

# Carrollton Baptist Association

Striving to be an Acts 1:8 Association

## From Your Associational Missionary....

January, 2010

### Coming Up...

- **Christmas Holidays**—office will close December 23 at noon and reopen January 4.
- **Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship**—January 12.
- **VBS Early Bird Clinic**—January 25.

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Memories. That's what 2009 is now—memories. Memories of mission trips and local mission projects. Memories of churches celebrating special days like anniversaries and homecomings. Memories of boys and girls having a great time at Children's Camp or Vacation Bible School. Memories of a hailstorm in February and floods in September.

Memories of people serving in our community during Project Pray and Project Hope. Even though the year has quickly gone by, those memories remain.

I was reminded of memories recently when I came across a journal from January 1980. On those pages detailed a four week journey with three other missionary journeymen to three different West African countries—Ivory Coast, Upper Volta now called Bukina Faso, and Mali. During those four weeks we traveled by money bus (back of a pickup), bus, taxi, missionary vehicle, train, airplane, camel, and boat. We visited with many of our international missionaries who treated us royally, introduced us to many nationals, and gave us wonderful tours of their "home."

We visited in many churches and although we didn't understand the language (French and some tribal dialects)

we could tell from their hearts that they loved Jesus. We even traveled to Timbuktu and had a chance to ride camels into the desert. When we returned to our hotel from our camel journey, we were able to purchase an ice cold Coca Cola for \$1.00 and at the moment it was the best coke we ever had. We even had a picnic on a sand dune at sunset with a missionary couple—it was a breathtaking sight! But we also experienced a sandstorm, a major rain (it was a sprinkle), a three day trip down the Niger River (my very first cruise ship experience!), and purchased some unique souvenirs made from ivory, leather, wool, and wood. Thinking back I am still amazed that we were able to pull off this trip! Why? Because I was the only one who spoke any French at all and that was very little. But God protected us, provided for every need, and always had somebody available who either understood my French or who spoke some English. God always provided a way!

Yes, memories of 2009 are rather fresh. And memories of 1980 (30 years ago) are remembered from a

journal and they still seem like only yesterday. And now a new year—2010, begins. We know what yesterday brought; I wonder what tomorrow will bring. How do we prepare for a new year? I thought of 4 verses to remember:

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not in your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Philippians 4:13

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint". Isaiah 40:31

Let's prepare ourselves to make some lasting memories in 2010. I don't know about tomorrow but I know the one who holds tomorrow in His hand. Let's make 2010 the best year ever! Dan

## Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship

January 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

First Baptist Church Carrollton

Please make reservations by Wednesday, January 6th.

Menu: Ribeye steak, baked potato, tossed salad, bread & dessert.



**Note to Pastors:**

**Please make note of the Dates, Programs & Locations for the January Ministers' Luncheons**

**January 6th**—11:30 a.m. at the Associational office.

**January 13th**—11:30 a.m. at Papa's Pizza. Administrative Team Meeting will follow.

**January 20th**—11:30 a.m. at the Associational office.

**January 27th**—11:30 a.m. at Papa's Pizza.

**January Meetings:**

**Missions Development**

**Team Meeting**—January 11th at noon. Bring your own lunch

**Leadership Development**

**Team Meeting**—January 12th at Noon. Bring your own lunch.

**Administrative Team Meeting**—January 13th at Papa's Pizza following the Minister's Conference.

**Family Ministry Team Meeting**—January 14th—noon. Bring your own lunch.

**New Church Starts Ministry Team Meeting**—January 19th at noon. Bring your own lunch.

**Church Strengthening Team Meeting**—January 21st at noon. Bring your own lunch.

**Baptist Collegiate Ministries**

It is hard to believe that it already the end of my first semester here at the West Georgia BCM. It has been a great semester. The students here are amazing. They have gone above and beyond for the cause of the Gospel this semester. I am expecting God to do great things through this ministry. I want to thank everyone in the Association for your continued support of this

ministry. You are an amazing Association! My prayer for all of you is that you will be able to slow down enough this month to focus on the Reason for the Season. Jesus Christ was born in a manger to redeem us. That is truly amazing and worthy of being celebrated. May you all have a blessed Christmas season with your friends and families.

Bill Grissett.

**"Team Kid"**

Leadership Training

February 4th at 7:00p.m.

Harmony Baptist Church

A Leadership Conference for Team Kid Leaders in both the Preschool and Children's area. Led by Maria Brannen, GBC Consultant.

**Sunday School Mentoring Program**

January 19th at Mars Hill Baptist Church

6:30

Dinner

7:00-8:30

Session #5

**Pastor/Deacon/Spouse Retreat**

**February 5-6**

Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Norman Park

Cost: Early Registration: \$62 per person (by 1/8)  
Late Registration: 70 per person (after 1/8)

Register with Church-Minister Relations by calling 1-800-746-4422 Ext. 364

**Vacation Bible School Early Bird Clinic**

January 25th FBC, Carrollton  
7:00 p.m.

