September 2019

The Light

Churches Partnering Together to Accomplish the Great Commission

There is a strong sense of evangelistic urgency in our denomination. Our leaders are calling us to evangelism. Johnny Hunt, with NAMB, and our SBC president, J.D. Greer, are encouraging our churches to participate in the Who's Your One initiative as well as Baptism Sunday on September 8.

May I add to these calls, another challenge and encouragement. Let's lead God's people to increase our prayers for those who are lost and separated from a relationship with God.

Our prayer lists are filled with specific names of those who have specific physical needs, which is excellent. Can we be intentional about filling our prayer lists with specific names of those who have a desperate spiritual need?

The leaders within our churches will have to show the way. When it's time to pray and we ask if anything needs to be added to the prayer list, make sure you add someone with a spiritual need to the list and encourage others to do the same. "I'd like to pray for one of my family members who does not know the Lord." "I'd like to add one of my coworkers to the list please. I want her to come to know Jesus." When we ask for an update on how someone with a physical need is fairing, let's also be asking for any reports on how those spiritual needs are progressing.

Our leaders must model it, teach it and stay at it if we are going to develop a culture of prayer for lostness. And don't give up. Don't become weary, it may take time. Don't be conformed to a culture devoid of prayer for the lost, but transform the culture in your church to an environment that is burdened about lostness.

We have friends, relatives, coworkers and neighbors who are without the hope of Christ and they will one day meet their holy creator with sin in hand. Prayer can change things. Prayer can change circumstances and change us. Jesus commanded us to pray that God would send out workers into the harvest. If we obey and pray for the harvest, we may soon come to realize that we are those workers.

Bro. Billy



All Annual Church Report packets have been sent out please encourage your ACR Contact person to be on the look out for it. Let's get 100% participation this year!

PRISON MINSITRY

Please continue to lift up our brothers as they minister to those in prison.

Sept: Bro. Ricky Cummings

Oct: Bro. Scott Morrison

900-N-3 Coaches: Bro. Bill O'Neal Bro. Eric Edkin Bro. Billy Puckett

October 20, 2019 6:00 p.m. Hosted by: Cedar Crossing Baptist Church 2926 Cedar Crossing Rd, Uvalda, GA 30473 Family Life Center

> Annual Executive Meeting 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

> > Mission Fair 5:00 p.m. Family Life Center

The DBA Choir will be meeting at Cedar Crossing Baptist Church on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. All who wish to participate should attend.

Calling all DBA Choirs

ANNUAL FALL ELEBRATION

Ministry Partner News

Higgston Baptist :

Revival with Bucky Kennedy Ministries Sunday, September 29th at 11:00 a.m.

Fall Festival Sunday, October 26th

FBC Soperton: Fall Festival Saturday, October 26th, 5-7 pm FUN, GAMES, CRAFTS, & FOOD

Tabernacle: Fall Festival Sunday, October 13th, 5-7:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off, Carnival Rides & Rock Wall, Face Painting, Games, Slime Making Station, Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest, Hot Dog & Chili Dinner, Popcorn & Cotton Candy, Hay Ride, Prize Giveaways, Randy's Train, Cornhole

Jesus Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven give to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Join us in praising the Lord for those who are being led to the Jesus!

Smith Street ordained two deacons in August!

Billy Puckett worshiped with Normantown Baptist. Visitors attended. The church was welcoming and it was a blessing!

Owen Waters at Bear Creek is grateful to our Lord for good attendance in church.

FBC Vidalia had a young man make a first time profession of faith!	Please let us know if your church has any
Very exciting!	good news so that we may pray for you and
	celebrate as members of Christ with you!

Let's celebrate these
churches that have
participated financially in
our cooperative effort.
We hope you are
encouraged by your
fellow churches that have
partnered with you!

