Carrollton Baptist Association–Striving to be an Acts 1:8 Association

October, 2010

From Your Associational Missionary...

October has been designated as Clergy Appreciation Month. One of the great needs in the life of the pastor and staff are "affirmation, appreciation, and admiration" according to H.B. London, Jr. and Neil B. Wiseman in their book Your Pastor is an Endangered Species. They go on to make these statements-"Cherishing is in short supply in too many congregations. Without considering strengths, we tend to over emphasize shortcomings. We are often guick to judge and slow to praise. Too often the 1 percent rule controls. This rule focuses on 1 percent of what is wrong and misses the 99 percent of what is right. For example, perfect attendance for 50 Sundays is often overlooked when a person misses two services. One sentence in a sermon gets belittled without considering the good said before and after the troubling part. Having a bad teaching day, a Sunday School teacher

may be criticized for a poorly presented lesson while many years of devoted, effective service is ignored.

All of these situations can be bettered with the three A's. A grand place to begin this effort in your church would to go our of your way to cherish your pastor. With imagination and effort you can set in motion many ways to build a cherishing environment for your spiritual leader."

They also share several principles before specific strategies are established:

- Be Authentic
- Show a Spirit of Gratitude
- Develop a Genuine friendship
- Do something
- Move beyond the "1 percent" rule
- Remember everyone needs
 praise
- Remember it's a two way

street

- Verbal appreciation attracts
 others to your church
- Love multiplies
- Match affirmation to the individual
- Make a memory
- Match affirmations and achievements
- Err on the side of generosity or extravagance
- Do it now

I hope you and your church will demonstrate to your pastor and staff how much you appreciate them throughout the month of October. If you need some ideas, give me a call—there are many ways to show love to your pastor and staff. Just take time to do it. An appreciated pastor is a fulfilled pastor. And a fulfilled pastor will love his congregation even more.

It's a joy serving with you, Dan

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Coming Up...

- Alzheimer's Memory Walk— October 2
- Ride for Hope— October 9
- World Hunger Day—October 10
- Associational Annual Meeting—October 11 & 12
- Georgia Baptist Convention— November 15-16

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Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Fall is always an exciting time. Students begin to stream back onto the College Campus. The summer's blast furnace heat begins to give way to cool Autumn evenings. We begin the drive to meet as many incoming freshmen as possible. The drums begin to pound signaling another college football season. The leaves in the trees begin to change colors in an incredible display of God's majesty. Here at the West Georgia BCM we are kicking off our new Fall Discipleship program and we could use your help. First, please pray for our students as they begin to study God's Word. Second, we are in need of a couple of ladies to lead Bible studies with some of our girls. If you have someone in your church who would like to lead a Bible study, please let us know.

God Bless,

Bill

Note to Pastors:

Please make note of the dates, for the October's Ministers' Luncheons.

Ministers' Luncheons will be on October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 11:30 a.m. at Ryan's.

2010 Ride For Hope

Saturday, October 9

Please join us for the 3rd annual ride to benefit 415 HOPE house. For more info call 770-365-4304. (Cars, jeeps & trucks are welcome too!)



Please Note:

If you have not returned your Annual Church Profile to the Associational Office, <u>PLEASE</u> do so as soon as possible. We need to have your information in time for it to be included in reports for the Annual Meeting, October 11th & 12th

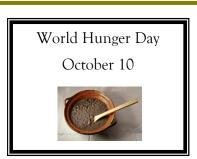
Thank you!

October Meetings...

New Church Starts Ministry Team—October 18th at noon. Bring your own lunch.

Associational Prayer Team meeting—Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Associational office.

Church Strengthening Team meeting—Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Associational office.



October Prayer Walking Schedule:

September 27-October 3: Midway West October 4-10: Abilene October 11-17: Antioch October 18-24: Bethesda October 25-31: Bethsaida

It's that time of year! Operation Christmas Child Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

November 15-21

Collection Schedule:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m., Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon, Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 , Sunday: 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



Taking Steps to end Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Lakeshore Park Track

Registration: 4:00 PM

Walk Begins: 4:45 PM

To register: **www.georgiamemorywalk.org** or call 770-854-8642



With your help, we can make Alzheimer's disease just a memory!

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From the WMU.....

As be begin a new church year we also have a new emphasis for WMU—Unhindered! What a powerful and challenging word. It is taken from Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Linda Clark, Executive Director for California WMU shared the following in a recent article. "Unhindered! is a call to all Christ followers to rise up and to put off the things that hinder us, including greed, fear, bitterness, and every kind of sin. Unhindered! is what our attitude and actions should be as we do

every task God asks us to do."

Our Project HELP, or critical issue, we will be focusing on for two years is Human Exploitation. Human exploitation is the unethical, selfish use of human beings for the satisfaction of personal desires and/or profitable advantage. In the first year of the emphasis, WMU will focus on education, awareness, preparation, prayer and some degree of action a laying of groundwork for churches and church members to respond.

Our next associational event is the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, November 1. We will be meeting at one of our African American Churches in the association, Bethsaida in Villa Rica. We will begin with a covered dish at 6:00 and the program following at 7:00. Our ministry we will be collecting for is the Refugee Sewing Society in Clarkston, GA. Items needed are zippers (any length), 1/2 or 3/4 inch elastic, cards of buttons, cotton yarn, glass beads, clasps, or any color of thread. We hope you will be able to join us. More information will be mailed to churches.

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection dates are November 15-21 at the associational office.

Please come by our WMU table at the Mission Celebration, October 12 at Mt. Pleasant to get brochures for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and information on upcoming events.

Thanks for supporting missions! Keri Perkins

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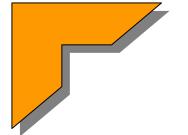
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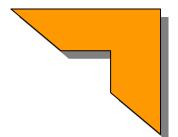
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- 1-2 Georgia Baptist History Conference—Toccoa
- 2 Alzheimer's Memory Walk-4:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park, Carrollton
- 3 Soul Winning Commitment Day **Minister Appreciation Day**
 - Ministers' Conference-11:30 a.m. at Ryan's
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- 8-9 **GBC Church Financial Compliance Retreat**
- 9 **Ride for Hope**
- 10 World Hunger Day
- 11 137th Meeting of the Carrollton Baptist Association—Kansas Baptist Church
- 12 137th Meeting of the Carrollton Baptist Association: Mission Celebration-Mt. **Pleasant Baptist Church**

- 13 Ministers' Luncheon-11:30 a.m. at Ryan's
- 16 School of Evangelism-8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Hebron Baptist Church
- New Church Starts Ministry Team meeting-18 Noon
- Prayer Team Meeting-7:00 p.m. at the 19 Associational Office.
- 20 Minister's Luncheon-11:30 a.m. at Ryan's
- 21 Church Strengthening Team Meeting-7:00 p.m. at the Associational Office
- Pregnancy Resource Center—Celebration of 23 Life—7:00 p.m.
- 26-Oct. 3 Global Impact Conference-Mt. Pleasant **Baptist Church**
- 27 Minister's Luncheon-11:30 a.m. at Ryan's