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From Your Associational Missionary

Thank you for your prayers for our schools as they have already opened or are preparing to open. I have gone to every school and prayed for the Administration, Faculty, and other support staff. Donna has gone with me to several of them. It's been a joy to pray in the parking lot, lifting each school up.

Dr. Stephen Allen, Pastor at Tabernacle, shared some ideas in "Bread for the Journey" on August 14th, that I thought might be helpful as you pray.

- "Pray for administrators as they make difficult decisions and field countless questions from parents and guardians. May God grant them wisdom as they adapt their plans as conditions continue to change.
- Pray for teachers as they adapt their teaching styles in multiple ways to compassionately care for each child. May Christ grant them strength to teach in both action and example as they respond positively to these changes.
- Pray for support personnel as they endure the burden of

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extra cleaning, additional steps of preparation, and other added responsibilities that they will assume to ensure the safety of everyone.

- Pray for parents to exhibit patience as they cooperate with the new guidelines, to have discernment as they make hard choices for their children, and perseverance in faith as the school year begins.
- Pray for students to embrace flexibility in order to learn in a very different setting that any of us have known. May they not merely survive this season, but may they thrive as they grow stronger through adversity.
- Above all else, pray for the safety of our community so that the well-being of every life may be preserved with utmost effort."

Most of you are aware that Kim Caldwell, wife of Ralph Caldwell, Pastor of Indian Creek, has been in the hospital battling Covid-19. He recently shared her experience on Facebook. "I was with her last night when they moved her off the Covid floor to make room for a

new Covid patient. She and I had prayer for whoever would be coming to that room shortly and all the others being treated for this awful illness. Kim came home as many of you know this afternoon. She was cleared of the infection status by the hospital yesterday, thank God. Please pray for all patients, their families, and the medical personnel caring for them. I used Stretch Armstrong, the latex toy from the 70's, as an example in a sermon a few weeks back. We all have felt like we have been stretched this year with the corona virus and everything else going on. We don't know who or what to believe as we hear so much distorted information. Yes it is real people! Democrats and Republicans are both getting it! The election won't cure it! I see many peoples post saying that. The cure is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14. Also with regards to social distance and wearing masks, consider the Golden Rule...do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Just think about that. That patient laying in the hospital or sick at home may not be you or your loved one, but they are someone's. They also didn't ask to get it and there's a very good chance just like Kim, were being very cautious."

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.



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<u>Note:</u> Please have all announcements for the October Newsletter into the CBA office <u>No</u> <u>later than September 15th.</u>

Bowdon: celebrated Benny Boggus, Minister of Music, during the morning worship service on August 9th, upon his retirement. Presentations were made by Keith Chandler, GBMB Music Department, and by Dan Dockery, CBA. A reception will be planned at a later date.

Bowdon called Rev. Mark Witham as Interim Minister of Music.

<u>Roopville</u>: ordained three deacons on July 26th—Scott Jackson, David Hogan, and Jacob Kelley

Roopville Road: celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Rev. Bryant Turner, Minister of Music on August 9th during the morning worship service.

Single Adult Day September 6

Labor Day Monday, September 7th CBA Office Closed

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 yall! I am writing this letter on the Monday of the second week of school. We are living in unprecedented times and we are having an unprecedented beginning to our school year! Usually at this point in the school year you are lucky to find a parking spot on Campus (or in our BCM parking lot) by mid-day. I just got back from driving around campus and none of our parking lots are even half full. The main commuter parking lot is 3/4 empty. It is obvious that a large portion of our UWG students have chosen to continue studying online. Covid is still taking its toll on our country. Please pray with me for our world, nation, Pastors, leaders, community, and schools! Please also pray that God would allow scientists and Doctors to find a cure soon! Please pray that Revival would come out of all the chaos we are witnessing.

God Bless, Bill

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

September Meetings:

- Community Ministries Team Meeting—
 8:30 a.m. by Zoom
 New Generations Team Meeting—at noon.
- 9 Administrative Team Meeting—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 9/14 **Executive Committee Meeting**—7:00 p.m. at the CBA Office.

NOTE: The Pastor/ Layman Dinner scheduled for 9/21 has been canceled.

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From the WMU

Have you checked out the National WMU website lately? There always seems to be something new that catches my attention. I noticed a few weeks ago some courses available to learn more about WMU's Compassion Ministries. You can find out more information at christianleaderlearning.com. You can find lots of information on the wmu.com site to help you learn more about missions.

We have a new emphasis for the next two years: RELENTLESS. The objective: We will be relentless in living authentic faith in Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving sacrificially, and witnessing to others. The scripture passage for this emphasis is Hebrews 10:32-39. The Watchword is verse 39, *But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved*" NIV

How do you react when you encounter difficulties? Do you persevere? Are you relentless? Are you determined to carry out the task to which God called you? Because of our faith in God we can be assured that He will be with us. The writer of Hebrews is telling us to be persistent, constant in our faith, and not to give up. Laurie Register who wrote a theme interpretation for the <u>Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide 2020-21</u> ends her article with some questions. "In years to come, what will your story be? Will you be remembered as one who fell back or as one who had faith, stood her ground, and was relentless? In these days of preparation for the coming year, ask God to give you a gentle relentlessness that will impact the landscape of His kingdom for years to come. He is faithful. He will do it!"

You can find materials for the new church year at wmustore.com. There are resources that will help with all age levels. You can find leader tools too. Helpful resources might include Missions Plan Book 2020-21 and Missions Leader: WMU Planning Guide 2020-21.

Annual Church Review

Its that time of year again! By now you should have received your ACR electronically from the GBMB. Since this is how the Carrollton Baptist Association, and the GBMB receives all the information on how God has blessed your church during the church year, it is vitally important that you fill out all information, and return it to the GBMB as soon as possible. Also, please send the CBA a complete copy 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.

2020 Spark Conference Produced by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board This online conference premiers August 28, 2020, and is for anyone in your church.

Looking Ahead...

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

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

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

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31-September 6 Pray for Antioch, Rev. Jamie Beam, Pastor

- 2 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie
- 3 Community Ministries' Team Meeting—8:30 a.m. by Zoom
 - New Generation Team Meeting—Noon
- 6 Single Adult Day
- 7 Labor Day—CBA Office will be closed
- 7-13 Pray for Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Rev. Bill Grissett, Campus Minister
- 9 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Administrative Team Meeting—at

American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon

- 14 Executive Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m. at the CBA Office
- 14-20 Pray for State Missions
- 16 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 21-27 Pray for Bethesda, Rev. Tony Morris, Pastor
- 23 Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 28-Oct. 4 Pray for Bethsaida, Rev. Kenneth Bryant, Pastor

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