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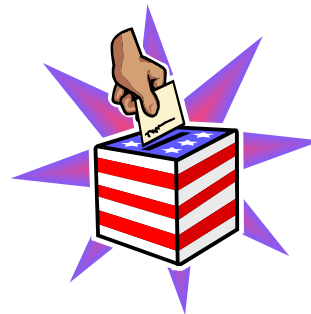
Serving 23 churches



OCTOBER, 2008

2008 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Southside Baptist Association will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at Drakes Branch Baptist Church beginning at 3:00 P.M. Our theme for the annual meeting is "We've Been Elected." Rev. Jeff Hudgins, Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church will bring our evening message. The business session will begin at 3:00 P.M. followed by the evening meal at 4:30 P.M. Following the meal, we will conclude with the evening worship service. I hope that all churches and pastors will be present for this time of fellowship and worship.



Don't forget to VOTE!

As we come to the fall season, it is important for everyone in our churches to vote on November 4, 2008. As Christians, we have the obligation to support and pray for our national leaders. We also need to examine the candidates, pray for God's guidance, and vote for the person that we believe will lead our nation and represent God and our Christian values. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2nd Chronicles 7:14

Virginia Baptist Partnership Mission Trip

Betty Marker is seeking ten volunteers to go with her on a mission trip to Precious Children's Home in Karala, India for two weeks of VBS March 18th through April 4, 2009. Estimated cost is \$2,500.00. Her E-mail address is bmarker@meckcom.net and phone number: (434) 676-2331. "I'm praying that God will speak to the heart of those He would have go. It may be you!"



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

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As I come to the end of September, I will have completed four years as your Coordinator of Missions. I cannot believe that we have been serving God together for these past four years. I wish to thank each and every person that has made this journey so pleasant and all the churches for their love, understanding, and support. As we begin year five, may we always serve God and glorify His name!

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

Anastasis Baptist Church:

We continue to praise God every Sunday, that Rev. Juan Carlos Gascon is doing better and progressing everyday with God's help. Sunday, Sept. 21st we worshipped with our new pews in place. They were given to us by the Mount Gazerine BC, which is 3 miles down the road from our church. We received 30 pews and only had space for 16, so we found a church that was in need of pews and gladly donated the pews to them. Praise God! If you ever go passed IHBA church, you can only imagine how long it takes to cut the grass and get ready for church on Sunday morning. Thanks for the help of a few members this is possible. Everyone that helps cut grass or serves a meal for the participates, we appreciate you. We would like to thank Gene Marker for helping us haul the lawnmowers back and fourth to wherever they need to be. We would like a "shed" for the lawnmowers, which we heard one of the churches in the Assoc. will help us build. Our Association's DOM came to visit us Sun., Sept. 21st, which was very nice, and we would like to thank the SBA for all they have done for us. Starting in Oct. we will have Prayer services on Thurs., 7:00 PM. Sunday's we average about 10-20 people. Please pray for our pastor, Rev. Gascon, his family and church staff. Pray also that a president will be elected that will allow latinos to dwell in this country. Don't give up on this ministry, as we believe that God wants us to reach as many souls as possible to glorify HIS Name.

God bless you all MUCHO!!!

J.C. Gascon & Erika Lorenzo, Reporters

Trained Disaster Relief Feeding Unit Volunteers Needed

The Red Cross has agreed to fly volunteers from Virginia to Texas to serve with Disaster Relief for at least two weeks. Eighty people left Sept. 13th going to Texas. We will have two feeding units working there. Bonnie & Paul Robertson and Gladys & Herbert Payne from Crewe BC served on a team Sept. 6th – 15th. Dr. Stanley Hare served on a team Sept. 28 – Oct 4th. Gladys & Herbert Payne and Betty & Gene Marker are going Oct. 4-14. For more information: Visit the website for the latest updates on Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief ministries.

To Contribute to Disaster Relief:

The Virginia Baptist Mission Board is accepting monetary donations for disaster relief. Make checks payable to "Virginia Baptist Mission Board" with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Send to: Disaster Relief

Virginia Baptist Resource Center
2828 Emerywood Parkway
Richmond, VA 23294

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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

New Emphasis: **CALLED TO LOVE**

Emphasis book: **Compelled by Love** by Ed Stetzer and Philip Nation

Plans continue to be finalized for the upcoming events for the New Year in WMU. Calendars for 2008-09 will be mailed to Directors as soon as they are available.

