

# Carrollton Baptist Association

## From Your Associational Missionary

We closed the financial books for 2019-2020 on Monday, September 14th. When Teresa shared with me the news that we had made our budget for the year and had even gone over it, I was amazed. Why was I amazed? Remember this is 2020—a year that none of us have ever experienced before with the Covid 19 virus and all the different lockdowns in our churches. And yet God's people were faithful to give in our churches even though the church doors were locked for several weeks/months and the churches were faithful to give to the association. In fact it was the most money ever given to the Association! We are very grateful and blessed to be a part of this incredible association!

I am very grateful for our Administration Team—Mark Williams, Mike Harris, Phil Stamps, Brady West, Anthony Puckett, and Jeff Bishop who met with me each month by Zoom to make sure all things went smoothly during the lockdown and the weeks that followed. Back in January at our Executive Committee we had decided to move \$15,000 to our GA Baptist Foundation account because you had been faithful to give generously to us and we had some funds to put into our account. We decided to wait until March to make that deposit but when the Pandemic hit, thought we might need to hang onto it just in case our finances took a hit.

Well, our finances did not take a hit. In fact April, was the best April our association had ever had, but we still decided to wait about making that deposit. When Rockridge had to cancel their entire summer schedule, our Administration Team voted to give that \$15,000 plus a few hundred dollars more to help offset some of the loss from the cancellations. God had another use for that money—to provide resources for an incredible place called

Rockridge. When I shared with Jody what we were going to do he was shocked but very grateful. We were grateful for the opportunity to be a good steward of His money.

God is faithful and when I looked back at 2019-2020 I saw events that did not get interrupted by the Pandemic such as the Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia (1344 backpacks that went to Rogersville, TN, Cooper Hill, TN and Blakely, GA). We also know that through the Christmas parties in Rogersville there were at least 75 decisions for Christ registered. Who knows how many more made decisions later. Operation Christmas Child didn't get interrupted either in November 2019. Over 3299 shoeboxes were collected at our office and they went to many different countries around the world. Again the impact of those shoeboxes will not be known until eternity.

Even in January when we began to hear about the virus for the first time we still distributed baby bottles for Baby Bottle Boomerang to support our local Pregnancy Resource Center. 40 of our churches were involved in filling up these baby bottles and \$54,553.13 was raised to assist in the ministries there. There is no telling how many babies lives were saved because of your compassion and concern.

And in July in the midst of another surge of cases in our county, you went out and purchased supplies and gift cards for the GA Baptist Children's Home as we "Loaded the Truck" with breakfast items, boxed drinks, bottles of water, just to name a few. I must admit I was not sure how this event would go, but you again stepped up to the plate and hit a home run with your response. What a joy it is to serve with a caring group of folks.

So when I reflect back to 2019-2020, I am encouraged that even though most of our activities and events were canceled in our

churches, we continued to share the gospel using some very creative ideas to proclaim His Word. Facebook Live and other streaming services were used to get the Word out; Zoom and Google were used for meetings and Sunday School; "drive-in" church became popular since we were unable to go into the church; offerings were collected in different ways especially through online giving; and phone calls, text messages, and even cards and letters were written to reach out to folks who needed encouragement. It was an incredible year.

But I need you to do me a favor. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Would you take the time to send your pastor or staff member a note or card. He/she needs a word of encouragement because these last 6 months have been very stressful. They have all exerted a lot of energy to make things happen at your church and to make sure you were ok. In fact we have had five Pastors who actually had the virus. So take a moment this month to let them know you care and are grateful for their ministry at your church.

### **147th Annual Meeting/ Missions' Celebration of the Carrollton Baptist Association**

**"Declare His Glory  
Among the Nations"  
October 18th at 6:00 p.m.  
Tabernacle Baptist Church**

Dr. Jamie Work, former IMB Missionary will be our special guest speaker. He is currently working with SBC Associations through the IMB.

**NEWS FROM CHURCHES...**

**Note:** Please have all announcements for the November Newsletter into the CBA office **No later than October 15th.**

**FBC, Carrollton:** Dr. Steve Davis, Pastor, announced his retirement. He was recently honored for 25 years of ministry. His last Sunday at FBC, will be November 1st.

**Mars Hill:** Rev. Cecil Clegg, Interim Pastor, has resigned. His last Sunday will be September 27th.

**Pleasant View:** Called Micah Gentle as Pastor. He will begin on September 27th.

**Roopville Road:** Vickie Denney, Ministry Assistant, retired.

**Salem:** Rev. Ronnie Puckett, Interim Pastor, has resigned.

**FBC, Villa Rica:** recently celebrated the 1,000 baptism since Dr. Kevin Williams came as pastor seven years ago.

**Global Hunger Relief Sunday**

**October 11th**

Help relieve hunger in the US, and around the world by giving to this important ministry. 100% of money given goes directly to relieve hunger.

