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Serving 23 churches



APRIL, 2008

JUAN CARLOS GASCON DAY

Sunday, May 4, 2008, has been designated as Juan Carlos Gascon Day in Southside Baptist Association. On that day, we ask that every church have **prayer** for Juan Carlos, Connie, Jonathan, and J.C. We also asked that you pray for God's guidance in the future ministry of the Hispanic Church. If you know of anyone who can speak Spanish and would be willing to preach, please let me know at the Association office. Finally, we are asking each church to take up a **special offering** for the family on that Sunday. This offering will be for expenses incurred by the family since Juan Carlos's accident. Please send your checks to Kenbridge Baptist Church and mark the check for Juan Carlos. Kenbridge Baptist Church has agreed to act as the church of record for tax purposes. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Also, Juan Carlos has a long recovery period ahead. Pray for him and Connie. Put him on your church prayer list and pray each week that God will guide his recovery. Keep the faith and always know that we love you!

UP-DATE ON JUAN CARLOS

I visited with Juan Carlos and Connie on Easter Sunday morning. He is in very good spirits and has a positive attitude. Connie is resting well at the Hospitality house and both Jonathan and J. C. are doing well staying at the Bradshaw's. Please pray for the family as they go forward in the grace of God. He was relieved that the Association is trying to continue their ministry with Hispanic preachers every Sunday. Information on how to contact him is available at the Association office.



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

From Your Coordinator . . .

How can we help our fellow man? This question is always important in our ministry in the Southside Baptist Association. I always think of ways to help others. I really saw this principle in action in the past two weeks. I am proud of the churches, pastors, and congregations of our Association and how they have rallied around the Gascon family and their ministry since the automobile accident on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. I have never been more proud to serve as your Coordinator of Missions.

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

Attention Men:

Mark your calendar, Sept. 26-27, 2008 for a State Men's Retreat at Ridge Baptist Church with Henry & Tom Blackaby of "Experiencing God" fame. The women have theirs, now we have ours. Hotels are nearby. More on this later.

WOM Opportunities:

Does your WOM group enjoy sewing? Sew a batch of jumpers for Aids Orphans. These are light weight and pack easily. Contact Global Missions at VBMB to connect with a team to deliver. Suggested pattern, McCall's II, M5351 or similar simple dress pattern.

Quilting Opportunities – Gulf Region, Port Sulphar Baptist Church. Make quilts to be given, one to each new owner of the 34 homes that are planned.

Disaster Relief Training

April 5, 2008 – Cool Spring BC – Mechanicsville – Phone # (804) 746-0800

April 12, 2008 – Amhearst BC – Phone # (434) 946-7823

Church librarians and friends are invited to join in the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Virginia Baptist Library Association at the 1008 Spring Conference for Church Librarians, May 16-18 at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center. Registration forms available at www.eagleeyrie.org.



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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).

Upcoming Event:

What: Hands On Missions Day

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2008

Place: Heritage Baptist Church

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

For: All Ages – Children Through Adults

Bring Bag Lunch, Drinks Provided

Mission Opportunities Available (choose only 1)

- "Sew Pretty"
- "Do Me Books"
- "Make & Take"
- "Prayer Walking"
- "Clowning & Care Packages"
- "Care Notes"
- "Furry Friends"
- "Placemats"
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Please plan to join us for this exciting **MISSIONS DAY!!**

WMUV upcoming events:

Women's Silence Retreat:

Date: April 18 – 19, 2008

Place: CrossRoads Conference Center

MOM & ME

Dates: April 25 – 26, April 26 – 27

Place: Eagle Eyrie Conference Center

Summer Camp

Date: Weekly camps begin June 16, ending week of August 7.

Place: CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center

Each WMU director has information on each of above events.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

ELLEN GRAVATT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSOC. CHURCH MEMBERS GOING ON MISSION TRIPS. CONTACT ASSOC. OFFICE FOR APPLICATION FORMS.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Karon Howard, Mt. Nebo, in the loss of her husband, Jimmy, who passed away on Tuesday, March 25.



Church News

BAGBY: Our church distributed food at ALMS House on March 15th. The WMU collected items for "Hands on Missions" to be held April 5th. Our youth have been very busy. Nine youth attended Senior High Weekend at Eagle Eyrie on March 7-9. Eight youth and adults had a roller skating and pizza party. The youth held a "pancake supper" fund-raiser March 29 to raise funds for World Hunger being held at Heritage Church on April 11-12.

