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Southside Baptist Association Partnership with HopeTree AN IMPORTANT UPDATE; New Information

BACKGROUND:

The idea of a DDM (Developmental Disabilities Ministries) Home in Southside began in 2000 and by 2003, construction was well underway and funds were being raised. Within 3 years, over \$200,000 was available for construction and two acres of land had been donated by Heritage Baptist Church of Farmville as a building site. The Jay Stolfus Construction Company was chosen as the prime contractor and he agreed that volunteer labor and donations would be acceptable. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on September 26, 2004.

Since that September day, the Lord blessed this project with in-kind gifts, volunteer labor, mission groups, good weather, donations, and answers to seemingly unanswerable problems. Major furnishings for the home were awarded to the home on a grant written to KOVAR of the Knights of Columbus. Staff furniture, kitchen cabinets, and all appliances were donated by individual donors from across the State. Accessories for each room were sponsored by individuals or small church groups from Southside Baptist Association. When we had Open House on March 30, 2006 and began operations, the project was completely paid for, the entire Home was furnished and accessorized, the pantry was full of food, and we still had some funds left. It was an amazing ride for everyone involved in the project. The total cost of the Home in 2006 was \$485,750 and the actual outlay of funds was \$265,959. Volunteer help and donations took care of fifty percent of the overall project.

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Special Needs Task Group of our Association recently met to discuss renewal our partnership with HopeTree Family Services (previously known as The Virginia Baptist Children's Home and Family Services). There exist mixed feelings within our Association whether or not to continue our Development Disability Ministry (DDM) and Partnership with HopeTree at our Southside Adult Home. Many of the Association churches have not shown support for the Home during the four years since we opened, volunteers have not come forward on a consistent basis to help with maintenance of the Home, and a general lack of interest has led us to take another look at our existing situation.

To add to our concerns, our Chairman of the Special Needs Committee, Rev. Clyde Shelton, is now an interim pastor in another Association and the Harrisons, who have been on the committee from the onset, are moving in August outside of the area. As a result of these moves, additional folks are required to be members of the committee and to volunteer to be available to help accomplish outside work and maintenance on the Home.

So, now, in 2010, the leaders, pastors, churches, and members of Southside Baptist Association are urged to **step up to the plate and put forth support**. How can you do this? Arrange for small groups to visit the home and give the residents a party – Call the Manager at 434-315-0046. Volunteer to help with outside maintenance – call the committee coordinator, Harold Longworth at 434-223-7524 to ask for jobs that need to be done. Call the home and arrange to pick up the residents to attend a function within your church activities. The list goes on and on.

Our partner, HopeTree Family Services, manages the Southside Home for us and it is worthy to know that our DDM Home is one of 17 homes scattered throughout the State of Virginia. Our home was number 12 and homes are rapidly being added in all areas of Virginia. The staff of HopeTree guided by Dr. Stephen Richerson is anxious to visit churches and small groups within our Association to spread the word about the work that HopeTree does. Dr. Richerson or one of the Vice Presidents will be happy to speak at any worship service of your church when pastors are on vacation or leave. They can be reached at 540-389-5468 or call me on my cell (434-390-0075) and I will arrange a speaker for you.

As I leave Southside Baptist Association, I will miss you and my work with you. May the Lord bless you and may the Southside Home continue to be a blessing to the Association.

Hazel Harrison – Heritage Baptist Church
and HopeTree Board of Trustees Member



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR...

This month, we will be looking at ways we can serve our Lord. Pray that God will allow each person to serve and be active in Southside Baptist Association.

**Dennis K. Myers,
Your Coordinator of**

**Missions
Matthew 5:16**



Mission Trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation

There will be 250 people from across Virginia traveling to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakota's July 18th – August 14th, leading Vacation Bible School, and working with the women. Not all will be going at the same time. Southside Baptist Association will be going August 1-7. There will be 21 people from our Association going. Pray for us as we travel, minister, and share God's love with native Americans there.

**Betty Marker
Partnership Missions Chair person**



WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

As part of our 50th Anniversary year, in April 2012 we will celebrate with an On Mission Celebration. This was formally called a Missions Fair, and we have not done this in our Association in over eight years. As your Coordinator of Missions, I am excited about having Association, State, and Denomination missionaries come to SBA and tell about how they serve our Lord and carry out the Great Commission. If you would like to help with this project, please call me at the Association Office.



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**New Emphasis 2010-2012: UNHINDERED
Watchword 2010-2012: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"**

We're excited about our new emphasis and watchword....our question to each of you is...What is it that keeps you from doing what each of us is called to do...missions? Think about this as we prepare for our new year in WMU. Pray that each of us will be able to overcome the barriers...to be free...to do God's will.

Week of Prayer for State Missions, Alma Hunt Offering:

Date: September 12 – 19, 2010

Theme: Opening Doors

Church directors should receive packet of information from WMUV by first of August. Go to www.wmuv.org with questions.

Raise the Roof @ CrossRoads:

Date: September 16-19

Calling ALL willing volunteers – bring your tools and able bodies with enthusiasm to put your heart, hands, feet, and back into it!! The plan is to put new roofs on all cabins, meeting lodges, and the gym IN ONE WEEKEND. This is going to be an exciting event filled with great food, great accommodations, great fellowship and great opportunity to be a part of something HUGE!!! Register online at www.wmuv.org/raisethe roof or call WMUV office at 1-800-255-2428. WE NEED YOU!!!

Women's Get – Away:

Theme: Seasons of Becoming

Date: November 5-6 and 6-7, 2010

Register online beginning August 2nd at www.wmuv.org/getaway



Church News

BAGBY MEMORIAL: A great crowd enjoyed a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun at the Annual Pig Pickin' on July 4th. The Youth Group attended Kingsfest on Friday, July 9th, and enjoyed a day of rides and an evening of Christian music. Two new members were baptized on Sunday, July 10th. Baby Dedication Service was held on Sunday, July 17th. The WMU led the church in collecting items for the Gascon Family and collecting money for the SBA Mission Trip. Bagby continues to serve Alms House, the food pantry in Burkeville. Youth Night continues weekly on Wed., at 7:00 p.m. and Choir Practice continues on Thur. at 7:30 p.m.

BURKEVILLE: On July 11th, Dallas Basinger came forward to say she wanted to be baptized. Praise the Lord! Congratulations to Rocco & Crystal Rotondo on the birth of their daughter Emily Elizabeth Grace on July 23rd! BBC will host the monthly ALMS House meeting on Monday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, August 7th, our church will serve at the ALMS House. On Sunday, August 29th, we will have our 5th Sunday Church Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Our Nominating Committee is working hard to fill the committees for the 2010-2011 church year. May God give them guidance as they try to fill all the open slots.

DUNDAS: We had a successful VBS week, July 5-9, with an average attendance of 60. Four young people were saved, and three of them were baptized July 25th. Gem Jenkins, Sharon Dalton, and Christy Edmonds are among the mission teams traveling to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakota's. Our Youth participated in the BCM Work Day, and our church will receive a love offering for their ministry. Our WMU II had Rummage Sales to raise money to help the young people in our church to buy school supplies as they return to school.

EUREKA: Christian sympathy extended to the family of Ms. Ethel Baker, a faithful member of WMU who passed away on May 21st. She will be missed.

HERITAGE: July was a full month at Heritage. Some of the highlights included a Baptismal Service on July 11th, our women enjoyed a Rubber Stamping Extravaganza on July 10th, our youth and children attended Centrifuge, and Centrikid, and people of all ages enjoyed our Fun Fridays.

JONESBORO: The months of June and July were busy as usual with normal monthly meetings as well as several additions "fun" times with great food and fellowship. We held 2 "work" days with one being spent at the home of one of our senior members, doing a little cleaning and sprucing up for him, while the other was working on our own facility, getting ready for upcoming events. One of our highlights was the Assoc. Ice Cream fellowship and Pounding for the Gascon family. It was so good to welcome Assoc. members and share together the home made ice cream (banana, strawberry, vanilla, and pina colada) and see the outpouring of love expressed for the Gascon family with the bounty of gifts. It was a wonderful afternoon and much appreciated. Our Sunday School picnic was another highlight, even though the temperature outside was 101 we managed to stay cool INSIDE with the AC, and let the children enjoy the water balloon toss and other fun outdoor activities. Each month we enjoyed our prayer retreat, dinner, and movie. Upcoming events include our 2nd annual YARD EXTRAVANGANZA GIVE AWAY, planned for the 14th of Aug., and our HUGE BANANA SPLIT Sunday, planned for the 29th. Everyone is welcome at these special times!!! I think we will all be ready for Fall and cooler temperatures....it's been a fast, HOT few months so far!!

KENBRIDGE: In early July KBC members made up nearly half the team of 20 missionaries that went to Mexico to build a house for an impoverished family. This is an annual event that is looked forward to by many of our church members who get the opportunity to, literally, build a foundation and a home for a family less fortunate than their own. We also have a church member who will be participating in the

Standing Rock mission trip scheduled for August, and we will be praying that God will open up many opportunities for that team to be Christ's 'hands and feet' in that community. During the summer (June) we had a very successful VBS, complete with a VBS Worship Sunday Celebration that was led by Tanya Parks, our VBS Director, and the children and youth who participated in our week-long 'High Seas Adventure'. The BRIDGE (the Kenbridge community youth group) continued to have their monthly meetings which included their annual pool party to 'beat the heat' and have some fun, food & fellowship. KBC remains committed to staying active and involved in missions, worship and community outreach. We are planning a Children and Youth Led Worship for September - these services are always enthusiastically supported as our young people lead us in praising God and in conveying the timeless message of God's love for us from their unique perspective.

MT. TIRZAH: We had a great VBS. We had many children from the community as well as our own. The children learned a lot about God as taught by our Pastor Matt Rondeau. We are preparing for planning meeting of our S.S. to get ready for Fall, and discuss some of the ideas that were presented at the Seminar.

