

Carrollton Baptist Association

Continuing to be an Acts 1:8 Association

Coming Up...

- VBS Clinic—April 10
- Executive Committee Meeting—April 21
- Ministry Assistant’s Luncheon—April 22
- Retirement Benefit Options Meeting—April 28
- Associational Senior Adult Picnic—April 29

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From Your Associational Missionary:

Our family lost a good “friend” recently. We had known her for almost 15 years. In fact she was one of the first to greet us when we moved into our new home. No, she didn’t bring any cookies to welcome us with—she just came by, greeted us and decided to stay. Our good “friend” was our cat “Mittens.” She was a stray who just happened to wander into our neighborhood. We decided she needed a good home so she became a part of our family. We were lucky to have her all these years but we knew one day she would probably use up all of her “nine lives.” As you can imagine we have a lot of wonderful memories of Mittens. During the winter she stayed in the garage and every morning I would hear her scratching at the door wanting to come in and sit on one of our heat vents. During the summer she stayed outside and would scratch at one of the windows to let us know she was ready to come in and have her breakfast in the garage. Whenever we returned from school or the office “Mittens” would jump up on one of our cars

and lay on the hood because it was nice and warm. Many mornings I noticed paw prints on my windshield because she had slept on the top of my car. She also loved to sit in our family room at night and lay down on a newspaper or on my feet. I must admit its just not the same coming home and not seeing her hustling down the sidewalk to greet us or coming out of the garage stretching her legs. We are grateful for some special memories of her.




Memories. Wonder what memories the disciples had that evening after Jesus had died? They had been with him 3 and a half years and had watched him perform miracles and had heard him teach about many different things. They had watched his life and thought he was the Messiah, the Christ. But now He was gone—buried in a tomb with a stone rolled over it to make it secure. Perhaps they recalled how Jesus healed the blind man, the paralytic, the widow’s son, and called Lazarus from the grave. Or even memories of Jesus feeding the five thousand and calming the sea. Friday night and

Saturday must have been difficult days for them as they thought about what might have been. But as one writer said, “its’ Friday but Sunday’s coming.” And on Sunday everything changed. The grave was empty and Jesus was alive. And Jesus had so much more to teach them. Because He lived, all fear was gone. Death had been defeated. Sin had been conquered. Sadness had been turned into joy.

As we celebrate Easter remember the song by Bill and Gloria Gather entitled “Because He Lives” - “Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.”

I’m grateful that during the Easter season I can remember His death and all he endured for me—the beatings, the pain, the agony. Yet I rejoice that the story didn’t end on Friday. It was Friday but Sunday was coming. And Sunday was a new day—He was alive.

Dan

Associational V.B.S. Clinic
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
 April 10 6:30 p.m.

This conference is for all workers in your VBS.
 Plan now to bring a large group from your church.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

It's spring time! The flowers are blooming and the trees are budding. It is always an exciting time of the year. School is in its last month and students are about to graduate and head off in search of a job. Please pray for all of the graduates because the economy is tough right now.

This is also the time of year that summer Missionaries begin to get ready to go out and share the Gospel. Please pray for them as they prepare. Please pray for their safety, faithfulness, and all of the people they will come in contact with. Most importantly please pray that they will reap a harvest.

This is also the time when we begin to pick our leadership for the next year. Please pray that God will bring the right people into the right positions and prepare them to lead us into next year.
God Bless, Bill

April Meetings...

- 4/03 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.
- 4/07 **Missions Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- Leadership Development Meeting**—noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.
- 4/16 **Administration Team Meeting**—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 4/21 **Executive Committee Meeting**—7:30 p.m. at the CBA

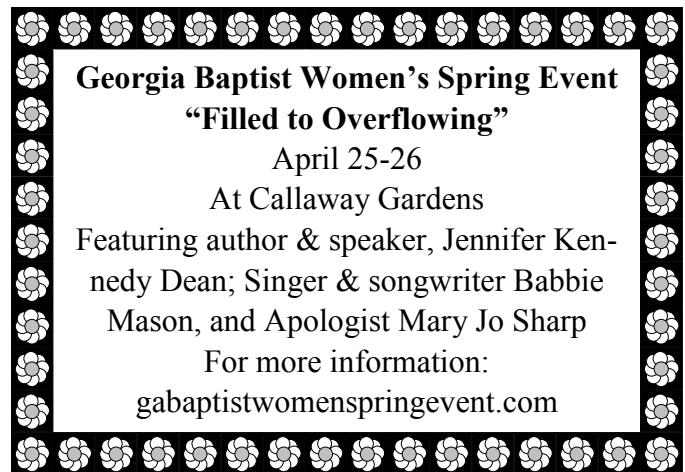
Note to Pastors:

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

If you need an announcement in the May newsletter, please have it into the CBA by April 15

Thank you to all the CBA churches who supported our Association financially during the month of February

Bethesda, Bethsaida, Beulah, Bowdon, Carrollton First, First Centralhatchee, Eureka, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Mars Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Rocky Mount, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, Temple First, Tyus, FBC Villa Rica and Whitesburg



Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event
"Filled to Overflowing"
 April 25-26
 At Callaway Gardens
 Featuring author & speaker, Jennifer Kennedy Dean; Singer & songwriter Babbie Mason, and Apologist Mary Jo Sharp
 For more information:
gabaptistwomensspringevent.com



Rockridge Children's Camp
 June 23-26
 Ages 9-12 Grades 4-6
 Cost:
Early Bird—\$130.00 by June 1st
\$140.00 June 2nd or later.
 These prices include a \$25.00 deposit which is due at time of registration.
 Plan now to bring a large group from your church for this wonderful week of Bible Study, fun & fellowship with old and new friends.

