

Continuing to
be an Acts 1:8
Association

Coming Up...

- **Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—11/30-12/07**
- **The CBA Office will close at noon on Dec. 23 for the holidays and re-open January 5**
- **“One Night in Bethlehem—December 19-21 at Glenloch Baptist Church**
- **Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship—Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm**

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From Your Associational Missionary:

Recently I read Max Lucado’s book entitled Christmas Stories. I thought it would be appropriate to share a few stories with you as we celebrate the wonderful birth of our Savior.

“God did something extraordinary.

Stepping from the throne, he removed his robe of light and wrapped himself in skin: pigmented, human skin. The light of the universe entered a dark, wet womb. He whom angels worship nestled himself in the placenta of a peasant, was birthed into a cold night, and then slept on cow’s hay.

Mary didn’t know whether to give him milk or give him praise, but she gave him both since he was, as near as she could figure, hungry and holy.

Joseph didn’t know whether

to call him Junior or Father. But in the end he called him Jesus, since that’s what the angel had said and since he didn’t have the faintest idea what to name a God he could cradle in his arms...”

“Love goes the distance.. and Christ traveled from limitless eternity to be confined by time in order to become one of us. He didn’t have to. He could have given up. At any step along the way he could have called it quits.

When he saw the size of the womb, he could have stopped.

When he saw how tiny his hand would be, how soft his voice would be, how hungry his tummy would be, he could have stopped. At the first whiff of the stinky stable, at the first gust of cold air—the first time he scraped his knee or blew his nose or tasted burnt bagels, he could

have turned and walked out.

But he didn’t.

He didn’t, because he is love.”

“It was an ordinary night with ordinary sheep and ordinary shepherds...

Then the black sky exploded with brightness. Trees that had been shadows jumped into clarity. Sheep that had been silent became a chorus of curiosity. One minute the shepherd was dead asleep, the next he was rubbing his eyes and staring into the face of an alien.

The night was ordinary no more.

The angel came in the night because that is when lights are best seen and that is when they are most needed.”

Dan



“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord”. Luke 2:11 (KJV)

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From your Associational Staff!

Dan Dockery
Teresa Britt

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Merry Christmas to everyone! I hope you all have a blessed Christmas season! Our annual Dinner Theater for missions is going to be a little earlier this year. The dates for our performance will be Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7.

Please put those dates on your calendar. Please help us publicize this event in your churches. We will get some paper publicity out to you in late January. We have been one of the top sending BCM's for missions in Georgia over the last four years and this is

one of our main fundraisers for the year! Please remember our students in prayer as they make big decisions about whether to do missions this summer! Once again, have a Merry and Blessed Christmas! Bill

Note to Pastors:
We will meet for our December Ministers' Luncheons on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 11:30 am at American Pie Pizzeria. There will be NO Ministers Luncheons on December 24th or 31st.

December Meeting Schedule:

- 12/01 **Missions Development Team Meeting**—8:15a.m. at Chick-fil-A.
- 12/04 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 12/10 **Administrative Team Meeting**—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 12/11 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

Note: Please have all announcements for the January, 2015 newsletter into the CBA office by Monday, December 8. I need to have time to get it printed, and back so I can get it mailed before we close down for the Christmas holidays December 23.

*Week of Prayer for International Missions
And the Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering*



November 30-December 7
“One Sacred Effort”



“Your Giving Has a Place In God’s Story. We are part of this effort, this story—God’s redemptive narrative that began before time. Each of us, as individuals, families and churches, are called to find our place in the story and move forward obediently.”

Thank you to all the CBA churches who have supported our Association financially since September 1, (the beginning of our fiscal year).
Antioch, Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, Calvary, FBC Carrollton, First Centralhatchee, Eureka, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Midway Macedonia, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Rocky Mount, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Son Rise, Tabernacle, Temple First, Trinity, and FBC Villa Rica.



One Night In Bethlehem

December 19, 20, 21

Glenloch Baptist Church

6:30–9:00

Come experience the blessing of Christmas during this FREE, guided walk through the city of Bethlehem as it might have been 2000 years ago. For more information call 770-854-5346.



*Minister/Mate
After Christmas Fellowship
Tuesday, January 13th
7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Carrollton*

Cost: \$10.00





CBA Holiday Office Schedule:
We will close at Noon on December 23,
and reopen at 8:00 am on January 5.

Church News:

From the Carrollton Baptist

Association: We have collected 498 backpacks for “Of One Accord” Ministries in Rogersville TN and 70 for Copper Basin Ministries in Cooper Hill, TN for a total of 568 backpacks. Thank you for your support and partnership in this ministry.

Annual Meeting/Mission

Celebration Update:

- 650 in attendance
- 2 salvations
- 306 Backpacks
- \$1,845.96 love offering for Rockridge

Mars Hill: called Mike Jiles as Minister of Music.

From The WMU

Our Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is November 30-December 7. It is a time we commit to praying for our missionaries abroad and our offering we can give to support their work. What happens because you give?

In one year...

- Nearly 1,700,000 heard a gospel witness
- Missionaries trained 23,000 nationals to start new churches
- Missionaries helped start 6,200 churches

As I read the above information on the IMB website, imb.org, I also found some ideas that might help you promote the Lottie Moon Offering. Here’s just a sampling of ideas. You can find more on their website by clicking on Lottie Moon.

Sock It To Missions—Find one of your odd socks in your drawer and fill it with

spare change, dollar bills are fine too. Ask everyone in church to participate. That change will really add up.

Auction Raises Offering—Organize a silent auction. One church’s auction mostly sold handmade crafts and homemade baked goods and allowed members who may not be able to give much to make something which can raise more money.

Mission Gift Certificates—Give the gift of missions to others, instead of a regular Christmas gift you might give. Make a certificate stating that a gift had been given to missions in that person’s honor.

Eat Out—Try some international restaurants together this season. Ask your children what they like and don’t like. Pray for people groups represented by the food you ate. Pray for missionaries who may eat that type of food every day. There are also ideas to learn more about Lottie Moon and share about her life.

One idea is to make Lottie’s tea cakes. Lottie used these cookies in her ministry to the children in the villages where she lived. Bring tea cakes to neighbors, grandparents or homebound members in your church. Explain to your children how Lottie used her cookies to share the love of Jesus. Several ideas were mentioned to help church members to understand the spiritual darkness around the world.

Wear Black Ribbons—Select a black fabric ribbon and cut lengths or tie bows, then attach small gold safety pins. Report to members that millions of people have little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ask members to wear the ribbons to remember the people lost in darkness without new life in Christ. Ask them to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions that the darkness might be dispelled.

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December 2014



30-Dec. 7 **Week of Prayer for International
Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering.**

1 **Mission Development Team Meeting—**
8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A

3 **Ministers' Luncheon—**11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria

4 **Community Ministries Team—**Noon at
the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

8 **Pray for Discovery**

10 **Ministers' Luncheon—**11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria.

Administrative Team Meeting—at Ameri-
can Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers'
Luncheon

11 **Leadership Development Team**

Meeting—Noon at the CBA. Bring your
own lunch.

15-21 **Pray for Ephesus**

19-21 **One Night in Bethlehem—**6:30 pm-9:00
pm at Glenloch Baptist Church

22-28 **Pray for Eureka**

23-1/5 **Office will at Noon on the 23rd and
reopen on January 5 at 8:00 am.**

24 **Christmas Eve.** Office will be closed.
There will be no Ministers' Luncheon.

25 **Merry Christmas!**

29-January 4 **Pray for Fellowship**

31 **New Year's Eve**