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Serving 23 churches



December 2009 – January 2010

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FROM YOUR COORDINATOR...

On January 8, 2010 the minister's meeting will be held at the IHBA church. This is a change from our usual meeting which is usually held on a Monday. This is being done because Dr. Bradshaw and his wife Sylvia will be hosting this meeting along with Rev. Gascon and his wife Connie so the pastors can see the Hispanic church and hear about the programs being planned for the future. I hope that all pastors will make every effort to be present and learn how each church can become more involved with the Hispanic ministry!

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

Church Management Guidebook

Provided by the Support Services Team
of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board

Pastors, we have a binder on Church Management, and would like each pastor to see it. If you would like to borrow this binder, please contact Lois in the Association office. The binder has such topics as budgets, risk management, business meetings, interim pastors, and other needed subjects for churches, pastors, and committees.

Stop Hunger Now Report

Volunteers assembled at Heritage Baptist and Victoria Baptist Churches on September 19, 2009 to package high protein, dehydrated meals for use in crisis-burdened areas. The meals were shipped to an organization in Monrovia, Liberia called Emkweltmission Children Projects. There, former child soldiers and young girls, who were victims of rape/violence during the decades-long civil war, will eat the food that you packaged. Your packaging event will made a significant and tangible difference in the lives of these children and teens.

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THANK YOU to Heritage, Ash Camp, Kenbridge, Sharon, Mt. Nebo, Farmville, Dundas, and Mt. Tirzah for using BCM students in a worship service this fall. Twenty-two different students gave testimonies, sang, read scripture, shared about BCM or gave a children's message. Many of the current leadership team mentored younger students by bringing them along to your churches. Thank you for helping to train future leaders!

ECHOES
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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

Update from SBA International Mission Study:

Out study was held on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at the BCM building in Farmville with approx. 35 in attendance. Dr. Donkor presented a very informative program on the work that he has been able to do through the years in Africa. He wore African clothing and shared in pictures something of the life style there. Our session ended with a time for questions and answers. Linda Bolan was able to also share some of the facts and figures from the IMB material "Who's Missing? Whose Mission?" We missed those of you who were not able to attend, and hope that each church will be using the prayer calendar and envelopes from WMUV to promote this in our churches.

Upcoming Planning Meeting:

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010
Place: Sheldon's Restaurant , Keysville
Time: 9:00 a.m.

This meeting (breakfast) is for all WMU directors and others who are interested in helping with the planning of the Missions Day coming in April. There is much to discuss as we plan for this important day. Let's have each church represented. Hope to see you there!!

Coming in February:

What: **TEA OF LOVE**
When: Saturday, February 6, 2010
Where: Victoria Baptist Church
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Get those **HATS** and **RED DRESSES** ready!! It's TEA time!!!





Church News

ASH CAMP: Our Sanctuary has been under renovation, but the finishing touches and clean-up are underway. Carpet is scheduled to come Nov. 23rd. Worship and choir practice continues to be held in the Fellowship Hall during the renovations. Youth Christmas Program will be on Sunday, Dec. 6th. Fellowship breakfast will be held on Dec. 6th sponsored by class #11, and WOM. Ash Camp gave 76 **Christmas Child boxes**. There were 376 total collected from all churches in our drop off place. Other opportunities for holiday giving that we cooperate with are: Uganda Shoe Drive, Piedmont Hospital, Christmas Parent, Charlotte County Social Services.

BAGBY: Our church has welcomed several guest speakers including Woody Fisher, Eugenia Freiburger, and Bob Smith. Bob Smith will be speaking during the month of December. The youth group went to Eagle Eyrie Oct. 23-25 for their Fall Retreat. Youth spent Saturday working on campus cleaning brush, painting, and planting flowers. The youth group also participated in **Hands for Christ** at Heritage Baptist on Nov. 7th. The WMU has been active in mission projects including: Collecting items for residents of Piedmont Geriatric Hospital and baking cookies for Longwood BCM student care packages. WMU members attended the Mission Study with Dr. Donkor at the Longwood BCM. The church collected over 40 shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. The choir will perform **“And Glory Shone Around”** on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m., and a time of refreshments will follow. The Christmas play and dinner will be held on Sun., Dec. 20th.

CREWE: Upcoming Events: November 29, 6:30 p.m., Hanging of the Greens – Dec. 11 & 12, 7:00 p.m., **“The Living Nativity”**, a musical drama – Dec. 13, 12:00 p.m., Lottie Moon Luncheon, potato bar – Dec. 14-16, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Live Nativity – Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., **“Ring Out the Good News”**, bells and chimes concert – Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Service.

DUNDAS: The ladies Sunday School class participated in **Operation Christmas Child**. Our church choir sang at the community Thanksgiving Service held at the Perseverance church. Our Christmas program, **“Christmas on Canvas”** will be held December 19th at 6:30 p.m. followed by gift exchange and refreshments. The Christmas cantata, **“Light of the World”** will be presented December 20th at 11:00 a.m. On January 16th, we will have a youth movie/game night.