**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, Mt. Zion Community, 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**

Hey Everyone! I have used the phrase “it’s weird” countless times since the pandemic has struck us. I use it so often that I feel like I should copyright the phrase, but the reality of our situation is that we are all having to figure out how to do ministry in a completely different way. A little over a week from now we will have our BCM Fall Conference. Usually for this event all of the BCM’s would gather together with close to a thousand students at a church in McDonough. This year we will still have the event, but instead of getting together in the large group, each BCM will hold the event locally. We will still have students worshipping together all over the state in small groups unified even in separation. God won’t be with us any less than He normally would be if we were all together. It will be different, but if we are focused on God going into the weekend it will be a success. We have to remind ourselves that in this time of “weirdness” different isn’t always a bad thing, and it’s time like these when we’re pushed off balance by life that God is able to use us the most.

God Bless, Bill

**October Meetings:**

- 1 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—8:30 a.m. by Zoom
- 5 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:30 by Zoom
- 8 **Next Generations Team Meeting**—8:30 a.m.
- 14 **Administrative Team Meeting**—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers’ Luncheon

**Note: We will have our weekly Ministers’ Lunches, every Wednesday in October at 11:30 am at American Pie Pizzeria.**

**Revival At The Farm  
With Dr. Johnny Hunt  
Roopville GA  
Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.**

## From the WMU

There are two special emphasis during October. The first is Global Hunger Relief. We think of those facing hunger being in countries where there is war or famine. But there is hunger in the United States, also. We can help hungry people in the US and in the world by giving to Southern Baptist Global Hunger Relief (GlobalHungerRelief.org).

Twenty percent of the money in this fund helps hungry people in North American. Around the world, the fund helps with projects that provide clean water and teach better ways to grow food.

Your mission group could donate food to a food bank in your community. One location in Carrollton is Open Hands United Christian Ministry. Their website mentions they are collecting peanut butter and jelly, canned soups and vegetables. The Carroll County Soup Kitchen accepts donations. Donations of canned goods are always welcome. Food

donations may be brought to the Soup Kitchen any day that they are open. Find the calendar at <https://www.carrollcountysoupkitchen.org/information-calendar>. Fresh produce is especially welcome. Please check the dates on the items you donate. Canned goods store more safely than boxed items, but no donation is turned away.

I know a lot of you help support weekend food bags for children in the schools. This is a great ministry, What can your missions group or church do to help the hungry in the world? Learn about world hunger. Use information from GlobalHungerRelief.org in a program about world hunger. Take part in Global Hunger Sunday in your church on October 11, 2020. Find resources on the website. Study what the Bible has to say about feeding and caring for the hungry, such as Isaiah 58:7, 10; Matthew 25:34-36; Mark 6:30-44; Luke

67:21. Listen and act on what you read.

I will share some prayer requests on our website, [www.carrolltonwmu.com](http://www.carrolltonwmu.com). I will also put links from the article on the website too.

The second emphasis is the Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations October 18-25. Associations consist of churches of varying sizes, demographics, needs, and leadership styles with one common goal: to impact their local area (and the world) for Christ. Jeanette Cloyd reminds us in her article, *Recognize the Strength in Numbers*, that working together empowers the churches and the association. Visit [amersources.org](http://amersources.org) for resources for this event that encourages us to pray for the work of our association. Find prayer requests listed on our website.

Thank you for all you do,  
Keri



### Annual Church Review

There is still time to get your ACR filled out and turned in. **If you send it electronically to the GBMB, please send the CBA a COMPLETE copy as well.**

Some of you have sent the ACR, which we appreciate, but failed to send the *Leadership Profile*, or the *Other Church Information* as well. We need this information in order to complete our Book of Reports, Memorial Report, etc. Please get a copy to us no later than Monday, October 12th, so we will have what we need by the Annual Meeting. If you have not received your copy, or prefer a hard copy, please let us know and we will get one to you as soon as possible.

### Pastors/Wives Retreat

**October 16-18 at St. Simons Island**

The cost is \$99 per couple, which includes lodging and meals. Please register at <https://gabaptist.org/pastorwellness/>

### Christmas Backpack Ministry

If you participated in this important ministry, don't forget that the backpacks are to be turned in at the Annual Meeting at Tabernacle Baptist Church Sunday, October 18th.

### Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week:  
November 16-22

Collection Times:

Monday-Friday: 9AM-4PM;  
Saturday: 9AM-12 Noon; and  
Sunday: 1PM-4PM

**If you must bring your boxes at an earlier date, please call to make sure someone is in the office.**





# October 2020

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**Associational Missionary**  
**Mrs. Teresa Britt:**  
**Ministry Assistant**



# October



- 28-Oct. 4 Pray for Bethsaida, Rev. Kenneth Bryant, Pastor
- 1 Community Ministries Team Meeting—8:30 by Zoom
- 5 Mission Development Team Meeting—8:30 a.m. by Zoom
- 5-11 Pray for Beulah, Rev. Keith Horsley, Pastor
- 7 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 8 Next Generation Team Meeting—8:30a.m.
- 11 Global Hunger Sunday
- 12-18 Pray for Bowdon, Rev. Justin Richards, Pastor
- 14 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria

- Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 16-17 Pastors' /Wives retreat—St. Simons Island
- 18 147th Annual Meeting of the Carrollton Baptist Association—6:00 p.m. at Tabernacle
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
- 19-25 Pray for Calvary, Rev. Kerry Cooke, Pastor
- 21 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 26-Nov. 1 Pray for FBC, Carrollton, Rev. Steve Davis, Pastor
- 28 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria

