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February 2008

WHAT A GREAT EVENING!

We had a great Baptist Men's Rally at Crewe Baptist Church on Monday, January 28, 2008. Seventy-three people came and had a wonderful time. The meal (steak, baked potato, salad, and all the trimmings) was great. We also had two representatives come and set up tables to talk with our pastors and laypeople about the NAMB and their program about being a "New Covenant Church." This program is for all churches to help lead people to Jesus Christ and become involved in evangelism in the community. Our second program was on youth ministries and summer camp opportunities. I want to thank Julie Anne Gaylean from the NAMB and Rev. John Welborn from John Welborn Ministries for attending and doing a great job. Both spoke during the Rally. Mr. Paul Foote, our Associational Brotherhood Director, did an excellent job in presiding over the meet. He introduced Dr. Keith Harper from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and he talked about his experience editing the letters of Lottie Moon for a book he wrote. Dr. Harper was thorough, funny, and very interesting. Everyone who came had a great time. Thanks to all those people who made this evening possible and helped to serve our Lord!

Partnership Missions Opportunities

The Free State Association in South Africa is asking VA Baptist to send 30 teams to conduct visitation, revivals, and church planting. These are requested for the first two weeks of August, September and October.

New partnership with International Baptist Convention – 65+ English speaking churches in 23 nations of Europe, Africa and Middle East. Our first project request is the Children's Care Ministry during IBC's summer assembly in Interlaken, Switzerland. They need 35-40 children's workers with experience in VBS and Sunday School. Dates are July 2-11, 2008.

VBS in India – Precious Children Home – First two weeks of April.

Disaster Relief Certification

First Baptist Church

South Hill, VA

March 8, 2008 – 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

If you have not been on a mission trip in 3 years you need to be re-certified.



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

I do not normally use this article to talk about giving, but I wish to thank all the churches, pastors, and laypeople for supporting the Association financially during the last three months. We ended up in the black and we need to continue to have positive stewardship in supporting our churches, association, and the Lord's work in Southside Baptist Association. Please remember that "God loves a cheerful giver." Thanks again and keep up the good work!

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

Anastasis Baptist Church:

1. We had two baptized on Dec. 16, 2007.
2. We had three of our most faithful members in our church experience a hard situation due to receiving tickets from the police. They had to go to court and we are hoping this situation will be cleared up and that they can come to church without fear as they drive to worship every Sunday.
3. We are looking forward to our first anniversary in our church March 30, 2008. We hope this will be a day when God can be glorified in all the activities that we have planned.
4. We have three Bible studies every week and our Prayer Meeting every Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
5. Keep praying for the Gascon family. Pray that I can find a part time job to help with the finances, and to have time for the ministry with the Hispanics. Thanks for your love, support and prayers.

May God Bless You MUCHO,
Juan Carlos Gascon, Pastor

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SBA

Effective 2/01/2008

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Church News

ASH CAMP: Thank you Lord for giving me the brand New Year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. The Christmas offering was \$1,010.00. \$757.50 for SBC and \$252.50 for CBF. Many attended the book study Directionally Challenged by Rev. Travis Collins. This was held on January 12, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the new fellowship hall at Burkeville Baptist Church. A brunch was enjoyed at 11:00 O'clock. Baptist Men's Day was held on Sunday, January 27 with a breakfast at 7:30 AM. Men within the church helped lead the Worship Service. Winter Bible Study begins on February 17 at 6:30 PM and will be repeated on Thursday at 3:00 PM. The title is "Job: Into The Fire, Out Of The Ashes." Mrs. Bernice Harris moved to Cambridge Hills Assisted Living Home in Roxboro, NC to be near her daughter. We wish her well and will miss her.

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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).

Report from Book Study:

Those of you who missed the recent study at Burkeville BC really missed a treat. Approximately 60 ladies and men enjoyed a day of inspiration and fellowship as we gathered around the tables in the new fellowship hall for a wonderful brunch, prepared by the Burkeville ladies, and were inspired by words from Rev. Travis Collins as he presented his book Directionally Challenged. It was a great day. There are additional copies of the book available at a cost of \$13.00 if you need one, just let me know.

