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Serving 23 churches



November, 2007

WHAT A FANTASTIC MEETING!!!

Our Annual Meeting on October 21, 2007 was absolutely fantastic. I have heard many people say that they really enjoyed the meeting from start to end. Mike Clay, our Moderator, did an excellent job during the business session. All the reports were concise and to the point. During the business session, it was obvious that the churches of Southside Baptist Association were really doing a great job in serving our Lord Jesus Christ. The meal provided by Meherrin Baptist Church was delicious. The fellowship and love around the tables was toughing as everyone enjoyed not only the meal but each others company. The church service was just the end to a great day. Rev. James Allcock and his committee did a great job on our program and as usual, James was excellent with the music. Rev. Steve Carne, pastor of Drakes Branch Baptist Church, challenged each person present from the WORD of GOD. I know that I speak for everyone present when I say thank you to everyone who participated and we look forward to a great year in serving our Lord in the Southside Baptist Association.

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

Many exciting opportunities to serve through Partnership Missions in 2008:

1. The Free State Association in South Africa is asking Virginia Baptist to send 30 teams to conduct visitation, revivals, and church planting. These are requested for the first two weeks of June, August, Sept., and Oct. Teams need preachers, youth leaders, and children's leaders. 3 people and up can do out reach through sports camps, VBS, and other forms of ministry. See Page 10 in Partnership Missions Book.
2. 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.
3. Many other overseas teams are needed in places like Caribbean, Romania, Moldova, Belgium, Italy, Poland, China and India. Work include: VBS, Camps, construction, repair, evangelism.
4. Recovery in Port Sulphur, LA. Funds are available to build 17 new houses. They are requesting teams from VA to help. See page 13 in Partnership Missions Book. (Cost \$20.00 per person, plus transportation and meals).
5. Appalachian Regional Ministries has many needs, and some of these are collecting items for ministry. Good projects for groups who can't go. Page 15 in Partnership Missions Book.
6. Request for teams in Virginia. Pages 23-24 in Partnership Missions Book. Contact Betty Marker, P.M. Assoc. Representative, phone # (434) 676-2331, E-Mail address bmarker@meckcom.net.
7. Hurricane damage in Jamaica – 12 teams of 6-10 are needed to repair roofs of 13 houses, 7 churches and Nutshell, their camp and conference center. Funds for material are available, but volunteers are needed. Anyone available call VBMB.

Betty Marker



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

The trip to Port Sulphur, Louisiana from October 7-13, 2007 was tremendous. Thirty-one people made the trip and each and everyone worked hard and accomplished a lot. The oldest was ninety years old and the youngest was eleven. I believe that we laid the foundation for further trips and have created positive relationships with the people in Louisiana. Thank you, Rev. Jon Parks for chairing the committee and for all your hard work. Brenda Wilmouth was our treasurer and did great. Jeri Morton, Debbie Reeves, and Ray George really helped us keep our stomachs full with the delicious food they cooked. I want to thank all the churches, people, pastors, and especially Heritage, Mt. Nebo, Friendship, and Dundas for the use of their church vans. Would you like to serve God and go to Louisiana in the Spring of 2008? Pray about it and let me know. Once again, thanks and congratulations on a great trip.

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16



Thanksgiving Day – November 22, 2007

Governor William Bradford decreed the first Thanksgiving Day set aside for special prayer and celebration on July 30, 1623. Virginia was the first southern state to adopt a yearly Thanksgiving holiday in 1855. President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November, 1863, as “A day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father”. On this Thanksgiving holiday, November 22nd, we as believers have much to be thankful for. Our Father in heaven has blessed us with many spiritual and physical blessings.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me,
Bless His holy Name!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
And forget not all His benefits.**

Psalm 103:1, 2

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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).

International Mission Study & WorldCrafts:

Date: Sunday, November 18th

Place: Kenbridge Baptist Church

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Our study this year is on **Moldova** and will be led by Mrs. Betty Marker and others who have recently been on a mission trip to the area. There will also be items from **WorldCrafts** available for purchase. This is a wonderful time to do some Christmas shopping with unique gifts made by artisans from all over the world.

Week of Prayer for International Missions:

Date: December 2-9

Theme: Tell Me! The Story of Jesus

Each WMU Director should have received materials for promoting this week and the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** in each of our churches. You may go to www.imb.org for additional information.

From the materials, you will meet missionaries working to tell the story of Jesus in a volatile and sometimes chaotic region. Serving together with more than 5,000 other International Mission Board missionaries worldwide, they depend on your prayers and generous gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Prayer Request:

Please remember **Betty Marker** (Kenbridge) and **Gem Jenkins** (Dundas) as they travel to South Africa on a mission trip, leaving Wednesday, October 31st and returning November 17th.

