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Serving 23 churches



AUGUST, 2008



Work Days for Hispanic Ministry

We had to change the Work Days to August 18—22, 2008. Anyone interested in helping with construction, please call the Assoc. Office at 696-2252. The following projects need to be done.

House for Gascon Family:

1. All doors widened
2. Vent over stove in kitchen
3. Smoke Detectors (2)
4. New wheel chair
5. Bathroom enlarged
6. Tree in front yard trimmed.
7. New storm door for front door

IHBA:

1. Storage shed for lawn mowers
2. Paint church corridor
3. Ramp in Sanctuary for Juan to get to Pulpit (24 inches ht. at present)
4. Install pews in Sanctuary

Some of these projects can be taken care of through the "Gascon Family Fund" and some cannot. Maybe your church will be willing to help with the cost of one of these projects. Example: Materials for the storage shed for the IHBA church.

Please pray for the Gascon family and the Hispanic ministry. Juan Carlos is back in the pulpit preaching, and the attendance has been good. Praise God!



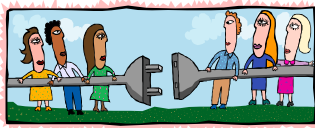
FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

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We wish to praise God for the \$40,000.00 that come in for the "Gascon Family Fund" as well as the monies that came in for the Association Mission Offering. Every church should be proud of the giving of these funds and what we will be able to do with them to glorify God. Thanks you for your prayers and giving in these last few months.

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16



**Youth Task Force
Upcoming Events**

Ice Skating in August

Where: La Haye Ice Center in Lynchburg

When: August 16, 2008

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Skating)

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM (CiCi's Pizza)

Who: 7th grade – High School

(unless your youth group starts at 6th grade)

The ice skating will be paid for by the Association.

Pizza Buffet with drink will cost \$7.00.

Please call Sam Rabon at (434) 392-6119

Hands for Christ

Please put this on your youth calendar and make plans to attend!

When: October 18, 2008

Rain date: October 25, 2008

Time: 7:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Location: Ash Camp Baptist Church

Cost: \$15.00

Grades: Seventh – High School

(unless your youth group starts at sixth grade)

Sponsored by: Youth Task Force

Hosted by: Ash Camp Baptist & Mt. Tirzah Baptist

More information will follow. If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Smith at 736-0657.

SBA TEAM LEADERS

Please fill out the "Budget Request Worksheet" for your Team and return to the SBA Office in order to be included in the SBA Budget for 2008-2009, which begins October 1st.

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).

Week of Prayer for State Missions/Alma Hunt Offering.

Date: September 7 – 14, 2008

Theme: "Live it as you go".

Scripture: "Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life – and place it before God as an offering...readily recognize what He wants from you and quickly respond to it." Romans 12-1-2. (The Message).

Church WMU directors should have received the packet of information from WMUV for promoting this in each of our churches.

As you know, Miss Alma passed away this summer at the beautiful age of 98 after a life devoted to missions. A donation was given to the Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund in her memory from SBA WMU.

New Executive Director/Treasurer named:

After much prayer and study, the Search Committee unanimously recommends Mrs. Laura S. McDaniel to be presented to the membership of WMUV to serve as the next Executive Director/Treasurer. Laura will be presented to the WMUV membership at a **Called Meeting** on September 6, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA. All WMU members are invited to attend this special meeting as it will be a time of celebration and commitment to reflect on the rich heritage and the exciting future of WMUV. We hope to have a good number from our Association attending. If you need any additional information, please give me a call.

ATTENTION DIRECTORS: Yearly Reports due in September:

It's that time again...time to get your yearly reports to me on your happenings for the past year. Forms for this were included in recent mail outs from WMUV. Let me know if you have questions.

WOMEN'S GET-AWAY:

Date: November 7-8, 8-9

Place: Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA

Theme: **We Are Family! I Got All My Sisters With Me!**

Registration opens August 1st

New Emphasis 2008-2010:

"Called To Love"

Watchword: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself"

Matthew 22:37-39



Church News

ASH CAMP: It's time to elect Deacons – 21 years old and using the Biblical guideline using I Timothy 3:8-13, a member of Ash Camp at least one full year, attend worship and S.S. 50% of time. Deadline for returning all ballots to church office, Sunday, August 10. Bring friends and join Farmville United Methodist Woman and New Life Assembly of God on August 1-2 to spend time with God and Beth Moore, renowned author from Louisville, KY. This will be a fun filled Bible study teaching, and worship experience to enrich your mind, soul and spirit. Cost \$25.00
Aug. 1, Friday, 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM. Aug. 2, Sat. 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. at New Life Assembly of God, Farmville United Methodist Church. Phone # 392-4686.