Week of Prayer for North American Mission:

Date: March 2 – 9

Theme: Crossing Barriers

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal: \$58 Million

Materials should have been received for promoting this in each of our churches.

Hands On Mission Day:

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2008

Time: 9:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Place: Heritage Baptist Church, Farmville

Theme: Bringing Baptist of Southside Association Together for Christ-Centered Ministry.

Plans are being made for this "ALL DAY" missions event with something for everyone, all ages, with projects to be completed during morning and delivered in afternoon. More details will be coming soon. Begin now to PRAY, PRAY AND PRAY for this event.

Recent Scholarships Awarded:

Two scholarships of \$200.00 each have been awarded to the following:

Margaret Burroughs, Mt. Tirzah, to Honduras, Feb. 8-23.

Steven Carne, Drakes Branch, to Baku, Azerbaijan, March 25-April 5. Please keep these in your prayers.

HELP WANTED:

Applications are now being received for counselors at Cross Roads Camp and Conference Center for the upcoming camping season. If you know a young person who is interested in changing the lives of young people, please consider this summer employment. More information can be received at WMUV or CRCC.



Church News

BAGBY MEMORIAL: Dec. was a very busy month at Bagby. We granted Christmas wishes for seven children whose names were on the Alms House Angel Tree. Bagby distributed food at Alms House. Our Christmas Cantata was presented Dec. 16, caroling on Dec. 22, our Christmas Play, "Isn't This What Christmas Is All About?" was presented Dec. 23 at 11:00 AM, followed by our Christmas luncheon. Bagby had a full house at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 PM. During the month our youth did yard work for a family in our community and went caroling. Our WMU participated in the BCM exam package program. We donated money for Christmas wishes for a child in Prince Edward County, and fruit/cookies were delivered to our shut-ins. Bagby exceeded our goal of \$550. for Global Missions/Lottie Moon offering. To date we have collected \$625.

BURKEVILLE: Our church has a number of activities scheduled for February, as follows: Feb. 2, 6:00 PM - The Skyline Boys, a ministry based group from Northern VA will be in concert. We will begin the evening with soup/stew in the fellowship hall at 5:00 PM. Feb. 3 - Everyone is asked to bring a can/or cans of soup to be donated to the ALMS house. Feb. 9 - There will be a blood drive from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Feb. 17 - WMU Focus Day is scheduled during the Worship Service hour. Feb. 22 - Lenten Service, with Rev. Robert Easter as speaker, will be held at our church, with lunch to follow.

CREWE: The music ministry, directed by Lowell Harper, was in full swing in December. The Joy of Christmas concert and drama, presented on Dec. 7 & 8, received rave reviews by attendees. Joyce & Sarah Wenger starred in the drama and performed solos and duets. Other soloists were Sarah Burcham, Mike Crafton, and David Redford. Ben Howard, David Redford, and Bill Wilkerson, Jr. were the trio of the evening, and Jane Shorter directed the drama. The Glory of Christmas handbells and chimes concert on Dec. 16 included a solo by David Redford and presentations by two handbell choirs and the chime choir. The pre-school choir, led by Bonnie Robertson, stole everyone's hearts. The Philathea Class is taking donations for the needs of the Pregnancy Crisis Support Center in Farmville. The WMU sent contributions to the Christmas Mother program and to Piedmont Geriatric Center, took lap robes and sweaters to nursing homes, and provided quilts to a local family in need. My Sister's Keeper Circle of the WMU sponsored an angel tree for the Church which helped three local families. The live Nativity, directed by Jane Shorter Dec. 17-19, blessed many passersby on foot and driving through Crewe. The Youth Christmas Party was held in the Youth Lounge on Dec. 22. The Christmas Eve Service was a time of reflection accompanied by special music by Sherry & Mike Crafton, Peggy Turner, and Jackie Wallace. Awana is in full swing again. The Faith Evangelism Class on Sun. evenings begins a study on cults on Jan. 29 and the New Testament Survey Class resumes on the same date. The men of the Church will lead the Worship Service on Baptist Men's Day, Jan. 27th. The Southside Association Men's Rally was hosted at our church on Jan. 28.

