

Carrollton Baptist Association

Continuing to be an Acts 1:8 Association

Coming Up...

- Week of Prayer for North American Missions—March 2-9
- GMIC at Roopville Road—March 7-9
- Daylight Saving Time Begins—March 9
- 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:

With the recent "snow jam" and "ice jam" in our area in the past few weeks, Donna and I have had some quiet and reflective days at home. Our power never went off—thank you Carroll EMC, and we had plenty of bread, peanut butter and milk, but we had some time to go through some receipts from years past. In fact I found boxes of receipts in our home that went back to 1991—that's 23 years ago. We spent several hours looking over receipts from 1991 to 1999 before shredding them (I had to purchase a new shredder during the process) and also reflecting on some of the memories those receipts represented. There were receipts for ear surgeries for both boys (I helped finance one wing of a local hospital); braces for both boys; hotels where we stayed during vacations; & checks for mortgage and vehicle payments. We also found the receipt for a fort built as a birthday gift for the boys and thought of the many evenings spent in the fort looking up at the stars and drinking hot chocolate. I must admit there were a lot of memories in those receipts. It

was nice to have time to pause and reflect on them.

Among each years receipts were the end of year charitable contributions made to our church. Enclosed with those receipts were all the cancelled checks written for that year. As I looked at each check and examined the check register, I wondered how in the world we were able to tithe based on our income and expenses. But we found out one thing—even though the funds in the check register may have been low, God always provided a way to meet every need we had. We were faithful to give and God was always faithful to provide. We never missed a meal and always paid our bills; but the most important fact of all was that we were faithful to give to Him first. And somehow—some way—there was always enough.

That experience prompted me to ask myself a question—if someone was going through my checkbook what would they say was my top priority? Of course they would see a mortgage payment and checks for utilities, but would they also see that my top priority was giving to Him through the local church? In

Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he said of the church in Macedonia that they first gave of themselves. And when they gave of themselves, they couldn't wait to give to support the cause of Christ around the world. The church in Macedonia was poor but gave as if it was rich so that the gospel could be carried to others. So the question I asked of myself is the same question I must ask of each of us—what does our checkbook say about our priorities? Is our giving to the Lord through the local church just a routine or are we first giving of ourselves so that we can't wait to give so that the causes of Christ will be funded.

Receipts, cancelled checks and check registers all tell a story. What kind of story are you writing. Let's make sure that if someone looks through our checkbook they would see a person who was devoted in giving to the cause of Christ.

Dan



Matthew 13:3-9,18-23

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 2-9

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering for
North American Missions

National Goal: \$70,000.00

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Hey Everyone! This has been the worst winter in years. I don't remember a winter where we've been snowed in twice, but we are praying that we will have an early spring! The weather has led us to cancel or postpone several events, which is always disruptive to the flow of things. I know that all of our churches can relate to that. The biggest event we have had to post-

pone this semester is our Dinner Theater. It was originally scheduled for March 7 & 8, but because of the weather our cast missed two weeks of practice. So, we have had to move the Dinner Theater to Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29. The performances for both nights will be at 7:00 PM and the cost is \$10.00. We will be contacting y'all soon in an effort to get some public-

ity out to your members. If you could help us in any way it would be much appreciated! All of the money raised will go straight to the support of BCM Summer Missionaries who will be going out all over the world spreading the Gospel.

God Bless, Bill

March Meetings...

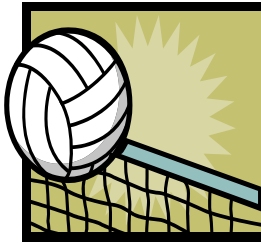
3/03 **Missions Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A

3/06 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—Noon at the CBA. Bring your own lunch.

3/10 **Leadership Development Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A

Prayer Team Meeting—7:00p.m. at the CBA

3/12 **Administration Team Meeting**—at American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon




Mt. Pleasant will have a Co-Ed Round Robin Volleyball Tournament on March 1 beginning at 9am. A suggested donation of \$35 per team is requested to participate. Contact Josh Walley at 770-296-1836 for more information.

Note to Pastors:
We will meet for our weekly Ministers' Lunches every Wednesday in March at 11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria.