Alston Bear Creek Beulah Boiling Springs Cedar Crossing CC Hispanic Cornerstone Faith Missionary Friendship Glenwood FBC Higgston Hope Longpond Lyons FBC Mount Vernon FBC New Corinth Normantown Oak Grove Ohoopee Providence Rocky Creek Smith Street South Thompson Springhill Stuckey Tabernacle The Way Hispanic Uvalda Vidalia FBC

Treasurer's Report					
		Budget Offerings	Expenses	Net	
	08/31/19	11,334.11	(9,821.26)	1,512.85	
	YTD - 2019	91,665.06	(96,821.72)	(5,156.66)	
		Gifts/			
Calvin	7/31/2019	Transfers	Disbursements	8/31/2019	
Durrence	2,189.00	300.00	(450.00)	2,039.00	





Jerusalem (Local) 2019 Wheeler County Christmas Backpack DBA Goal: 100

Everything is the same for the local backpacks as for the Appalachia backpacks, except these backpacks will go to children & teens in Wheeler County.
Backpack Information: Please make sure the backpack & contents are New.
Please make sure each backpack has a ribbon for both age & gender

(see instructions). Instructions and other resources can be found <u>here</u>. (https://bit.ly/2lDRgE7) ***Please let us know how many backpacks are to go to the local level & how many to the state level when dropping them off*** Drop off backpacks at the Annual Celebration or November 4-6 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Judea (State) 2019 Appalachia Christmas Backpack DBA Goal: 400

Each year the DBA partners with GBMB to collect Christmas backpacks for children & teens residing in Appalachia as well as in the most poverty stricken counties in Southwest Georgia. **Please visit https://gabaptist.org/backpacks** for free printables and instructions. The DBA has copies of the Christmas Story that we would love to



provide. Drop off backpacks at the Annual Celebration or November 4-6 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Samaria (USA) Christmas is a hard time for those soldiers who are away from their homes, family, and friends. One of the most appreciated gifts a soldier receives is cards and letters from the men, women, & children that they are fighting to protect. Join your sister churches in remembering our men and women overseas this Christmas season.

How to Participate:

****Please help protect our troops by sending cards with <u>NO GLITTER</u>****

Please let the DBA know how many cards you and/or your church would like to pledge.

Write and encouraging note and Bible verse in a Christmas card. You can send one or one million!

Individual cards should be addressed to "any Service Member" and can be signed each by their sender. Hand-made cards do not

need an envelope. Otherwise, cards should have an envelope that they are sealed in.

Please identify if a card is specifically for a male or female.

Drop off at the DBA Office no later than 2:30 p.m. on October 18th.

Uttermost Parts (International)





The DBA is excited to announce that we have 400 OCC boxes, instructions, and prayer bookmarks available for FREE for anyone who would like to pack a box! Just call or stop by the office and we will be happy to provide you or your church with as many as you need!

Please drop boxes off to the **DBA office no later than November 13th at 2:30 p.m**. We will transport them to the nearest drop

off location.



Jaime Bell Amy Bowers Thomas Bowers Maureen Crosby Kristy Cummings Debbie Hammons Jolie McDuffie Margaret Tarpley Bobby Thompson Judy Tipton



Rev. & Mrs. Bill Black

Calendar

<u>September</u>

- 10 Credentials Team Meeting, 4:00pm, DBA Office
- 12 DBA Choir Meeting, 6:00pm, DBA Office
- 16 Evangelism Team Meeting, 5:00pm, DBA Office
- 16 Annual Church Reports Due
- 19 Administrative Team Meeting

October

1 Women's NOLA Mission Trip Deposit Due

20 Mission Fair, 5:00pm, Cedar Crossing Baptist Church Annual Fall Executive Meeting, 5:00pm, Cedar Crossing Baptist Church Annual Fall Celebration, 6:00pm, Cedar Crossing Baptist Church

November

- 4-6 Christmas Backpack Drop Off, 9am-Noon, 1:00pm-2:30pm DBA Office
- 10-12 GBMB Annual Meeting, Fayetteville, GA
- 14 RSVP for Pastor's Holiday Party
- 11-15 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop Off, 9am-Noon, 1:00pm-2:30pm DBA Office
- 18 Operation Christmas Cards for Soldiers Due by 2:30pm

December

- 5 Cakes for Baxley's Children's Home, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 7am-9am
- 6 Pastor's Holiday Christmas Party, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00pm
- 11 Prison Ministry Graduation

Weekly Events: Wednesday - Wheeler County Prison Ministry, 9:00a.m.

> Would you join us in praying for the following churches & pastors by name: South Thompson, Pastor B.L. Horne Spring Hill, Pastor Niles Dixon Stuckey Tabernacle, Pastor Bobby Thompson

Commit to prayer the following churches as they seek God's wisdom in searching for a pastor: FBC Alamo, Friendship, Int. Donnie Brown Ohoopee; Red Bluff; Stuckey; United Fellowship

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is September 27.