JONESBORO: Our church was happy to host the **SBA JOY** group on Tuesday, Nov. 10th with great food and wonderful fellowship. We also participated in **Operation Christmas Child** with 16 shoeboxes being delivered to Ash Camp. Thanksgiving luncheon was held on the 22nd, and that evening we completed our three week study of **The Purpose of Christmas** book by Rick Warren. It was wonderful. The **Yule Log** service and **Hanging of the Greens** was held on the 28th as we prepare for the Christmas season. We gathered on Sunday morning, 29th, for breakfast, followed that evening with dinner and movie, all of this in addition to our usual monthly activities. Our puppets will present a Christmas program on the 13th followed by a birthday party for Jesus. Adult choir program will be presented on the 20th. We wish each of you a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**.

KENBRIDGE: Our Focus on Family continued during the month of November as children, youth and some of their parents led us in worship on Christ the King Sunday (November 22), and as our church family gathered for dinner, “decking the halls”, and Christmas caroling at our annual ‘Hanging of the Greens’ event November 30. During the Advent Season, we look forward to our Children’s Christmas Pageant, **‘Angel Alert’** on December 13th and our Community Christmas Cantata, **‘Christmas Mosaic’** on December 20th as people of all ages share the Gospel story in word, music and song, and to celebrate that Christ, our Lord **Emmanuel** is indeed **with us!**

MT. TIRZAH: We will be hosting a community wide Thanksgiving Service, and fellowship in place of our regular Wed. night service. The Wednesday night Bible Study has been growing, and choir practice has begun again with new voices. Plans for Christmas have been made, and the decorations will soon be in place. December is a special time in our church and you can feel the energy.

MT. ZION: Our church held its annual Senior dinner on November 22nd. It was well attended and the food was delicious. On the 29th we held our traditional “fifth” Sunday breakfast. Dec. 8th we plan to visit Britthaven nursing facility. We have our Christmas program called **“Tell the Story”** scheduled for the 20th, and we go Christmas caroling on the 22nd. **Merry Christmas and God Bless to all in the Association.**

PISGAH: November began with a birthday celebration for Louise Farley who turned 90. We had a good crowd at the Nov. community breakfast, and would like to thank Pastor Jeff Hudgins from Heritage Baptist for his “Above and Beyond” message. The next breakfast will be on Dec. 12 to include special music. Thank you to Steve and Annah Bowen for heading up the youth’s great outing with pizza and bowling on Nov. 15th. The youth group plans to tour the Bethlehem Walk on Sunday, Dec. 6th, along with other church members and friends. Our church family has been working hard on preparations for our first “Hanging of the Greens” service. This was a long-time desire of one of our members, the late Pay Mottley, and it is finally coming together for the first time this year. There will be special scripture readings and music throughout the service as the congregation decorates the sanctuary. The children will sing, and our Pisgah Biblical Chimers will give their first performance. All followed by a light lunch. What a wonderful way to start the celebration of our Lord’s birth. We would like to wish everyone a **Blessed Christmas and New Year**.

SHARON: The Dedication Service for the new addition to the church was Nov. 8th. A large crowd enjoyed the service. This new addition was enjoyed again on Sat. night, Nov. 21st, when we had our Annual Thanksgiving meal. Members brought a great variety of gifts for the patients at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital. On Wed. night, Nov. 25th, we had our community Thanksgiving service at Jamestown Presbyterian Church. Members of Pisgah Baptist will join with us from Jamestown and Sharon. Students in the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Longwood University shared with us in our morning Worship on Nov. 15th. The children and youth are practicing for a special Christmas program that will be held on Dec. 20th at 6:00 p.m. This will be followed by refreshments.

VICTORIA: Christmas Activities: Nov. 29th, 7:00 pm, “Hanging of the Greens” Service. Dec. 1st, 10:30 a.m., Week of Prayer for Missions, and Christmas offerings followed by lunch. Dec. 19th, 10:00 a.m. Children’s Birthday Party for Jesus. Dec. 20th, 11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata and 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program, followed by refreshments.



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Calendar of Events – December, 2009

- 11/29-12/6 Week of Prayer International Missions and Lottie Moon Offering.
- 12/18 Pastor’s/Wives Christmas Party at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Leroy Bradshaw, 509 College Ave., Blackstone, 5:30 p.m.**
- 12/24 – 1/03 SBA Office closed**
- 12/25 Christmas Day

Calendar of Events – January 2010

- Jan . 8 Pastor’s Meeting – IHBA Church, 1742 Blackstone Road, Kenbridge, 11:00 a.m. (This Pastor’s meeting is to be held on Friday, not Monday)**
- Jan. 12 Joy Group Meeting, Meherrin Baptist Church 1810 Bruceville Rd., Meherrin, 12:00 noon.**
- 16 WMU Directors Planning Meeting Sheldon’s Restaurant, Keysville, 9:00 a.m.**
- 19 Executive Board Meeting, Sharon Baptist Church, 14 Sandy River Rd., Green Bay, VA 23942**
6:00 – 6:45 Teams Meeting
6:45 – 7:30 Dinner
7:30 – 8:30 Executive Board Meeting

Looking Ahead:

February 6, 2010, “Tea of Love”, Victoria Baptist Church, 2:00 p.m. Get those HATS and RED DRESSES ready!! It’s TEA time!



PRAYER REQUEST

Rev. Juan Carlos Gascon, and the IHBA ministry.

Rev. Jimmy Lewis, pastor of the Union Grove Baptist Church.

Pray for Blackstone BC, Burkeville BC, and Bagby Memorial BC as they seek pastors.

Pray that our churches will give generously to the annual Lottie Moon offering.

Ms. Louise Lawrence, (Judy Clay’s mother) , Blackstone Baptist Church.