Call as soon as possible to order your Early Bird Kit through the Associational Office. We should have them by the first week in January.



**South Regional  
Men's Conference  
FBC Douglasville  
January 8-9, 2010**

**Prayer Walking Schedule:**

December 28-January 3: **Fellowship**  
January 4-10: **Flat Rock**  
January 11-17: **Fullerville**  
January 18-24: **Glenloch**  
January 25-31 **Harmony**

**Executive  
Committee Meeting**

**January 18th  
7:30 p.m.**

A look ahead. . . .

**G.B.A.M.A.**

**Georgia Baptist Association of Ministry Assistants  
40th Anniversary Conference & Training**

When: March 10-12, 2010

Where: St. Simons Island King & Prince Beach & Golf  
Resort

For Cost, Lodging, and registration: go to [www.gbama.org](http://www.gbama.org)

Call the Associational Office for more details.

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

**January 17th, 2010**

**From the W.M.U.**

We had a good year for the Operation Christmas Shoe boxes although we did not pack as many as last year. We did pack 3,026 which I think is good considering the economy. I do not have an exact count of the number of volunteers we had but it was 35 plus. We had many new ones, some who had worked in years pass and we missed some who due to health issues could not work. It is a busy week but one which we enjoy fellowshiping and sharing while we work.

This is my last year serving as coordinator although I plan to continue working. It is just best to have a couple since there is a need for a pickup truck to gather the supplies from Newnan. These past years have been a real blessing for me and Har-

old, and I appreciate all the support we have gotten from all of you. We are most blessed to have two couples assuming this responsibility for next year. Please pray for Lewis and Gloria North and Pat and Charlotte Culwell. They worked very closely with me this year so they will do a great job.

I hope each of you have had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to 2010. It is always exciting to be able to turn over a new leaf and start a new year. Many events will be forth coming about WMU. Once again this year we will have our Children's Ministry Day in February. Last year it was a big success and we look forward to what God will do this year as we gather with children of all ages, boys and girls and adult leaders and pastors. I had to miss last year as I was recuperating from

hip surgery so I am praying I will be there this year. As soon as plans are made I will get a letter out to the directors.

Please continue to pray for our missionaries. They depend on our prayers. Please pray especially for Chris, Katie and Abigail Nalls as they serve in Tete, Mozambique. They have had to move to another house and the heat there is so hot. Pray for safe travel for them and Daniel and Carol Jackson as they plan to meet in Johannesburg, South Africa for Christmas.

I look forward to the opportunities that God will give us during 2010. Blessings on each of you as you serve where you are planted. May we all be found faithful to Him.

Barbara Swayngham

**NEWS  
FROM  
CHURCHES**



**Ephesus:** will dedicate their new Family Life Center January 10.

**Whitesburg:** Rev. Woodrow Hudson, Pastor, resigned

**Tyus:** Rev. Justin Richards, Pastor, graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December. Congratulations!

**Disaster Relief  
Phase I Training**

January 8-9, 2010

Royal Baptist Church,  
Newnan

Must register by January 1st

Go to [www.gabaptist.org](http://www.gabaptist.org) to register and for event details

Associational  
Praise Sing  
February 16  
7:00 p.m.  
Mt. Pleasant  
Baptist Church

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**Rev. Carlton Rivers: Moderator**  
**Rev. Anthony Puckett: Vice Moderator**  
**Rev. Dan Dockery: Associational Missionary**  
**Teresa Britt: Ministry Assistant**



**JANUARY  
2010**



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| 1   | <b>Happy New Years!—office closed</b>   |    |  |
| 4   | <b>Office reopens</b>   | 14 | <b>Family Ministries Team Meeting—Noon.</b> Bring your own lunch.                            |
| 6   | <b>Ministers' Conference—11:30 a.m.</b> at the Associational office. Bring your own lunch.          | 17 | <b>Sanctity of Human Life Sunday</b>   |
|     | <b>Deadline to make reservations for the Minister/Mate After Christmas Fellowship</b>               | 18 | <b>Executive Committee Meeting—7:30 p.m.</b>   |
| 8-9 | <b>Disaster Relief Training Phase I—Royal Baptist Church, Newnan.</b>                               | 19 | <b>New Church Starts Ministry Team meeting—Noon.</b> Bring your own lunch.                   |
| 11  | <b>Missions Development Team Meeting—Noon,</b> at the Associational office. Bring your own lunch.   | 20 | <b>Sunday School Mentoring Plan—Mars Hill Baptist Church.</b> Meal at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. |
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