DRAKES BRANCH: This is an exciting time for missions at Drakes Branch Baptist Church. In January, we voted to enter into partnership with a missionary family. We also committed to pray for another missionary family and for the unreached Cona Monba people group in Tibet. We are excited to see what God will accomplish through our commitments. In addition, a group will travel to Honduras on Feb. 8. This will be the 26th consecutive year that a mission team has traveled to Honduras. The Ladies will prepare dinner for the Longwood University BCM students on February 21. Please contact the church if you would like to help. The Boy Scouts held an informational meeting in January for boys wishing to join scouts. Boys ages 11-12 who are interested may contact the church for more information.

DUNDAS: Jan. 7 - A lady was saved in the morning worship service. Jan. 20th we saw the video, "25 Messianic Prophecies." This was very encouraging, as we witnessed current events in Israel, as prophesied in the Old Testament. Our WMU luncheon/meeting was held in the home of Gem Jenkins with a delicious meal, business meeting to discuss upcoming mission events, and prayer for our Missionaries having Birthdays. In February, our Pastor begins a series of messages on "The Greatest Of These Is Love," from I Corinthians 13.

EUREKA: Our WMU are planning on making Easter baskets for Windsor Gardens. We praise God for the good attendance at our church, and we are thankful for our new pastor, Rev. David Murdock, Sr.

JONESBORO: Work continues on our new fellowship hall as cabinets are now installed and flooring is down. All that remains is the painting and lots of LITTLE things, all of which our own men are doing themselves. We are so proud of what

they have done and it is so beautiful. Can't wait for all of you to see it. It won't be long now!!! We continue with our usual monthly meeting with the addition of quarterly business meeting on the 16th. A new MasterLife 2 class began on Jan. 4 with 9 attending, meeting weekly. Members attended the SBA WMU book study at Burkeville BC on the 12th and the SBA Exec. meeting on the 15th. Our Bible study of Purpose Driven Life continues each Wednesday night. Youth are meeting each Friday night for Bible study also. Baptist Men's Day was held on the 27th with men filling the choir and leading the service. It was a good day and we are so proud of our men. Members assisted with bingo at Heritage Hall on the 29th. Super Bowl party held on Feb. 3rd at the Bradshaws.

KENBRIDGE: January we began planning for a new and exciting year full of missions, revival and discipleship. February-March KBC will join many other churches in support of the Lenten project "Pennies from Heaven." Church members will be collecting change in temporary containers (school milk cartons, small coffee cans, etc.) and for each meal they eat two cents per person per meal will be added to make us all aware of hunger and poverty at a time we need to remember it most - when we all are sitting down to eat a meal that someone else might not be able to enjoy. Toward the end of March we will bring our separate collections together, and the funds collected will go to support the local food bank. Our revival begins early this year - Sunday, Feb. 17 thru Wednesday, Feb. 20. Speakers will be Bruce and Traci Powers, co-pastors of Westhaven Baptist Church in Portsmouth, and our Music Ministry has guest musicians for each night - come join us! We will be supporting our Acteens attendance to the Acteens' Weekender and then their Summer Camp through a barbecue fundraiser starting this month. As the year progresses we hope for many opportunities to do Kingdom Work.

MT. TIRZAH: Dec. 16 - An Ordination Service was held at 7:00 PM to install Bob Kobe as deacon for the new church year. A reception followed the service. Dec. 19 - Many choir members, children, youth, and parents gathered to go Christmas Caroling at many elderly and shut-in's homes. Then most of the church met at the Walker's for food, fellowship and music. Dec. 31 - Matthew and Liz Ronda invited the church family for Open House at the parsonage to enjoy food and fellowship. Jan. 4 - First Friday meeting for the youth was held at church with a theme of "New Year." Jan. 27 - The Women on Mission will meet to eat after Morning Service, discuss business, and pack baby layettes to send with the team going to Honduras. Margaret Burroughs will be going with the Honduran team leaving Feb. 8 for two weeks. Margaret gives thanks to her church for a love offering and to the Ellen Gravette Mission Fund for a Mission scholarship that allows her to go.