CREWE: On Tuesday, March 4, Chris Smith, Senior Pastor of Roberdell BC spoke at the Baptist Men's Supper about Team Plan Ministry. The ABC Bell Choir, The Southern Bells Choir, and the Chimes Choir, directed by Lowell Harper, presented the music for the worship service on Palm Sunday. Children of all ages enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 22 at the home of Sally & James Wilkerson. The Sanctuary was adorned with Easter lilies on the 23rd as the Chancel Choir presented "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference." Beginning in April, the Children's Clubhouse schedule will change to the second and fourth Sundays. Congratulations and thanks go to Ben & Jane Powers for 27 years of caring leadership for our church family.

DRAKES BRANCH: We had many special activities in March. We were blessed by special services for Easter. Many attended the Sunrise Service and enjoyed the breakfast that the men prepared afterwards. We welcomed visitors from the community at the Children's Easter Festival. Many attended the Maundy Thursday service. The boy Scouts held another successful stew fundraiser. On March 27, four left for a mission trip to work with our missionary partner. The Honduran Mission team will share information about their trip on April 13. The Joy In The Morning visiting team continues to enjoy their ministry.

DUNDAS: We praise God for over 100 in attendance Easter Sunday, March 23. We have two adults that are baptismal candidates. Our teens have their annual "lock-in" at the church, March 28 and April 4. Rev. Dennis K Myers, our DOM, spoke at the 11:00 AM Service, March 30. A former pastor, Rev. Dolan Humphries will be the speaker at the "Spring Revival," April 20-23, 7:00 PM nightly. The "Coachmen Quartet" from Staunton, VA will be singing April 27, at the 11:00 AM Service. All are invited to attend.

FRIENDSHIP: Mr. Russell Thurston has joined the staff as Youth Minister, and he will also be working with the children. The children had an Easter Celebration on March 22nd with the telling of the Easter story, refreshments and an egg hunt. Easter morning there was a Sunrise Service with light refreshments afterwards. The youth will participate in the 30 Hour Famine at Heritage in April. Men's Day is April 13 with breakfast and guest speaker. The men will be involved in all aspects of ministry that day. VBS plans are underway for June 9-13 (Cactus Canyon). Applications for the Andrew Weatherford Christian Scholarship are available and deadline is May 2nd.

HERITAGE: Over 100 children and their families enjoyed an Easter Family Picnic at Jeff and Jane Hudgins' home on March 15th. We have greatly enjoyed the residents of the Southside Home participating with us at our Wednesday evening activities, in the Open Hearts Bible Study class, and in our 8:30 AM Worship Service. Heritage Church counts it an honor to be able to host several SBA events this April.

JONESBORO WOW!! What a month this has been for us at Jonesboro, with many highs and lows. We were saddened with the death of Waverly Phillips, husband of Betty Phillips, one of our faithful members, and by the accident of Juan Gascon. Many prayers are being lifted up for both of these families. And, after many, many months of work we were finally able to celebrate with an Easter Sunrise breakfast in our new fellowship hall.

There's still work to be done, but there was enough for us ladies to serve approximately 55 for breakfast after our beautiful Sunrise Service with invited guest from Cedar Creek, our sister church down the road. It was a beautiful day and everyone looks forward to MANY more meals in our new

facility. Our men have been so faithful in their work and we cannot thank them enough. Other monthly events have continued as scheduled. Our youth have been busy and will be leading in our fifth Sunday Worship on the 30th. They will also help with fellowship breakfast that same morning as we continue to use our new facility. It's been a busy month, but we know and trust God as He is in control of all that happens. We can depend on that.

MT. TIRZAH: Feb. 28, We prepared a meal for the BCM at Longwood Univ. March 2, We began the emphasis on N. American Missions, and this continued each Sun. during March. March 12, The Church Fellowship Dinner was prepared by the WMU. March 18, Seven from our church visited the DDM Home, and we hosted the SBC Executive Board Meeting. March 22, The children gathered at the Webb Home for an Easter Egg Hunt. We had a wonderful Sunrise Service on the Dunnivant Farm, and we had a great Resurrection Service later in the day. We will be having our monthly movie night on March 29 for the youth, and we will be watching "End of the Spear" – the story of Nate Saint and Jim Elliott taking the Gospel to the Auca Indians. April 6, The Youth of the community will gather at the Morris Home for fun, food, games and Bible Study. Our website is established and has online sermons and Scripture meditations. The address is <http://tirzahbaptist.com>.