Ellen Gravatt Scholarship funds continue to be available for SBA church members for mission trips.



Church News

ASH CAMP: Fourteen youth plan to attend the "Hands for Christ" on worksites in Kenbridge area on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ash Camp was happy to provide help, food, space, and sharing to Emily Baughan family. Kim Henry presented information on Operation Christmas Child on October 21. This will be collected mid-November. Pastor Ted Smith conducted Revival for Mt. Zion October 14-17. The services and music was a blessing to all who attended. Eleven members attended the Fall SBA at Meherrin October 21st. It was a wonderful blessing from God. Homecoming is October 28th. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Rod Hale from Huguenot Road Baptist Church. All are welcome.

BAGBY MEMORIAL: Our people enjoyed the Revival Services that began Sept. 23rd with Dr. Michael Cheuk as guest minister. Four people were added to the church during Sept., three for baptism. Glenn Fowlkes, Ray George, Wesley Inge, Clyde and Valerie Shelton were part of the Association Mission trip to Port Sulphur, LA, October 7-12. Rev. Thomas Collins spoke at our church on October 14th, and Rev. Tanya Parks spoke on October 21st while Rev. Shelton was on vacation.

BLACKSTONE: Our church needs a secretary. If interested in this position, contact Pastor, G.C. Hughes, (434) 292-3711. The mid-week Bible Study & Prayer Meeting is a special blessing. The evening meal is served at 6:00 and the service starts at 7:00 P.M., for adults, and the Kids for Christ meet during this time also.

DRAKES BRANCH: We enjoyed many opportunities for fellowship in October. The ladies held a craft circle, and our church had a fall picnic. The youth plan to participate in "Hands for Christ" on Nov. 3rd. The Boy Scout stew was a successful fundraiser. The newly-formed visiting committee is excited about their new ministry. The ladies will meet on November 11th for a time of prayer and fellowship from 5:00-6:30 P.M.. We will prepare cards for missionaries, shut-ins, and military personnel.

DUNDAS: Our Fall Festival held on Oct. 28th was successful. The games, refreshments, hay ride, and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. On November 10th our widow and widowers dinner will be held at Mildred's Meals at 7:00 P.M. Our youth will have their annual "Dandy Deeds in Dundas" November 17th starting at 9:00 A.M. This will be a day of mission work, fun, and fellowship. On November 21st, at 7:00 P.M., there will be a combined Thanksgiving Service hosted by our church, with two guest churches participating.

JONESBORO: An Exciting month at Jonesboro as we have seen much work completed on our fellowship hall....the end is in sight. Our men have worked very hard!! October began with our usual monthly meetings and observance of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday. A light luncheon followed worship and then our **Annual Harvest Day** meeting. **World Hunger Day** was observed on the 14th with return of **Rice Bowls**, filled with change for World Hunger. A surprise **Pastor Appreciation Day** was given for Dr. Bradshaw on the 21st with light refreshments and gifts. He was shocked!!! Members attended the SBA Fall Meeting on the 21st at Meherrin BC. Members assisted with **Bingo** at Heritage Hall on the 30th. A **Halloween Party** with food and **Hay Ride** was held on the 31st. It was a fun evening! This year we are participating in **Operation Christmas Child** with collection due in November. We also continue our Bible study of **Purpose Driven Life** on Wednesday evenings.

MT. NEBO: God is blessing Mt. Nebo, not because we deserve them, but because He loves us. Five individuals from Mt. Nebo and two guests were a part of the Louisiana missions team from the Association. (We had a great time and were blessed). We continue to visit a Keysville nursing home once a month to minister to, and uplift the residence. On Oct. 26th one of our Sunday School classes visited the men's adult home in Farmville to have a meal and party with the residence there. Several from Mt. Nebo were involved with Hands for Christ. A recent Revival was well attended and we feel that God has used it for His honor and glory, the speaker, Dr. Wayne Hines, was well received by the majority of attendees. The

highlight of the month may well have been a very special Prayer Meeting for rain held on Sunday night the 21st. A group of about 50 people put all the faith that we could muster together, and as this note is being typed (24th) it is raining like we haven't seen in a long while. GOD is good!!

