

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

December 2011

From Your Associational Missionary...

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father.) full of grace and truth." John 1:1-3, 14 (KJV)

Thirty two years ago (1979) I celebrated my first Christmas outside the U.S. serving as a Journeyman missionary in Liberia, West Africa. There were no shopping malls, no "Black" Fridays, no Christmas open houses, no lights or decorations in the little town's dirt streets, no parades, no Christmas trees being sold, no Christmas music being played in the stores, and no wreaths on the doors of the homes. In fact, I only remember one Christmas tree and that was in the missionaries' home—Oren and Martha Robison. I know that George, an American doctor who worked for the CDC and the Peace Corps workers,

had some lights up but I don't recall another tree in the whole town. The Swedish Pentecostal missionaries had candles and even came to sing for us one night before Christmas and the local Baptist Church had some candles in the windows. For me it was definitely an unusual Christmas. There were a few presents under the tree and I remember going to the Robison's home on Christmas morning, making donuts (their tradition) and after breakfast was over, hearing the Christmas story and then opening the presents. It was a wonderful morning just celebrating the birth of our Savior and Lord and reflecting upon the "Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us." I was not able to talk with family on that day and I must admit I was a little homesick that afternoon not being with my family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I missed the cold weather and snow—it was 75 degrees on Christmas day there, but I was grateful that God had placed me right where He wanted me on

Christmas Day— even if it was quite different. But as I reflected on that, the passage from John 1 came to mind. I was reminded that Jesus had left his familiar surroundings and its beauty to be born in a stable surrounded not by royalty but poverty. His first Christmas away from home was quite different! From a majestic place to a manger surrounded by his earthly parents, animals, and later shepherds. His Father had placed Him right where He wanted Him to be on that first Christmas morning.

So this Christmas, my prayer for you is to spend some time looking at the manger and the Christ child who left His home for you. Remember to pray for our missionaries as they celebrate Christmas away from home. And be "His Heart, His Hands, His Voice (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Theme) to those around you each day.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Dan

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Coming Up...

- **Week of Prayer for International Missions—** December 4-11
- **Christmas Holidays—**office closed December 22-January 2
- **Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship—** January 10th
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang begins—** January 22
- **VBS Early Bird Clinic—** January 30th

*May God Bless You with a
Merry Christmas! And a
Happy New Year!*

*From Your Carrollton Baptist
Associational Staff...*

Dan



Teresa

The office will be closed December 22nd-January 2nd. We will reopen Tuesday, January 3rd.



Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Merry Christmas! I love this time of year! The Christmas season is so magical. I think I look forward to it as much as my children do. The lights, sounds, decorations, and food are always fun. The Worship becomes even sweeter during this time

when we celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We serve a great God who truly loves us! Please pray for all of the students at West Georgia who have no idea why they celebrate during the Christmas season. Pray

that God would reveal Himself to them. Pray that God would send His Spirit to speak to the hearts of our students. Pray that a revival would break out this Christmas! God Bless.

Bill Grissett



Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship

January 10

FBC, Carrollton

For all Pastors, Associate Pastors, Ministers of Music, etc.

Please R.S.V.P. Wednesday, January 4th

Cost: \$12.50 per person

Note to Pastors:

Our weekly Ministers' Luncheons for December will be on the 7th & 14th. We will meet at American Pie Pizzeria on the 7th. We will meet at Ryan's on the 14th. Come & join us for these times of fellowship. There will be no luncheon on the 21st or the 28th.

A Look Ahead...

Baby Bottle Boomerang

January 22-February 12

All money collected goes to the Pregnancy Resource Center

VBS Early Bird Clinic January 30



“Amazing Wonders”:
Encountering God’s
Awesome Power

7:00 pm at
Tabernacle Baptist

Attention VBS Directors

If you would like to reserve a VBS Sampler kit, please call the office to get your name on the list. We will have the kits in early January and at the Early Bird Clinic.

Samaritan's Purse

 Operation

 Christmas Child

 Shoeboxes

 Thanks to all who

 have participated in

 this important ministry.

 We will have the

 final count in next

 month's newsletter.