BAGBY: The annual July 4 Pig Pickin' was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. July 7-11 Bagby journeyed to Jerusalem Marketplace for VBS. Our enrollment of 61 was the largest enrollment Bagby has ever had. We had two additions to the church during the month. Our church distributed food at ALMS House on July 19. Our youth went camping July 20th, and helped one of our senior members with some outside cleaning on July 21.

BURKEVILLE : Our church Youth will attend the "Youth Encounters" at the Richmond International Raceway, July 31 & August 1st. The Deacons and Council Members will meet on August 4th to hear "Stop Hunger Now" by Lee Warren. Rev. Willie Smith, Chaplain for Southside Community Hospital, will be the guest speaker for the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, August 10th. Also on August 20th, 6:00 PM, there will be a covered dish supper in the fellowship hall, followed by a Gospel Singing Group from North Carolina, "The Social Security Boys" at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music. There will be a ALMS House Board Meeting on August 4th, with Burkeville Baptist to serve the ALMS House on August 23rd. The WOM will meet with Shirley Fowlkes on Tuesday, August 19th. The program will be "Christmas in August". A Blood Drive will be held August 16th.

CREWE: The Philathea S.S. Class invited Wanda Templeton Stewart, missionary in Bangkok, Thailand, to speak in May. The Baptist Men hosted a dinner and an evening of fellowship and entertainment for the widows of the church in June. Margaret Mann was recognized as the oldest mother present at the worship service on Mother's Day, and Willie Ellett was recognized as the oldest father on Father's Day. VBS, Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth, brought together 167 children from the community and 49 adult volunteers during June. Thirteen youth and four chaperones participated in Student Life Camp during July 13-18 at Liberty University. The Gideon's will speak during the Worship Service on Aug. 10th. Mark your calendars: Crewe BC, 120th Anniversary Celebration, Aug. 24th, Historical presentation during the S.S. hour; special Worship Service with guest speaker Dr. Delos Miles; special commissioned anthem, O God, Our Help in Ages Past, for organ, piano, bells, and Chancel Choir (past & present), by David Schwoebel, Minister of Music, Derbyshire BC, Richmond; church picnic at Hooper Park, with music by the Crewe Boys, in the afternoon.

DRAKES BRANCH: The ladies of Drakes Branch enjoyed a Pearls of Wisdom Tea on July 12. We shared great food and fellowship at the home of our hostess. We also examined Titus 2:3-5, and what it meant for us as ladies in our church. We were blessed to have two speakers who shared their thoughts with us. Our church recently partnered with a missionary in Central Asia for an audio translation project. Translators will take an existing translation of Luke and Acts and adapt it for two local dialects. Our Joy in the Morning visitation team continues to enjoy their ministry. The ladies have a prayer meeting every Friday morning at 8:30, and all are invited to attend.

DUNDAS: We had a good VBS week in June, with an average of over 60 in attendance, and three decisions for Christ. We also welcomed six new members in July, with four baptisms. On July 4th, we had a great Patriotic Rally with a pledge to the flag, singing our National anthem, and then a delicious meal served by the ladies of our church was enjoyed by all. Sunday, August 10th, at 8:30 AM, we are having a Men's Breakfast at our church.

HERITAGE: Job Advertisement: Our church seeks a qualified individual for part-time (32 hrs/wk) position of Administrative Assistant. The individual is responsible to the Pastor for performing administrative, secretarial, and financial duties of a confidential nature. Other duties related to the ministries of the church are also required: Minimum Qualifications: H.S. graduate. Proficiencies in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Mail Merge, and accounting software programs. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Send resume and 3 letters of reference to: Personnel Committee, Heritage Baptist Church, 700 Milnwood Road, Farmville, VA 23901. Reference letters should include mention of work with confidential information, if possible. Review of applications will begin August 1st, and will continue until the position is filled.

JONESBORO: Our summer has been a busy one at Jonesboro. After 3 baptisms in May there were 2 additional ones in July, and we continue to praise God for all He is doing in our midst. The Gascon family has been our main focus these past months as they have returned home and adjusted to a new way of life. We were happy to host a reception for the family in our fellowship hall on June 22 with many of our Assoc. churches coming laden with gifts for the family. The love shown that afternoon was beyond words and as the prayers continue we can see an improvement in Juan on a weekly basis. Our quarterly business meeting was held on the 9th of July and S.S. workers met on the 12th to begin planning for the coming church year. Prayer warriors continue to meet on a monthly basis for light lunch and prayer concerns. A S.S. picnic was held on Sun. July 27 with good food and fellowship. Mother Nature brought rain for which we were grateful, and we were forced to eat in our new fellowship hall. The construction continues on the rest of our S.S. building as our men work when time allows following their regular jobs. We appreciate their faithfulness and hard work. Due to the ongoing construction, we have not been able to hold a VBS this summer, but may in the fall if it can be worked out for a one day event. We continue to assist with bingo at Heritage Hall on the 5th Tuesdays and enjoy our ministry there.