MT. TIRZAH: On Sept. 30th, Dr. & Mrs. Black led the morning service speaking to us about their mission trips to 3 different areas of Ethiopia. They also presented a power point of pictures and voices of the people to whom they have ministered. October 10th the church gathered for their monthly Fellowship supper. October 14th, the Mission Moment was on World Hunger. Each family was to pick up their change jars and collect for World Hunger for the next 5 weeks. October 18th, a new Sewing Group started in the Fellowship Hall and there were four present, but we have hopes it will grow. Many of our church members have participated in two different community projects, Truckers' Parade against cancer and Taste of Charlotte Cancer Fundraisers. October 13th, the Lambert's held their annual stew. There was lots of food, and fellowship. October 27th was Movie Night for all Youth at 7:00 and November 2nd will be Youth Night at 7:00 P.M.

MT. ZION Our church celebrated Homecoming on October 7th. It was a great success and everyone had a good time in fellowship. The following Sunday we began our Revival services and we want to express our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Ted Smith for the series of sermons all dealing with the 23rd Psalm. We had special music each night, attendance was excellent and the event was a success. On October 27th, we prepared for our annual stew for church members, and the community at Michael and Tina Allard's house on Lees Mill Rd. On Wednesday, October 24th, our Church ministered to the residents at the Chase City nursing facility. On Sunday, October 28th, Prayer Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. Coming up on November 5th, our church will be hosting the SBA Pastor's Meeting. On November 13th we will be visiting Britthaven nursing home in Keysville at 7:00 P.M. We have also scheduled our Annual Senior Dinner at the Church on Nov. 18th at 5:30 P.M. which will include special music.

PISGAH: Congratulations and best wishes to Victoria Meacom and Jason Thrasher on their wedding, and also congratulations to Tiffany and Todney Capati and Jaden on the birth of Kiley Anne. We would like to welcome our newest member by profession of faith, Matthew Schuchman who is a candidate for baptism. The Pisgah congregation has selected committee members and have adopted a new church budget for 2007-08. Newly elected deacons are Tommy Borum, Steve Bowen and Garland Carmichael. The Awana Club has been busy selling Avon products, and raised nearly \$500.00 for their club. Also, they are collecting items to be sent to our troops over seas. The Pisgah BC choir with Linda Reid as pianist was guests at Burkeville BC Revival, and are preparing for our own revival to be held from November 4-7, 2007. Dennis Myers is scheduled to begin revival at the 11:00 Sunday Morning Worship Service, and Rod Hale will be speaker on Sunday evening. Other scheduled guests are Jerry Jordan on Monday evening, Alden Hicks on Tuesday Evening and Ben Powers on Wednesday evening. Services will be at 7:00 PM nightly. Please plan to join us during this special time of worship and fellowship. We at Pisgah would like to extend Christian sympathy to Ralph Estes and his family at the death of his wife, Virginia, and also to Mildred Flippen and her family at the death of her brother Ed (Chunk) Lindsey.

VICTORIA : Our church had a great Centennial Celebration on Sunday, October 14th, with more than 300 in attendance. There will be a deacon ordination service for "Woody" Hudson and a baptism service for Angela Watson on Sun., October 28th, during the worship service. A children's fall social is planned for Sunday, October 21st, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. Our church hosted a Disabled Adult Day Camp, sponsored by the Lunenburg Ministerial Association on Friday, October 19th.

"Climbing Higher Ministries" from Lynchburg, provided singing, games, and activities along with a devotional time. Our church provided lunch. Everyone enjoyed this special event. Adults who misses Sunday School can "catch up" by coming on Monday nights at 7:30 P.M. as Linda Walker teaches the Adult Sunday School lesson.

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ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

- 2-3 Women's Get Away I, Eagle Eyrie
- 3 Women's Rally/WMUV Annual Meeting, Eagle Eyrie
- 3-4 Women's Get Away II & Annual Meeting, Eagle Eyrie
Lynchburg, VA For additional information, call
800-255-2428, ext. 8267
- 5 **SBA Pastor's Meeting – Mt. Zion BC – 11:00 A.M.**
- 10 **Minister's Wives Breakfast – Shoney's in Farmville –
9:00 A.M.**
- 13 **Joy Group Meeting – Pisgah BC – 12:00 Noon**
- 18 **International Mission Study & WorldCrafts, Kenbridge
Baptist Church, 3:00 P.M.**
- 30 **SBA Pastor/Spouse Christmas Party, Dr. Leroy & Sylvia
Bradshaw's home, time TBA**

Looking ahead: December

- 2-9 **Week of Prayer for International Missions**
International Mission Study and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray For:
Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon
Rev. Jonathan Wolf
Rev. Earl Wallace
Betty Marker & Gem Jenkins as they
Travel to South Africa on a Mission Trip
October 31st – November 17th.