**Associational
Senior Adult Picnic**
April 29th 11:30 a.m.



At Plant Wansley
Cost: \$5.00
Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, April 21st



**Ministry Assistants'
Luncheon**
April 22nd 11:30 a.m.
FBC, Carrollton
Please R.S.V.P. by
Wednesday, April 16

Church News:
Association: Congratulations to Dan Dockery who will celebrate 15 years as the Associational Missionary of the Carrollton Baptist Association on April 5
Bowdon: Rev. Benny Bogus celebrated 10 years of ministry with Bowdon Baptist in March
Tabernacle: Rev. Charles Cox, A.P. for Equipping and Senior Adults, resigned.
Rockridge: called Rev. Jody Thrower as new Director.
Fullerville: is planning a Spring Bazaar May 3rd. They are looking for vendors to sell crafts, food, art, etc. Cost is \$25.00. Vendors must provide their own tables & shelters. For more information call the church at 770-459-3977.

**Retirement Benefit
Options Meeting**
April 28 9:30-12 noon
With Dr. Keith Hamilton, GBC
At the Carrollton Baptist
Associational Office

**CBA Executive
Committee Meeting**
April 21st 7:00 p.m.

From The WMU

It's that time of year...time to begin thinking of summer plans for your children. There are great summer camps available. Our association sponsors Rockridge Children's Camp for children in grades 4-6. This year's camp is set for June 23-26. Rockridge is located in Franklin, GA in Heard County.

I've shared with you before my experience at Camp Pinnacle in Clayton, GA. My daughter and I went to mother/daughter weekend for three summers. We have great memories of our time there. Camp Pinnacle is a missions-focus summer camp experience for girls. A week at Camp Pinnacle opens the door for each girl to make new friends, learn about

God and His plan for her life and the world, explore new cultures, interact with missionaries, and have lots of fun! Camp Pinnacle offers campers the best of campfires, swimming, Bible study, missions culture camp, nature hikes, archery, outdoor living skills and more. Camp Pinnacle offers different camp options for girls. You can find dates for the camps at camp pinnacle.net, or call the Georgia WMU & WEM office at 1-800-746-4422, ext. 326 or send an email to pinnacle@gabaptist.org for more information.

There is also an exciting camp experience for boys at Camp Kaleo in Forsyth, GA. The facilities at Camp Kaleo are comfort-

able, yet rustic with a wilderness camp atmosphere. The campus is located on 318 acres and features a lake, swimming pool, activity field, gymnasium, and trails cutting through the surrounding hardwood forest. Camps are divided up for age groups: Lad Camps (Gr 1-3), Crusader Camps (Gr 4-6), Younger Challengers (Gr 7-8), Older Challengers (Gr 9-12). You can find information and dates for these camps at campkaleo.org/events, or call Men's Ministries at the GBC at 1-800-746-4422 ext. 256.

Please share this information with families in your churches. Thanks for all you do,
Keri Perkins

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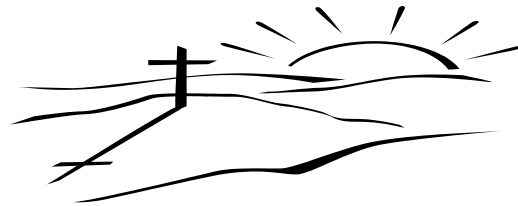
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APRIL



- 31-April 6 **Pray for New Brooklyn**
- 2 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 3 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.
- 7 **Missions Development Team Meeting**— 8:15 at Chick-fil-A
Leadership Development Team Meeting—noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch
- 7-13 **Pray for Frontier Baptist Association, Buffalo, NY**
- 9 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 10 **Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic**—6:30 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
- 13 **Palm Sunday**
Cooperative Program Day
- 14-20 **Pray for Oak Grove**
- 16 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
Administrative Team Meeting—following the Ministers' Luncheon at American Pie Pizzeria
- 18 **Good Friday**
- 20 **Easter**
- 21 **Executive Committee Meeting**—7:00 p.m. at the CBA
- 21-27 **Pray for Pleasant Grove**
- 22 **Associational Ministry Assistant's Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at FBC, Carrollton
- 23 **Administrative Professionals Day**
Ministers' Luncheon—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria
- 25-26 **Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event**—Calloway Gardens
- 28 **Retirement Benefit Options Meeting**—9:30 a.m.-Noon at the CBA
- 28-May 5 **Pray for Pleasant Ridge**
- 29 **Associational Senior Adult Picnic**—11:30 a.m. at Plant Wansley
- 30 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria