

Association

The Light

NOVEMBER 2015

Grace Notes



Wowí í í í í .what a glorious month of ministry for our Association.

Highlights include:

- Harvest Day events resulted in almost 300 professions of Christ
- Mitch Bellflower and I traveled to Kantunilkin, Mexico to prepare for our DBA Mission trip in 2016
- We collected over \$2,000 in offerings for our Act 1:8 ministry fund
- We had over 500 in attendance at our DBA Celebration service and almost 100 at our annual business session.
- We collected 269 backpacks (100 stayed in our area for ministry) and 169 went to the crisis center in Ducktown, Tennessee.
- Our newest Hispanic church plant began having services in Cedar Crossing and we are already seeing individuals receive Christ.
- Three new ESL (English as a Second Language) classes began to minister to the unreached Hispanic families in our communities.
- Boiling Springs Baptist celebrated 175 years of ministry
- Fifteen inmates received Christ in our growing prison ministry.

God is doing a wonderful work in our Association and we give Him all the Glory! Thank you to all of our churches and partners for your participation and support. We are a truly blessed Association of churches.





We are excited to announce we will be taking a mission team to Kantunilkin, Mexico June 21-27, 2016. Ministries will include revivals, construction, vacation bible schools, personal evangelism and ministry at the local Christian pregnancy resource center. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,200 per person (depending on cost of airfare). Because of limited hotel space

we will only be able to take 50 people on this trip so get your application and deposit in quickly. Please call or drop by our DBA office for applications and more information.



We will be taking two trips to W. Virginia in 2016:

Construction Trip –March 28 - April 2nd we will be taking a group of men and women (no children) to Fayetteville, W. Virginia to accomplish some construction projects. We will be staying and ministry through a local church where we will also eat our meals.

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Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ!

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General Ministry –June 4 -10 we will be doing ministries such as preaching, nursing homes, block parties, and vacation bible schools.

Each of the above trips will cost \$200 per person which includes travel, food, lodging, and ministry supplies. For more information please give our office a call.



In 2016 we will continue to minister in Savannah in order to help the homeless of the area. We will continue to collect items such as the following:

sleeping bags (new or in usable condition), Canned food that is ready to eat (tuna, crackers, beans, etc.) Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant etc., Bottled water, tarps and bungees. Feel free to bring any of these items to our office and we will make sure they are distributed.



We are excited to continue our ministry with the Baxley Childrenøs Home. Ministries include:

Cake Ministry –We are looking to take 500 cakes to the childrenøs home December 3. If you can help us with this great ministry please bring cakes to Tabernacle Baptist on Thursday, December 3rd between 7 and 9 a.m. Please

give us a call for cake boxes and instructions on packing to prevent freezer burn.

Block Party óApril 16 our WMU and Youth Ministries will be hosting a Block Party for the Children¢s Home. We would love for DBA families to help us with this wonderful ministry.



Ministers Christmas Party. I want to encourage each of our DBA ministers and their families to join us on Thursday, November 19th at 6 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist (Swan Center) for our yearly DBA Ministers and Families Christmas party. This will be a great time of fun and fellowship so make plans to join us. Also, as in recent years we will have great activities for the children so please bring your entire family. The only thing we ask is that you call our

DBA office ASAP to let us know how many people we should expect from your family. Looking forward to a wonderful time!

During the month of November we will be collecting individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers to be used by our prison ministry. Please bring all donations to our Ailey office.

To discover additional ways you can partner with our Association in reaching our community, state, and world for Jesus please go to <u>http://bit.ly/1pdc2Sr</u> by pasting it in your web browser.

Blessed to Serve, Robby

Ministry Partner News:

• <u>Bethel, Normantown, Ohoopee, Snow Hill, Tarrytown, and United Fellowship</u> request your prayers as they seek God for a pastor.

Calendar of Events



November 2015

- 02 WMU World Day of Prayer @ Higgston Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
- 05 Ministersø Wives Movie night @ FBC Lyons, 6:30 p.m.
- 09-10 Georgia Baptist Convention, Roswell Street Baptist in Marrietta
 - 19 DBA Ministerøs Christmas Party, @ Tabernacle, 6:00 p.m.
 - 25 DBA office closes at noon
 - 26 Thanksgiving (DBA office closed)
- 29-30 Beginning of Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 2015

- 01-06 Week of Prayer for International Missions Continues
- 03 Bring Cakes for Baxley Childrengs Home to Tabernacle Baptist between 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
- 23-31 DBA office closed for Christmas

January 2016

- 14 Great Commission Resource Center with Dr. White, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Pastorøs Roundtable, @ DBA office, 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Administrative Team Meeting, @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.
- 29-30 DBA Music Ministry Workshop

February 2016

- 02 Racheløs House Banquet, @ FBC Vidalia, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Josh Hunt Conference on Change Your Church or Die, @ FBC Lyons, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Church Finance Seminar with Tony Neal, @ DBA Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 22-23 Pastors/Ministers Quail Hunting Trip, Dorchester Shooting Preserve near Savannah

<u>March 2016</u>

- 06-13 Week of prayer for North American Missions
- 07-12 DBA Dental Ministry, @ Higgston Baptist Church
- 18-19 DBA Menøs Conference, @ FBC Lyons
 - 21 WMU Inspirational Meeting, @ Cross Timbers, 6:00 p.m.
- 28-31 Construction Mission Trip to West Virginia

<u>April 2016</u>

- 01-02 Construction Mission Trip to West Virginia continues
 - 05 Top Ten Tour (Evangelism Training), @Vidalia Baptist Temple, 6:00 p.m.
 - 10 Youth Celebration Service, @ Friendship Baptist, 4:00 p.m.
 - 14 Administrative Team Meeting, @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.
 - 16 DBA WMU/Youth Ministry Spring Fling, @ Georgia Baptist Childrenøs Home in Baxley, 10:00 a.m.
 - 26 Pray Georgia with Dr. White, @ Higgston Baptist, 12:00 noon
 - 26 VBS Commissioning Service, 6:00 p.m.

DBA Treasurer's Report 2015								
Date		Budget Offerings			<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Net</u>	
September 2015		\$17,608.84		(10,431.14)			7,177.70	
Year to Date		121,951.12		(120,054.90)		1,896.22		
<u>Account</u>		<u>lance as of:</u> 8/31/2015	<u>Gifts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>		<u>Balance as of:</u> <u>09/30/2015</u>	
Acts 1:8		3,715.06	301.03		(\$800.00)		\$3,216.09	



Out of the Box (Ideas to help churches reach people for Jesus)



November is national Diabetes Month and it is a great time for churches to minister to those in need. Ideas include: (some of which came from Outreach Magazine)

- Establish and implement a **Community Walk**. Designed for smaller communities, walks can raise awareness (and money) for diabetes prevention. Contact the American Diabetes Association for resources and more information. Be sure to pass out your church information during the Walk inviting each person to join you at your church for services.
- Host a Family Diabetes Afternoon. For the children include games, face painting, popcorn, etc. For the parent, have an American Diabetes Association representative (or contact Mercy Clinic or your local doctor) available to answer questions. This gives families living with diabetes the opportunity to meet and get to know each other. Be sure to register each person and invite them to your services.
- Offer a Cooking Class. Have a nutritionist within your community to offer a night of tips, recipes and meal ideas.
- Offer a weekly exercise class to help those who struggle with weight issues. Feel free to use Christian songs and be sure to invite each person to your church services.

For more information on these and other ideas go to Diabetes.org or give us a call.

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