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Serving 23 churches



December, 2008 – January, 2009



STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR

On Monday, January 5, 2009, Southside Baptist Association will sponsor a stewardship seminar at Burkeville Baptist Church. Dinner will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by a presentation by Dr. Don Campbell on stewardship. Dr. Campbell is a pastor in Virginia and works with the Virginia Baptist Mission Center in Richmond. There will also be a representative from Crown Financial Ministries to answer questions and make appointments with churches on stewardship. Pastors, treasurers, deacon chairman, and finance committee chairman are invited. It is very important that we as Christians, churches, and congregations take seriously our commitment to God through giving. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the Word of God and learn more about being good stewards of all He has given to us. Please call the Association with reservations.

BAPTIST MEN'S RALLY

Our annual Baptist Men's Rally will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at Crewe Baptist Church. Dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M. The program will start at 7:30 P.M. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. David Alan Black. Dr. Black is Professor of Greek and New Testament Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Becky have a ministry to Ethiopia and Becky is a former missionary kid who grew up in Ethiopia. They will have a display on their ministry and Dr. Black will talk about the Great Commission and their work around the world. Cost for the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Reservations need to be made at the Association Office or Crewe Baptist Church by January 22, 2009.



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY REJOICED WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY.

AND WHEN THEY WERE COME INTO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE YOUNG CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER, AND FELL DOWN, AND WORSHIPPED HIM: AND WHEN THEY HAD OPENED THEIR TREASURES, THEY PRESENTED UNTO HIM GIFTS: GOLD, AND FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

AND BEING WARNED OF GOD IN A DREAM THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RETURN TO HEROD, THEY DEPARTED INTO THEIR OWN COUNTRY ANOTHER WAY.

MATTHEW 2:10-12

Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. Three gifts given to the baby Jesus by the three Wise Men. Gold was a precious metal that was of great value. Frankincense was a highly valuable perfume that was used for the most holy place in the tabernacle. Myrrh was an ingredient in anointing oil. It was placed in clothes to deodorize them. Why these three? Were they the most valuable gifts of all? Were they gifts that everyone would recognize as being from royalty? Or were they the best that the three Wise Men had to give? This Holiday season as we give to our families, friends, and church family let us give the best that we have; the Love of Jesus Christ! The greatest and most valuable gift of all!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Matthew 5:16

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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

International Missions Emphasis 2008:

Dates: November 30-December 7

Theme: GO TELL...the story of Jesus

Assoc. WMU Directors should have received packet of information from IMB for promotion in each of our churches.

On Sunday, November 16, approximately 45 members from Assoc. churches gathered at Crewe BC to hear Mrs. Connie Rodgers, former missionary to Venezuela, as she presented a most informative study on the work and prayer concerns of our missionaries serving in Venezuela. Our thanks to Crewe BC for hosting this event and to the ladies for the wonderful refreshments and time of fellowship we enjoyed following the study. Before returning to Richmond, Mrs. Rodgers was able to travel to the grave of Lottie Moon there in Crewe.

In Christian Sympathy:

We extend our love and prayers to Linda Bolan and her family in the death of her mother, Mrs. Louetta Jestin Rakes, who passed away on Tuesday, November 11th, with burial on Friday, November 14th. Please remember Linda and her family during this difficult time.

Planning Meeting:

All WMU Directors and any interested WMU members are invited to attend a **planning meeting** on Saturday, **January 17th, 2009**, at **Shoney's Restaurant** in Farmville as we continue our planning of the spring "missions day". This is a change from a previous date but look forward to seeing many of you there as we "brainstorm" and plan for this exciting day to be held at Heritage BC on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Upcoming Associational Event:

Our next scheduled Assoc. event will be on **Saturday, Feb. 7th, at Victoria BC** as we continue to celebrate our emphasis **Called to Love** and combine with Valentine's Day to create a special time together on a winter afternoon. Plans are still being finalized but the date and place are set, so mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Scholarship Funds Available:

Please remember that funds are available for Assoc. church members going on mission trips, \$50.00 for trips inside the US or \$200.00 for those traveling overseas.



ASH CAMP: Dates for Operation Christmas Child were Nov. 17 – 23rd. Ash Camp was the pick up point for this area. Many boxes have been given and we are grateful. They were taken to Richmond on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. What a way to send God’s love around the world. The Christmas program is being planned. Practice began on Nov. 23rd and presented on December 14th. WOM II are studying Adventurous Prayer. They meet on Sunday night. All are welcomed to join. Seven Messengers attended the Baptist Assembly in Roanoke last week.

BAGBY MEMORIAL: It has been a busy month for our church. Our church stuffed 50 shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse this year. Fourteen members of our youth group were at Crossroads November 7-9 working in one of the dormitories. Our church collected a total of \$510 for the Alma Hunt offering. Rev. and Mrs. Shelton attended the BGAV meeting in Roanoke. Bagby and Macedonia churches distributed food at ALMS House on November 21st, which included special Thanksgiving food items. Mrs. Nancy Pigg Strowl, a missionary to Jamaica, was guest speaker on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. Bagby held our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on Nov. 26th. Our WMU donated items for care packages for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) students.

BURKEVILLE: In support of the ALMS House, which is a Christian ministry of Bagby Memorial Baptist, Burkeville Baptist, Burkeville Presbyterian, The Lighthouse Church of God of Prophecy, Macedonia Baptist and Wards Chapel United Methodist Churches, a Yard Sale, Stew and Bake Sale is scheduled for Dec. 6th. The shew will be cooked by “Rawhide” Roberts and will be ready by 11:00 AM. The Yard/Bake Sale will be from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. There will also be a blood drive on this date from 9:00 – 1:00. The Adult Choir will have a Christmas Cantata on Sat., Dec. 6, 7:00 PM, and also during the Worship Service on Sun., Dec. 7th. “May God Bless You and Your Family with His Joy This Christmas.” To begin the New Year, plans are in place to participate in the “Stop Hunger Now” program on Jan. 17th.

DRAKES BRANCH: On Nov. 2nd our ladies had a baby shower to support The Pregnancy Support Center. We enjoyed the speaker, Lisa Schmidt, who is the director at the center. During our Worship Service on Nov. 16th, we observed the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Our children and youth participated by lighting candles for the countries where persecution exists. We will have our church wide and community Thanksgiving meal on Wed., Nov. 19th. Our children have been practicing and will perform a play that was written by one of our children. We also collected a lot of shoe boxes for Christmas Child. Dec. will be a busy month celebrating our Lord’s birth. Our Community Choir will be sharing and worshipping through our Cantata on Fri., Dec. 19th at Mt. Tizah BC, Sat., Dec. 20th at Ash Camp BC and Sun., Dec. 21st at Drakes Branch BC. We will also have a service on Christmas Eve.

DUNDAS: During Nov. our church has had the privilege of sharing with others by giving boxes of food to needy families in the community, and we participated in Operation Christmas Child. Dec. 14th, our choir will travel to Cralle Manor and Heritage Hall to sing Christmas carols. Sat., Dec. 20th, the children and youth will present the annual Christmas Program at 7:30 PM, and our Lottie Moon offering will be received. Dec. 21st, the adult choir will present our Christmas Cantata, “Love Has Hands”, at 11:00 AM.

FRIENDSHIP: Our Youth Group and Mr. Russell Thurston are staying busy. The older Youth meet every Sun. evening and Wed. evening for study. In Sept. they visited Britthaven Nursing Home in Keysville and delivered two boxes of supplies that added a small bit of comfort and joy to the lives of the residents. In Oct. the WMU provided a delicious supper to the students of the Longwood B.S.U. Rev. Matt Wilkins of Lynchburg was the guest speaker at the revival services, Oct. 12-15. The Sr. High Youth group went to ScareMare at Lynchburg on the 17th of Oct. The next day the younger group made a trip to a local farm where they enjoyed the corn maze, a hayride and picked out a pumpkin to take home for a pie. Our Messengers attended the SBA Annual meeting at Drakes Branch BC. On Nov. 2nd, our Pastor, Dr. Jerry B. Jordan was SURPRISED with a Pastor Appreciation Lunch. During Nov. the youth were involved with community service work. The younger group had lunch at Burger King and returned to the church to make cards and prepare care packages to mail to our military personnel and missionary workers. The older youth did yard work for one of the church members. Mrs. Connie Dodson and Mrs. Margaret Jones did all the work on getting a new church cookbook published. The

books are due to arrive the latter part of Nov. There will be extra books if anyone is interested in purchasing a copy for \$13.00. Call the church office between 12:15 and 4:14 Mon. – Fri. to request a copy. The church office has updated the church directory and this is ready for distribution. Mrs. Violet Wallace of the Flower Committee has beautifully decorated the sanctuary for Thanksgiving. The Flower Committee is taking orders for poinsettias for our Christmas season. The WMU has provided the membership with information on the Angel Food Ministries and will be picking the orders up for those wishing to take advantage of this program. The church also participated in the Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse. A Thanksgiving service on the 23rd featured special music and testimonies. Fruit baskets were packed and delivered to the community on Mon., Nov. 24th. In Dec., “Come, Let Us Worship the King” under the direction of Mrs. Ross Gallion, Music Director will be presented at the evening services on the 14th. Following the cantata the S.S. will have a Christmas party. The older youth will have a youth breakfast on the 21st. All of our youth and children will provide the music for the 11:00 service on the 21st.

JONESBORO: Our month of Nov. began with a birthday celebration of one of our members who turned 90 on Halloween!! It was a great afternoon. A Prayer Retreat followed worship on the 9th. Sunday School workers met on Sat., 15th, with a meal in our fellowship hall as plans were made for upcoming events. Members were busy preparing shoe boxes laden with gifts as we participated in Operation Christmas Child, with a total of 20 boxes prepared. Members attended the Assoc. WMU International Mission study at Crewe BC on the 16th. On Sunday, 23rd, we collected our usual **THANK OFFERING**, collected the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A Thanksgiving luncheon followed our Worship Service. Dr. Bradshaw brought the message at the Blackstone Community Thanksgiving Service on the 25th, held at the Episcopal church. Following Thanksgiving, we held a Yule Log service and Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, Nov. 29th, as we prepare for the Christmas season. A fellowship breakfast followed on Sunday morning, 30th, as we celebrated the 1st Sunday of Advent during worship. Our Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 21st, and we invite any of you who can to join us. Our wish to each of you is for a very **Merry Christmas** and health and happiness in 2009 as we begin a New Year serving our Lord here in Southside Virginia.

PISGAH: Our church kicked off the month of Nov. with the gospel sounds of “The Crestmen”, who delivered wonderful, uplifting music as well as a meaningful message. It was truly a blessing having you with our Church family and we thank you. Also, thanks to Ernest Ross for making it happen! We’d also like to thank Rev. Jim Price for his message at the community breakfast on the 8th. The community Thanksgiving service was held on Nov. 26th. Like everyone, we are preparing for the busy Christmas season. Our life-size Nativity scene is already on display for all to enjoy. We will be having special Christmas music at the community breakfast on Dec. 13th at 7:30 AM. The children are working on their Christmas play and the Choir is set to give their Christmas Cantata on Dec. 21st during the 11:00 service. Pisgah would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. Let us not forget and not let others forget that **“Jesus is the reason for the season”**.

VICTORIA: The Women on Mission Week of Prayer Program will be on Tues., Dec. 2nd at 11:00 AM followed by lunch. Emphasis will be on the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and Global Missions offering. There will be a “Hanging of the Greens” service on Sun., Nov. 30th at 7:00 PM followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. This also begins the Advent Season. The town of Victoria is having “Christmas in the Park” Dec. 17th at 7:00 PM. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Dec. 21st at 7:00 PM followed by a social in the fellowship hall. The deacons will hand out the traditional “goody bag.” Christmas Caroling is planned for Mon., Dec. 22nd at 6:00 PM. Our WOM are collecting toys and gift items for children through age 12 for the local Salvation Army. Poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary during the month of Dec. Our Festival of Lights and Flowers will be on Sun., Dec. 21st during the Morning Worship Service. Candles and Poinsettias will be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Our shut-in’s, away from home members, and college students are being remembered during the holiday season. Our Women on Mission supported 2 exam care packages and contributed to the BCM TV Fund at Longwood.

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Calendar of Events for December, 2008

- Nov. 30 – Dec. 7th Week of Prayer for International Missions
and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Dec. 19th Pastors & wives Christmas Party
Dr. & Mrs. Leroy Bradshaw's home
509 College Avenue, Blackstone, VA
Time: 5:30 PM – Dinner 6:00 PM
RSVP to the SBA Office
- 25th Christmas Day

Calendar of Events for January, 2009

- Jan. 1st New Year's Day
- 4th Collegiate Ministries Emphasis Day
- 5th Stewardship Seminar – Burkeville BC
Dinner: 6:00 PM – Meeting to follow
RSVP at SBA Office
- 13th Joy Group Meeting – 12:00 A.M.
- 18th Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 20th SBA Executive Board Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- 26th Baptist Men's Rally - Crewe Baptist Church
Dinner: 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM
RSVP at SBA Office or Crewe BC

Calendar of Events for February, 2009

- Feb. 2nd Pastors Meeting – 11:00 A.M. –
- 7th Called To Love Event – Victoria BC – 2:00 P.M.
- 8 – 15 Focus on WMU
- 14th Children's Ministry Day



PRAYER REQUEST

DR. BEN POWERS AS HE RECOVERS FROM HIS RECENT SURGERY.

REV. JUAN CARLOS GASCON AND FAMILY, AND THE IHBA MINISTRY.

AS WE APPROACH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND ANTICIPATE THE NEW YEAR 2009, LET US BE MUCH IN PRAYER FOR ONE ANOTHER, AND OUR 23 CHURCHES IN THE SBA. PRAY THAT GOD WILL SEND A TRUE REVIVAL IN OUR HEARTS, THAT SOULS WILL BE SAVED AND BAPTIZED, AND THAT WE WILL GIVE MORE TO MISSIONARY EFFORTS THAN WE EVER HAVE BEFORE.

A prayer for entering the New Year

We know, O Lord, that our times are in your hands. While we live on Earth, enable us to please you in all things. Especially now, as we enter a New Year, we pray for strengthened spirits that we may praise You properly by our thoughts, words and deeds.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.