdon" July 11th, 9AM-10AM. Meet at Bowdon Baptist Church, 205 Mill St.

Christ The King Church: recently moved from the BCM building to a new location on Maple Street across from Jefferson's.

Fellowship: Rev. David Ayers, Pastor, resigned. The church voted to close on Sunday, June 7th and pass the building and property to a new church plant, Mt. Zion Community Church.

Midway: Pastor Todd Wright has just published a new book, Keeping Life in Focus: 365 Motivational Minutes which was compiled from his one minute devotions on the radio.

Executive Committee Meeting
July 20th at 7 pm
CBA Office

FBC, Villa Rica
will have Vacation Bible School July 19-23 if all things remain consistent.
6pm-8pm

Thank you to all the churches who have supported the CBA financially since September 1st, 2019, the beginning of our financial year....

Antioch, Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, Calvary, FBC Carrollton, FBC Centralhatchee, Christ The King, Concord, Consolation, Discovery, Ephesus, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Midway, Midway West, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Providence, Rocky Mount, Roopville, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, FBC Temple, Trinity, Tyus, Veal, FBC, Villa Rica, and Whitesburg

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

We are living in unprecedented times! Who would have thought that we would have experienced all that we have when 2020 began? The only one that I can think of is God. He wasn't surprised by anything that has happened this year, and He won't be surprised by anything to come. We serve a living God! No matter what happens, He is in control! What are we to do in times like these? The first thing I can recommend is to refocus our commitment to following Jesus! Also, pray hard! Our world needs it now more than ever! Our world also needs those of us who follow Jesus to lived for Him and follow His teachings. We need to let a lost and dying world know that Jesus loves them. The world needs that message now more than ever!

Bill

Note: The Sunday School Conference scheduled for August 13 at Roopville Road Baptist Church, has been cancelled.

Coming Soon!
Backpacks for our Christmas Backpack Ministry

If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please call the CBA office to reserve your backpacks.



What a wonderful project for your mission groups, Sunday School Classes, youth groups, or individuals. This is the only Christmas that many children will receive.

From the WMU

Camp Pinnacle, in Clayton, Georgia, is owned and operated by Baptist Woman’s Missionary Union of Georgia. It is a missions-focused camp for girls. Usually this time of year the summer camp season is in full swing. But this year things are different. They had a hard decision to make. They decided to cancel all sessions summer for the safety and protection of the campers and staffers. The camp director, Tabitha Ferrell, recently sent out a link for the first ever Virtual Vespers you could share with your daughter/camper—<https://vimeo.com/426253941>. Discussion questions were provided also to discuss after watching the video. You can also link to the video and questions on their Facebook page—www.facebook.com/campinnaclegeorgia/.

Beth Ann Williams, our Executive Director-Treasurer, sent out information about Pinnacle Retreat Center where Camp Pinnacle takes place. She is asking for our support to Bridge the Gap for Pinnacle. Beth Ann shared that Pinnacle Retreat Center has not had guests since mid-March, summer camp is canceled, and we are uncertain of what the fall months will bring. We have a gap—a gap between revenue and our fixed monthly expenses. She asks, “Would you consider giving a financial gift to help Bridge the Gap for Pinnacle during this uncertain time of the pandemic?” The revenue received from groups is how Pinnacle pays for its staff and the expenses of the facility. You can see a video message from Beth Ann on the Camp Pinnacle Facebook

page. Please consider supporting Pinnacle by Bridging the Gap. You can make checks payable and mail to BWMU of GA, 6405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. You can also give online at <https://georgia-baptist-women.square.site/>. I will put all of the links from this article on our Carrollton WMU website www.carrolltonwmu.com.

Tabitha Ferrell, Camp Director, shared that the registration for summer 2021 will open by August 1, 2020. I’ll try to keep things updated on our website, but you can also look at camp pinnacle.net. Camp Pinnacle is a wonderful opportunity for younger girls and teens to learn about missions around the world. Thank you for all you do, Keri



**2020
Rockridge Children’s Camp
New Dates: August 28-30**



We will begin registering children,
Friday the 28th at 5:00 p.m.
Camp ends Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$100.00

Call the CBA office, or mail your list of campers beginning July 15th to register your children for camp. Registration must include a \$25.00 registration fee per camper.

**“Run The Ridge” -
Fundraiser for Camp Rockridge
Sponsored by The Western Association
Saturday July 11—Rain Date July 18**



For church groups, families, teams, and you! One hour slots will be issued between 9am and 5pm. You must call 678-877-7018 for a starting time! There will be a \$20 donation per runner. All runners will receive an “I Ran the Ridge” t-shirt. All proceeds will go to Rockridge Baptist Assembly. Call the Western Baptist Association for more information: 770-253-2188





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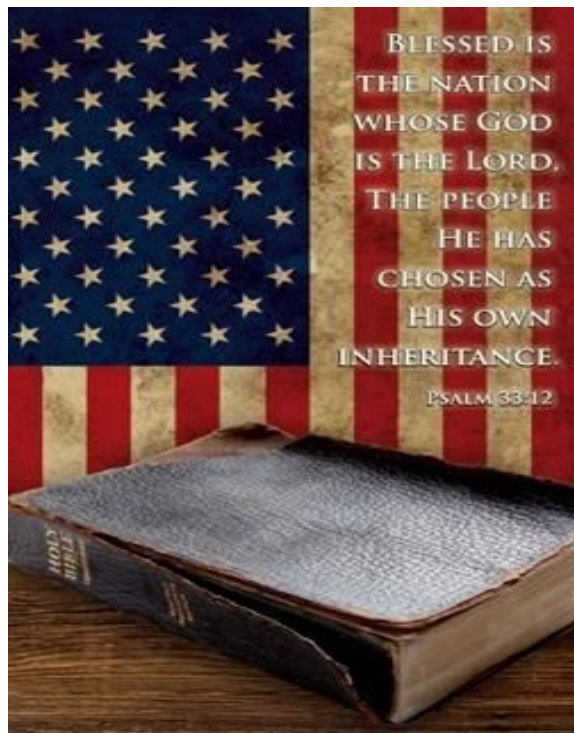
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Rev. Mark Williams: Moderator
Rev. Mike Harris: Vice Moderator
Rev. Dan Dockery:
Associational Missionary
Mrs. Teresa Britt:
Ministry Assistant



July



June 29-July 5 Pray for Salem

- 4 Independence Day**
- 6 CBA Offices closed for Independence Day**
- 6-12 Pray for Shady Grove, Rev. Mike Harris, Pastor**
- 11 "Run The Ridge" for Camp Rockridge
PrayerWalk for Bowdon**
- 13-19 Pray for Son Rise, Rev. Paul Widener, Pastor**
- 20 Executive Committee—7:00 pm at the CBA Office.**
- 20-26 Pray for Tabernacle, Dr. Stephen Allen, Pastor**
- 21 "Load The Truck" for the Georgia Baptist
Children's Home**
- 27-August 2 Pray for FBC, Temple, Rev. Larry
Boswell, Pastor**

LOOKING AHEAD...

- August 28-30—Rockridge Children's Camp.**
- October 18—Carrollton Baptist Association Annual
Meeting/Mission Celebration at Tabernacle Baptist
Church.**