PISGAH: Christmas at Pisgah was very nice with the Choir's Cantata and the children's program. Twenty-one fruit baskets were made and distributed through the community and we're thankful to have exceeded our Lottie Moon Christmas goal of \$2,750. Congratulations to Garret & Sara Brooks on the birth of their daughter, Caitlyn Joy. A Deacon Ordination Service was held for Tommy Borum on Jan. 27th. Our next community breakfast will be held on Sat., Feb. 9 at 7:30 AM. Please support our youth AWANA program held weekly on Tuesday nights, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

SHARON: Sunday evening, December 16 our children and youth presented a most interesting Christmas program. Following this the social committee served "finger food." This was enjoyed by all. January 27 will be Baptist Men's Day and they will be leading the Morning Worship Service. A Valentine dinner is planned for February ninth at the church. All are invited to come. The choir is practicing a musical, "Alleluia" which they hope to present in April. They practice on this after the regular choir practice. Several of the ladies attended the January book study at Burkeville church on January 12th. Rev. Travis Collins lead the study and everyone enjoyed it.

VICTORIA: Baptist Men's Days began with a church wide breakfast on Jan. 27th at 9:00 A.M. The men led the morning Worship Service with J.B. Crenshaw bringing the message. Valentines are being made by our S.S. classes and organizations to be given to the Victoria Public Library to take to the Veterans Hospital in Richmond. We are also making Valentines for our servicemen serving in the Middle East. We had a special FOOD DRIVE for the Lunenburg Ministries Food Pantry which was running low this month. FOCUS ON WMU will be observed on Sun., Feb. 17 with our ladies leading the morning Worship Service. Special guest speaker will be Mrs. Cheri Wise, with Longwood's Baptist Collegiate Ministry. All organizations of the WMU are meeting regularly. The BCM Spare Change Jar is being placed in S.S. classes each Sun. then later will be in the church foyer for all to have a chance to give to Longwood's BCM Summer Mission Projects.

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ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

- 4 Pastor's Meeting, Bagby BC, 11:00 A.M.
9 Pastor's Wives/WMU Directors – Planning Meeting
for “Hands On Missions Day,” Shoney’s Restaurant
1503 S. Main St., Farmville, VA 23901, 9:00 A.M.
10-17 WMU Focus Week
12 Pastor's Tax Seminar, Concord Association
Office, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, with Jeff
Cranford, VBMB.
12 BCM Team Meeting, Longwood, Farmville, 7:00 PM
16 Children's Mission Day
25 Southside Regional Partnership Meeting,
Aaron Creek Baptist Church, 1066 Aaron's
Creek Road, Virgilina, VA, 11:00 A.M.,
RSVP by 2/15/08.

ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

- 3 Pastor's Meeting, TBA
9 Disaster Relief Certification, First BC, South Hill,
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.
11 Joy Group Meeting, Crewe BC, 12:00 Noon.
15 Pastor's Wives/WMU Directors, Heritage
Baptist Church, 10:00 A.M., Planning
Meeting for Hands On Mission Day, April 5th.
18 Executive Board Meeting, MT. Tirzah BC, 6:00 P.M.
23 EASTER
24 SBA Office will be closed.

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www.pscsupport.org



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray For:

Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon
Lois Wolf's daughter, Sharon Smith chemo treatments.
Dee Dee Hoosier, Director of Bland Ministry Center
Margaret Burroughs, Mt. Tirzah BC, Mission trip
to Honduras, Feb. 8 - 23.

We wish to thank the SBA churches that the SBA ended the first quarter
with a positive balance! Praise God!