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Serving 23 churches



MAY, 2008

JUAN CARLOS GASCON DAY

Sunday, May 4, 2008

A day to pray and to give!

On March 11, 2008, Hispanic Church Planter & pastor, Rev. Carlos Gascon was in an auto accident that left him with a broken neck and paralyzed below the shoulders. Since 1999, Juan Carlos, his wife, Connie, two sons, Jonathan and J.C. have ministered faithfully among Latinos in Kenbridge, Blackstone, Keysville, Crewe, Burkeville, Victoria, and in many outlying areas. Rev. Gascon, pastor of Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis near Kenbridge, is currently hospitalized at Medical College of Virginia. Please join the churches of Southside Baptist Association in prayer for the Gascon Family and in receiving a love offering. Please make checks payable to Kenbridge Baptist Church, P.O. Box 445, Kenbridge, VA 23944, and write "Gascon Fund" on the memo line. Your tax deductible donations are greatly appreciated and will help with the mounting expenses that Rev. Gascon and his family now face. For more information and updates on Juan Carlos, visit blogsite:

<http://jegascon.wordpress.com>.

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI SUPPER & CONCERT

Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Ash Camp Baptist Church

Supper: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. & Concert For Rev. Juan Carlos

Gascon

at 7:00 P.M.

**Concert by "The Community Carollers" of Central Middle
School**

Directed by Sarah Critzer



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

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Do not forget that May 18-25, 2008, is **Association Missions Week**. This week is designated for our Association and its ministries. Monies from the week go to help with the Hispanic Ministry, mission trips to Kentucky and Louisiana, and "Help Hunger Now". It is important that every church participate so that we as an Association can continue to do God's work in "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world." Our goal for the week is \$7,500.00.

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to help with maintenance at the Adult Home. Please coordinate with George Harrison, Telephone # (434) 392-9066 any time that you might have to help for the following maintenance jobs.

- Mowing the lawn – A riding mower & weed eater are available.
- Exterior stain preservation of the steps in the back of the home.
- Cleanup of the walking path – Dead trees need to be cut and stacked.
- Help with preparation of a memorial garden as funds are available.

Hazel Harrison



**SBA WALK-A-THON FOR 2008
FOR THE SOUTHSIDE HOME,
FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008
9:00 A.M.**

Collect donations from your family and friends. Each walker should bring \$50.00 or more to the Registration Table. Each walker will receive a free T-shirt. \$5000.00 will be matched by a donor.

**ECHOES
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"Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10 KJV).

Report from Hands-On Mission Day:

What a great day we had on April 5th as 75 Assoc. members from 15 of our churches gathered at Heritage BC for a day of **DOING** and **GOING** on mission. We certainly missed those of you who could not attend. There was much excitement and many positive comments made as this was our first attempt at doing this, and it was a learning experience also. We look forward to doing more of this in the future as ALL AGES come together to do what we are called to do...**LIVE THE CALL...PRAY, GIVE AND GO!!!** Thanks again to Heritage BC for hosting us.

CrossRoads Summer Camp:

Summer is fast approaching and time for summer camps. Please consider CrossRoads Camp, located in the beautiful mountains of VA near Lowesville. Dates will begin on June 12th and weekly camps will continue through August 9th. Online registration is available and you can view the weeks that have openings and pay on line as well as request summer camp brochures. Visit them at www.crossroadsccc.com or call 1-800-255-2428, ext. 8267

Thank You note received:

Dear WMU Ladies, Thank you for including the Pregnancy Support Center in your mission day projects. Please ask God to bless our big fundraiser effort, The Walk for Life. May He bless you in all your efforts.

Sincerely, Beth Gregory, Board Member

Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund:

Remember that funds are available for Assoc. Members going on mission trips this summer, \$200.00 for out of country and \$50.00 for within the USA.

Upcoming Event:

Women's Get-Away, November 7-8 or 8-9, 2008, Eagle Eyrie. Theme: We Are Family! I Got All My Sisters With Me! Registration opens August 1st.



Church News

ASHCAMP: The youth of our church raised \$200.00 for World Vision Feeding Hungry Children from the car wash. Thanks for each car washed. Seventeen youth attended 30-Hour Famine hosted by SBA Youth Task Force at Heritage. This was the largest group. Thanks for the work of each one. Our church sponsors five scholarships to help deserving Christian people who need financial assistance in obtaining an education. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 31st. These are equal opportunity scholarships with no discrimination on the basis of race, gender, or age. Bible School is being planned for June 2-6, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. All are welcomed. The RA's went fishing in the pond of Coan & Velda Agee's on April 13th. Virginia Smith is now at Britthaven. Seven Members attended the SBA Spring Meeting at Eureka on Sun., April 20th.