MT. TIRZAH: Bible School was held June 9-13 each morning. The average daily attendance was 47 and everyone reported a good week of learning and fun. The closing program was held on Sunday morning during the worship hour. The children did a good job of singing and verses. The children brought canned goods and staples as their offering each day to donate to Charlotte Co. Food Pantry. Several of our men and teens took part in a Discipleship Hike June 20-22. We trust they gained in physical and spiritual exercise. A covered dish meal was held June 8th to honor Pastor Matthew Rondeau upon his graduation from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 23, 2008.

PISGAH: The summer has been going well for Pisgah. We had a great time with VBS, and appreciate everyone's hard work and especially thank the dedicated children and their parents who make it all worth while. We've had several special occasions for celebration over the past couple of months: Lewis & Virginia Martin on their 50th wedding anniversary, and Linda Reid, our faithful music director, was blessed with the birth of twin granddaughters. We also warmly welcome our newest members Hunter & Matthew Schuchman who were baptized on July 13th. We are also joyful for the profession of faith of our brother, Robert Manning, who is also a candidate for baptism. Thanks to our choir for their faithfulness and commitment to sharing God's word through song especially this past month of July in your visits to Holly Manor. Please continue to pray for the radio devotional program and all of those involved so that God's word may reach those that otherwise may never receive the blessing of salvation through Jesus, our Savior. The AWANA program is scheduled to start the new session in just a few weeks. Please encourage the young people in your life to become involved in this wonderful time of learning. Again, we ask for dedication from parents for the continued success of this program.

SHARON: One of our young people, Lydia Bass, will leave June 20 on a mission trip to Ecuador with a group of young people. We will have a Baptismal Service in July for several young people joining our church. Saturday, June 28 a group of young people, as well as adults, went to the Holy Land U.S.A. in Bedford. This was an enjoyable trip. We linked up with Red Lane Baptist Church in Powhatan for a mission trip to Norfolk, VA on July 5 - July 12. This was for children, youth and adults.

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ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST

- Aug. 1 Registration opens for the Women's Get-Away at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 7-8 or Nov. 8-9.
- 4-8 Centri-Kid III, Eagle Eyrie
- 16 **SBA Youth Task Force – Ice Skating**
La Haye Ice Skating in Lynchburg
- 16 **Pastor's Steak Dinner, Home of Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Shelton, 1334 Raccoon Crossing Rd., Burkeville.**
RSVP to SBA Office - Phone #(434) 696-2252.
- 18-22 **Work Days for Juan Carlos Gascon & Hispanic Ministry – Dates changed from Aug. 4-8, 2008.**
- 22-23 Praise Team Weekend, Eagle Eyrie

Looking Ahead:

- Sept. 1 **Labor Day – Associational Office Closed**
- 7-14 **Alma Hunt Offering for VA Mission Emphasis/Week of Prayer.**
- 9 **Joy Group Meeting, Friendship BC, 12:00 Noon**
- 13 **Southside Walk-A-Thon, 9:30 AM, Heritage Church**
- 16 **SBA Executive Board Meeting, Location TBA**
- 23 **Ministries New to VA Orientation, VBRC, Richmond**

The schedule for “C to Shining C” in Southside Association is set.

“C to Shining C: is the planned walk by Hope Tree staff to walk from Cumberland Gap to Chincoteague promoting their ministry. The following churches will host the walkers:

- Aug. 27th PM, Heritage Church
Aug 28th noon, Pisgah Church; PM Burkeville Church for the meeting and at Bagby Church for lodging.
Aug. 29th, noon Crewe Church; PM Blackstone Church

Other churches are invited to join at these locations. Each gathering affords an excellent opportunity to learn about the ministry of Hope Tree to children, families, and handicapped adults.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon and sons
Jonathan and J.C.

Praise God that Juan is preaching at the IHBA church, and attendance is up. A handicapped van has been purchased for Juan.

Dee Dee Hoosier, Director of Bland Ministry Center.

Louisiana Mission Trip – Sept. 17-26

Dennis K. Myers – Surgery in August

Rev. Earl Wallace

Rev. Ben Powers