M.O.V.E.—Youth Event
December 29-30
Macon Complex

December Prayer Walking Schedule:

November 28-December 4: **Consolation**

December 5-11: **Discovery**

December 12-18: **Ephesus**

December 19-25: **Eureka**

December 26-January 1: **Fellowship**

December Meetings:

New Church Starts Team—
December 1 at 12 noon. Bring
your own lunch.

THRIVE—December 8th—11:00
am-12:30 pm. Bring your own
lunch.

**Have
You
Heard??**

**News
From
Churches...**

Flat Rock: dedicated their
new sanctuary annex in
October.

Pleasant Ridge: Rev.
Danny Herrin, Pastor, re-
signed.

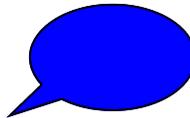
Tabernacle: dedicated
their new Christian Life
Center November 20.

Whitesburg: called Rev.
David Haag as Interim
Pastor.

Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 4-11

His Heart His Hands His Voice



From the WMU.....

As we heard a recent mission report from Melinda Kilgore and her son Micah from their trip to Haiti, we were challenged to pray for the people there. We were encouraged as they told us that many of them know Jesus as their Savior. The team that went with them has a desire to continue being the hands and feet of Jesus—going, serving and loving the children and people of Haiti. They have asked us to pray that they will listen and follow what God would have them do.

December 4-11 is the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Please pray for our missionaries on the field. Also pray for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and your contribu-

tion. Your support is vital to our missionaries' work.

Thank you for participating in Operation Christmas Child. We appreciate all of the volunteers that helped at the associational office and the churches, organizations and individuals that filled the shoeboxes.

A local ministry that we can support throughout the year is the Carroll County Soup Kitchen. Each December they prepare MANY food boxes for families. They need non-perishable items to fill boxes. They will be collecting items December 5-9 at the soup kitchen and packing the boxes on December 10. Please help with this ministry if you can.

We have missed seeing many of you at our associational

meetings. I would like to challenge you to make plans to participate in our next associational event—Children's Ministry Day. We are working on plans for our associational gathering, but I hope you will work with the children in your church to plan an event for Children's Ministry Day. This year's theme is Operation Education. Think of a way you could minister to your local school. You might donate some books to children, provide a treat for the teachers, or clean the school grounds. There are lots of possibilities. More information will be in the January newsletter.

Thank you for all you do,
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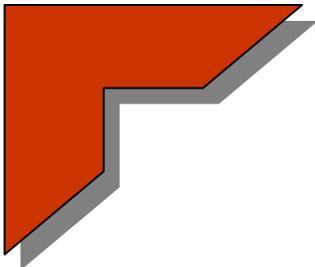
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Rev. Anthony Puckett: Moderator

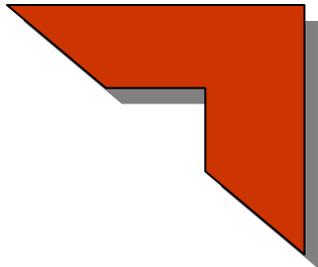
Rev. Tony Morris: Vice Moderator

Rev. Dan Dockery: Associational Missionary

Teresa Britt: Ministry Assistant



December 2011



November 28-December 4 **Pray for Consolation**

- 1 **New Church Starts Team**—Noon at the associational office. Bring your own lunch.
- 4-11 **Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
- 5-11 **Pray for Discovery Church**
- 7 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria. Tom Crites, GBC, will be our guest speaker.
- 8 **T.H.R.I.V.E.**—11:00 a.m. – 12 Noon Bring your own lunch.

12-18 **Pray for Ephesus**

- 14 **Ministers' Luncheon**—11:30 a.m. at Ryan's
- 19-25 **Pray for Eureka**
- 21 **There will be NO Ministers' Luncheon**
- 22-January 2 Office closed for the Holidays
- 24 **Christmas Eve**
- 25 **Merry Christmas!**
- 26-January 1 **Pray for Fellowship**
- 28 **There will be NO Ministers' Luncheon**
- 29-30 **M.O.V.E—Youth Event in Macon**