MT. ZION: Our church will be visiting Britthaven nursing facility on Tuesday, April 8th. We enjoy this time with the residents and we pray that it's a blessing for them. We are blessed to have this opportunity to minister to them. On April 13th there will be an Ordination Service for two new elected Deacons. The Church has planned a fellowship covered dish supper on April 19th at 5:30 PM.

PISGAH: We at Pisgah would like to thank Paul Foote for coming to our aid this past month and bringing such a special message to us on such short notice. We're very grateful. We had approx. 55 people attend our March community breakfast and look forward to April 12th at 7:30 AM for our next meeting of fellowship. Thanks to all who made our Easter egg hunt so enjoyable. It took place on the 15th on the parsonage lawn. Easter Sunday was truly a joyful and blessed celebration. It began with the community Easter Sunrise Service with guest speakers, Rev. Whitey Davis and Dr. William "Billy" Wilson. A delicious breakfast was served afterward by the Fellowship Committee and congregation members. Thanks to all for a wonderful job! A beautiful Easter Cantata from church choir and an inspiring message from Pastor Wallace during the 11:00 service concluded the day's festivities, but the celebration of the Risen Lord is everlasting! Please continue prayers for our pastor as he undergoes further medical testing in upcoming days. Also, be prayerful of the Morning Devotion program which Pastor Wallace is scheduled to speak.

TUSSEKIAH: Men's Conference will be held at our church on April 4th and 5th with Evangelist Matt Wilkins. Join us Friday, April 4th at 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for a free steak dinner, with a challenge from our guest speaker. On Saturday, April 5th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Rev. Wilkins will bring the message, and there will be special music each day. For more information call (434) 696-3244.

VICTORIA: Our church participated in the Community Lenten Services on Wednesdays, the Community Palm Sunday Service, and the Community Sunrise Service. Our "Stickin' With Christ" team shared during the Sunrise Service. The VBC Choir presented a cantata "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" during the Easter Worship Service. Lilies adorned the sanctuary given in honor or in memory of loved ones. We have been busy collecting items for the Associational "Hands on Missions Day" and also collecting yard sale items for Longwood BCM's yard sale. Our men are preparing breakfast for everyone at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 30th. The men will sing in the choir. Fifth Sunday is also our Food Pantry donation day.

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ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

- 1 **Associational Baptist Men's Supper, Crewe BC, 6:30 PM, Cost \$10.00 per person. Guest Speaker: Billy Hutchinson from the VBMB.**
- 5 **SBA WMU, Hands on Mission Day, Heritage BC, 9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**
- 5 **BCM YARD SALE, Baptist Student Center, 303 Griffin Blvd., Farmville, VA. - 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 P.M.**
- 5 Disaster Relief Training – Cool Spring BC, Mechanicsville, Phone # (804) 746-0800
- 7 **Pastor's Meeting, Pisgah BC. - 11:00 A.M.**
- 11-13 Acteen Weekender, Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg
- 12 Disaster Relief Training – Amhearst BC, Phone # (434) 946-7823
- 13 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 15 **Connie Gascon's Birthday**
- 18-19 Women's Silence Retreat – CrossRoads Conference Center
- 20 **SBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Eureka BC, 3:00 P.M.**
- 25-26 GA Mom & Me I, Eagle Eyrie
- 26-27 GA Mom & Me II, Eagle Eyrie
- 27 **ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN FESTIVAL, HERITAGE BC, 6:00 P.M. – Theme: "Our Virginia Hymns . . . Revisited!" Refreshments and Fellowship afterward.**

ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

- 2-3 Pastor-Deacon Retreat, Eagle Eyrie
- 4 Virginia Baptist Homes Day
- 5 **Pastor's Meeting, Dundas BC, 11:00 A.M. Guest Speaker: Lee Warren with Stop Hunger Now**
- 13 **Joy Group Meeting, Pisgah BC, 12:00 Noon**
- 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**

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