BURKEVILLE: Our church celebrated it's 135th Anniversary, Sunday, April 20. Dr. Frederick J. Anderson, Exec. Director of the VA Baptist Historical Society & Clerk of the BGAV, was guest speaker. He portrayed the part of Dr. William E. Hatcher, (1834-1912), who was described in the VA History Archives as the "incomparable". Dr. Hatcher served as pastor of Grace St. BC, Richmond. The First Nottoway BC Choir joined in the morning worship service. Rev. Robert Easter, Pastor of First Nottoway BC, led in the Benediction and Blessing. Mr. Dennis Myers, COM, had the Offertory Prayer. With horse and buggy rides around town, and a number of folks dressed in period clothes, it was a great time of fellowship, food and praises to the Lord. May 14th at 2:00 PM, our church will host a WOM's meeting to hear Ms. Sara Hubble, Venturer. Sara has always been involved in missions in her church in Richmond, through Mission Friends, GA's & Acteens. During college years, she continued her mission involvement. As a Venturer, Sara will spend two years in Johannesburg, South Africa, working with the Door of Hope. Her work is sponsored by the WMU of VA., through the Venturer Program, which is a part of the Global Missions & Evangelism Mobile Missions Connection. Do not miss this opportunity to come and hear about missions, first-hand from Sara. Sara is the Granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Morton of Burkeville.

CREWE: The Association Men's Dinner was hosted at Crewe on April 1st. Their speaker, Billy Hutchinson, Men's Ministry Coordinator with the VBMB, encouraged the men to get involved personally in God's mission call. A good group from Crewe, including our Associate Pastor Austin Reason and his family, joined with other Association churches at Heritage on April 5th for the "Hands on Mission Day" – what a special blessing for those who attended. On April 11-12, our youth joined with Association youth for a 30-Hour Famine and missions project. The Youth enjoyed Movie Night at the home of the Reasons on April 18th. Sun. evening, April 20th, brought the Awana closing ceremony with awards and a reception for the children, their parents, and grandparents. Many thanks go to Michelle Davis for a great year in Awana. The Chancel Choir joined with other community choirs for the Associational Hymn Festival on April 27th. Coming soon: A new Youth Chorale Ensemble under the direction of David Redford. Worship Kidstyle, the new children's church curriculum.

DRAKES BRANCH: Our mission team returned from Azerbaijan on April 5. They gave a slide presentation on Wed., April 23 and reported on their trip. The Honduran Mission team met and celebrated the work done in Feb. They are already praying and planning for the Feb., 2009 trip. We hosted a missionary speaker from Southeast Asia at our Sunday Morning Service on April 27. The Joy in the Morning visiting team will meet on May 12. The Boy Scouts continue to meet regularly and participate in many different activities. VBS will be held the week of June 16-19.

DUNDAS: Three WMU members participated in the "Hands on Mission Day" at Heritage on April 5th. On April 13th two individuals were baptized and joined our church. April 20th four of our members attended the SBA Spring Meeting. Our Spring Revival on April 20th got off to a good start with a fellowship supper, followed by the evening service with special music and the message by Dolan Humphries. Tue. April 22nd was Youth

Night and they had a Pizza/Ice Cream supper, followed by the evening service. This was well attended and enjoyed by all the youth. Sun., April 27th the "Coachmen Quartet" from Staunton, VA sang at our church. Our church plans to have "Juan Carlos Gascon Day" on May 4th as we continue to pray for the Gascon family, and a love offering will be received for them.

FRIENDSHIP: Mr. Russell Thurston, Minister to Children and Youth, and several youth attended the 30 Hour Famine at Heritage on April 11th and 12th. Approximately 30 men enjoyed the breakfast on Men's Day, April 13th. Mr. Thurston was the guest speaker. The men were involved in all areas of ministry that day. The children met on the 20th of April for lunch and a Mother's Day craft activity with Mr. Thurston. Twelve women completed the 12 week Beth Moore study, "A Heart Like His." The women are organizing a "Secret Pals" group at the church. On Sunday, April 27th there was a covered dish lunch to welcome The Thurston's, Russell, Julianne, Katelyn and Rusty.