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1 Peter 3:15



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!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the CBA churches who have supported our Association financially so far this quarter.

Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, Carrollton First, First Centralhatchee, Eureka, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Mars Hill, Midway Macedonia, Midway West, 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

Looking Ahead...

#1 **Retirement Benefit Options Meeting with Dr. Keith Hamilton**—April 28th at the CBA

#2 **Associational Senior Adult Picnic**—April 28th at Plant Wansley

#3 **Rockridge Children's Camp**—June 23-26. Make plans now to bring a large group from your church!

BCM Dinner Theater

“A Merry Regiment of Women”

March 7 & 8

7:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00

If you need an announcement in the April newsletter, please have it into the CBA by March 17



R.A. Racer Derby
March 15th
Camp Kaleo



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 9th



A Look Ahead...

Ministry Assistants' Luncheon
April 22nd
11:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church
Carrollton

Global Impact Mission Conference
March 7-9
Roopville Road

Church News:



Association: Congratulations to Dan Dockery who celebrated 30 years of full time ministry last month.

Glenloch: Pastor Neil Aubrey led a team of 7 on a mission trip to Nicaragua

Mars Hill: called Rev. Talmadge Chandler as Interim Pastor

Oak Grove: called David Diefriese as Student Minister

Tabernacle: Dr. Jimmy Gentry, Senior Pastor, resigned

Villa Rica, FBC: Richard Chapin, Minister to Older Youth, resigned

From The WMU

Prayer Partnership

The Georgia WMU has begun a prayer partnership between Georgia Baptist church and the Urban Atlanta Church planters (UACP). A number of churches have already committed to partner with the UACPs but more churches are needed to be a part of this important ministry. Beth Ann Williams, Executive Director of GA WMU and Mary Laughman, state WMU prayer coordinator, are asking that after receiving support from you pastor, that you will lead your church to prayerfully consider a one year commitment to a prayer partnership with one of the church planters. There are currently 34 UACPs and they would like to have a church assigned to each one. As soon as a response

is received a church planter will be assigned to your church. You'll receive their contact information, and your information will be given to them. The goal for this partnership is to begin and continue strengthening relationships between Georgia Baptist churches and Urban Atlanta Church Planters. You can find steps set to accomplish this goal on our website www.carrolltonwmu.com. If you have any questions as your church considers this new partnership ministry or to become a partner please contact Mary Laughman, State WMU Prayer Coordinator at jm121968@bellsouth.net or by phone 770-947-1507.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 2-9, 2014: Firmly

Planted...Rooted in the Gospel Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event

April 25-26, Callaway Gardens, "Filled to Overflowing"
An inspirational event for women featuring author and speaker, Jennifer Kennedy Dean, singer, songwriter Babbie Mason, and apologist Mary Jo Sharp. Experience a variety of conferences to encourage and equip you for bible study, prayer, missions, ministry, and evangelism; testimonies from international and North American missionaries; and an intimate retreat environment at the beautiful Callaway Gardens. Find more information online at gabaptistwomen-springevent.com.

Thanks for all you do, Keri

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March



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| 24-March 2 | Pray for Midway Macedonia | 10-16 | Pray for Mountain View |
| 1 | Round Robin Volleyball Tournament—
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church | 12 | Ministers' Luncheon— 11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria |
| 2-9 | Week of Prayer for North American
Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering. | | Administrative Team Meeting— following
the Ministers' Luncheon at American Pie
Pizzeria |
| 3-9 | Pray for Midway West | 15 | R.A. Racer Derby at Camp Kaleo |
| 5 | Ministers' Luncheon— 11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria | 17-23 | Pray for Mt. Pleasant |
| 7-9 | GIMC— Global Impact Missions Confer-
ence—Roopville Road | 19 | Ministers' Luncheon— 11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria |
| 9 | Daylight Saving Time Begins | 24-30 | Pray for Mount Zion |
| 10 | Leadership Development Team Meeting
—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A | 26 | Ministers' Luncheon— 11:30 a.m. at
American Pie Pizzeria |
| | Prayer Team Meeting— 7:00 p.m. at the
CBA | 28-29 | BCM Dinner Theater |
| | | 31-April 6 | Pray for New Brooklyn |