PISGAH: Our church would like to start off with congratulations to Frank & Kim Hailey upon the arrival of Emma Grace Brown on June 7th. VBS on "Saddle Ridge Ranch" was a great time during June. Thanks to all of those who dedicated their time and energy during the busy week. You're very much appreciated. Special thanks to Dawn Schmidt, Garland Carmichael, Sammy & Lucy Thompson, and Steven and Dylan Wallace. Thanks also, to Bill Jenkins for providing refreshments. Please support Morning Devotions at 8:45 a.m. daily on WFLO 870 AM. Pastor Earl will be speaking on Aug. 23-27; Sept. 6-10; Sept. 27-Oct. 1st, and Nov. 22-26. Our church family would like to extend Christian sympathy to member, Linda Layne, and family in the passing of her father, Claude Graves. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Rev. 21:4 The Pisgah Baptist Choir will be visiting Holly Manor each Sunday during the month of August for morning devotion with song. Lastly, our church family would like to thank Pastor Earl and Shirley Wallace for their love and dedication of service for the past 25 years, and for the many years to come. We celebrated with a covered-dish lunch held after services on July 25th. Earl and Shirley were presented with special gifts from the congregation and the body of deacons gave them tickets to two shows, Joseph and Psalms of David, at the Sight & Sound Theater in Pennsylvania. Thanks again, Earl & Shirley! We love you.

SHARON: Our VBS was held on July 11-16 with 28 children and youth enrolled plus 17 teachers and workers for a total enrollment of 45. The children, youth, and teachers and workers gave \$389.51 for the Gascon family, and also collected over 100 items for the "pounding" for the Gascons. On Sat., July 31st, 16 adults and 5 children toured the Norfolk Naval Base aboard the Victory Rover, and visited the Nauticus Naval Museum and the battleship Wisconsin. A back to school swim party will be held for the children and youth at the home of Robert and Anna Jenkins on Sat. Aug. 21st topped off by a pizza party for supper.

VICTORIA: Vacation Bible School in the park was exciting and quite successful and we had around 75 in attendance. Deacon Election will be July 25th and August 1st. Baptism Service is planned on July 25th for Cliff & Paul Sherwood and Garrett Williams. Rev. Hare and others helped paint at Longwood's BCM building. Eleven volunteers attended the Family Mission Week at Eagle Eyrie July 19-24. Our nine volunteers are prepared for the Associational Standing Rock Mission Trip in August. Sunday School Promotion Day is Sunday, August 29th. The annual fish fry and talent show is August 29th beginning at 5:30 p.m.



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Calendar of Events

August

- 1-7 **Standing Rock Mission Trip to North/South Dakota**
- 2-4 **Centri-Kid 4, Eagle Eyrie**
- 16 **Stewardship Conference, Blackstone BC, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**
- 17 **Sunday School Growth Seminar, Victoria BC, 12:00 noon, Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to SBA Office. This Seminar is for Pastors, Sunday School Directors and Nominating Committee Chair persons.**
- 20-21 **Praise Weekend, Eagle Eyrie**

September

- 2 **Stewardship Conference, Farmville BC, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
- 6 **Labor Day, SBA Office Closed**
- 12 **SBA presents “A Praise Gathering”, Victoria BC, 2:30 p.m. Duets, Solos, Trios, Instrumentals, Quartets, Congregational Singing. All churches in our Association are invited to participate in this event.**
- 12-19 **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer. Theme: Opening Doors**
- 14 **Joy Group Meeting, Friendship Baptist Church, 12:00 noon**
- 16-19 **Raise the Roof at CrossRoads**
- 17-18 **Sunday School Summit, Eagle Eyrie**
- 21 **SBA Executive Board Meeting – Mt. Nebo BC – 6:00 p.m.**
- 21 **Orientation of Ministers New to VA, VBRC**
- 26 **Religious Herald Sunday**
- 30-10/2 **Gloria Deo VA Baptist Church Music Conference, Richmond**

October

- 4 **Pastor’s Meeting – Crewe BC – 11:00 a.m.**
- 7-9 **Children’s Ministry Certification, VBRC**
- 8-10 **Junior High Weekend, Eagle Eyrie**
- 12-13 **VA Baptist Mission Board Meeting, VBRC**
- 15-17 **Special Needs Retreat, Eagle Eyrie**
- 17 **SBA Annual Meeting, Farmville BC, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- 29-31 **Axis Fall Collegiate Conference, Eagle Eyrie**
- 30 **Stop Hunger Now event at Ash Camp BC, 10:00 a.m.**
- 31 **Consider Your Call Sunday**



PRAYER REQUEST:

Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon & family, pastor of IHBA
Rev. Earl Wallace, pastor of Pisgah BC
Blackstone BC and Bagby BC as they seek pastors
Associational Mission Offering that we will reach our goal of \$7,000.
BCM at Longwood and Hampden-Sydney campuses
Standing Rock Mission Trip to North/South Dakota, Aug. 1-7, 2010
Pat Harbuck, wife of G.C. Harbuck, former interim pastor at
Blackstone Baptist Church has lymphoma.
Charlie Brownlee, member of Eureka Baptist Church.
Dennis K. Myers, SBA COM, as he is having heart related surgery on
August 13th at the Veterans Hospital.
Rev. Charlie Schumaker, member of Victoria BC had a knee
replacement.