JONESBORO: Our month began with participation in Hands On Mission Day at Heritage BC on April 5th. It was a good day of DOING MISSIONS. We observed the Lord's Supper on the first Sun. of month. Quarterly Business meeting was held on the 9th. A "work" day was held on the 19th as members gathered to beautify both the inside and outside of our buildings. A meal followed in our "new" fellowship hall. Even though there is still much to do in our new building, we are able to have meals and great fellowship as we enjoy its beauty. A prayer retreat followed worship on the 20th and members attended the SBA Spring Meeting at Eureka in the afternoon. We attended the SBA Hymn Festival at Heritage on the 27th and assisted with bingo at Heritage Hall on the 29th. We rejoice over the addition of a new member by profession of faith and look forward to baptism in May. Our main prayers and concerns of course have been with the Gascon family and meeting their needs. Work will begin soon on their home as we strive to make it "handicapped accessible". We look forward to his returning home, possibly in May.

MT. ZION: On Sunday, April 13th, Mt Zion conducted a Deacon Ordination Service for Randolph Gillispie and Michael Allard. Pastor Coan Agee presided over the service that was well attended by many friends and family members. The Church asks for your prayers for the new Deacons as they serve the Lord, and on meeting needs in the community and the Association. Our Church had 7 members in attendance at the semi-annual SBA meeting April 20th. We were very impressed by the presentation of the efforts that the Association is undertaking in caring for the Gascon family and we look forward to the May 4th service focusing on supporting this family. On Tuesday, April 14th, we ministered to the residents of Britthaven nursing facility, and on the 19th we had a well attended covered dish supper at the church. Finally, we have planned a fish fry and ice cream supper next month to celebrate the 5 members with birthdays in May. Happy birthday in advance and God Bless!

TUSSEKIAH: Calendar events for May: May 6th Deacons Meeting, 7:00 PM, May 10th Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM, May 17th Ladies Fellowship at the "Uptown Coffee Café" in Victoria. Theme: "What's Your Passion"? Jan Bradshaw as Guest Speaker. May 20th Maintenance evening 7:00 PM. May 24th S.S. Event 3:00 PM. May 25th Ladies Bible Study, 4:30 PM.

VICTORIA: Six of our men attended the Associational Baptist Men's Dinner at Crewe Baptist Church on April 1st. Three of our members attended the "Hands on Mission Day" at Heritage BC on April 5th. Our Women on Mission are collecting canned items for the local Salvation Army and also belts and underwear for the Victoria Elementary School children. Our Juniors and Seniors going to the Prom on May 3rd, will be served dinner at the church prior to the prom. Our church plans to participate in the "Juan Carlos Day" on Sunday, May 4th, along with other churches in the Association. Plans are being made to honor our mothers on Mother's Day, May 11th. Our children will sing, and gifts will be given to all of our ladies.

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ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

- 2-3 Pastor-Deacon Retreat, Eagle Eyrie
- 3 **Benefit Spaghetti Supper & Concert for Rev. Juan Carlos Gascon, Ash Camp Baptist Church, Supper: 5:30-630 PM, Concert: 7:00 P.M.**
- 4 **Juan Carlos Gascon Day – Every church is asked to have prayer for Juan and his family and also to take up a special offering for them.**
- 4 **Missions Planning Meeting – Kenbridge BC – 3:00 PM**
Everyone interested in the KY Mission trip in July, or the LA Mission trip in Oct. should be in attendance.
- 4 Virginia Baptist Homes Day
- 5 **Pastor’s Meeting, Dundas BC, 11:00 A.M.**
Guest Speaker: Lee Warren with Stop Hunger Now
RSVP to SBA Office
- 6 **SBA Men’s Rally – Mt. Nebo BC – 6:30 PM**
Guest Speaker: Billy Hutchinson
RSVP to SBA Office
- 11 Mother’s Day
- 13 **Joy Group Meeting, Pisgah BC, 12:00 Noon**
- 13 **Juan Carlos Gascon’s Birthday**
- 16-18 VA Baptist Media Library Workshop, Eagle Eyrie
- 19-21 Senior Adult Retreat, Eagle Eyrie
- 19-25 Associational Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer
- 26 **Memorial Day – Associational Office Closed**
- 28 **SBA Hispanic Task Group Meeting – SBA Office – 1:00 PM**

Looking Ahead:

June 17 – SBA Executive Board Meeting, Jonesboro BC, 6:00 PM

SUMMER CAMP

Date: Weekly camps begin June 16, ending week of August 7th.
Place: Crossroads Camp & Conference Center.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon and sons
Jonathan and J.C.
Dee Dee Hoosier, Director of Bland Ministry Center
Rev. Earl Wallace, Health concerns