Upcoming Events: **Women's Get Away**

Date: November 7-8 or 8-9, 2008

Place: Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA

Theme: "We Are Family! I Got All My Sisters With Me!"

Please call to make reservations ASAP.

Death of Mrs. Delanna O'Brien:

Mrs. Delanna O'Brien, former Exec. Director of National WMU from 1989-1999 and wife of Bill O'Brien, passed away on Sept. 7, 2008, in Texas. She was 75 years old and had suffered a series of strokes, which led to her retirement from WMU. Even in retirement, she continued her passion for missions by serving with her husband as volunteers in Indonesia following the tsunami in '04, serving for a year and a half. A Memorial Service is planned for Sunday, Oct. 5th at 4:00 PM at Second Baptist Church in Richmond. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Please Remember: Funds are available for mission trips from the Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund for members of Associational churches. Applications are available from the Assoc. Office or your WMU Director.



Church News

BAGBY: The Shelton's hosted Donna Wilburn and Jan Clayton, staff members at Hope Tree Family Services, for dinner on Sept. 2nd. These two ladies were journeying on the "C to Shining C" project. On Sept. 13th, three Bagby members participated in the annual Walk-A-Thon for the Southside Home. Our youth attended Youth Encounter July 31-August 1. They also attended the Assoc. ice skating party in Lynchburg, and attended the Power Team presentation. In July our WMU made a donation to the Juan Carlos Gascon Fund, and collected stuffed animals for the Ronald McDonald House in Charlottesville in honor of Joseph Tatum. In August, our WMU sponsored a food drive for ALMS House. We collected 151 pounds of non-perishables.

BURKEVILLE: Our church will have it's annual Homecoming and Revival Services Oct. 5-8. The Homecoming Service will be Sunday morning at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. Rev. Dale Riddle and his wife, Gilda are the guests evangelists. Revival services will be held Sun. night through Wed. nights at 7:30 PM. There will also be a covered dish dinner Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. The WOM plan to promote and conduct a church-wide Hunger Awareness meal, consisting of beans, cornbread and dessert on Sun., Oct. 19 with all proceeds to go to the World Hunger Program. A Harvest Festival is scheduled in the fellowship hall on Oct. 31, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is sponsored by Mrs. Bena Banton's class. There will be a costume contest in which prizes will be awarded to the best costumes. Biblical and friendly costumes are encouraged. Come and join the games, prizes, cake walks and goodie bags for a nite of good Christian fun for the kids.

CREWE: One of God's dear and faithful servants and a member of Crewe Baptist for 61 years, Ray Mahan, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 13th. We will miss him so much – he was a Christian example to us all. Another year of Awana Clubs kicked off on Sept. 7th for children 2 years old through 6th grade. Handbell choirs, children's chimes, youth ensemble, the Faith Evangelism class, and the New Testament Survey class all resumed on the 14th. On Sept. 20th, we welcomed two new deacons, Dan Albus and Clyde Childress, during the Worship Service and at a reception that followed. On the 26th and 27th, some of our men attended the Virginia Baptist Men's Gathering, "The Man God Uses", at Ridge Baptist in Richmond. Coming soon: Oct. 5th – Potato/salad bar luncheon recognizing Martha Hood for 20 years of service. Oct. 26-29 Crewe Baptist Revival.

DRAKES BRANCH: On Sept. 14th, our church celebrated it's 109th Anniversary. We began our New Year with S.S. Promotions on Sept. 7th and have added our new 6th grade students to our Youth Bible Study on Sunday evenings. They are looking forward to taking part in "Hands for Christ", scheduled for Oct. 18th. Practice for our Community Christmas Choir began on Sun., Sept. 14th. There's still plenty of time to join if you are interested. We meet at 6:30 PM on Sun. evenings. Our WMU ladies met on Fri., Sept. 19th and discussed what our Lord would have us focus on for the coming year. WMU Director, Denise Chidester.

DUNDAS: Everyone enjoyed our Round Up Day on Sept. 28th. The Gloryland Quartet presented the Gospel in song and we enjoyed a great pot-luck dinner afterward. The young people enjoyed pony rides after the meal. Six people joined our church in Sept. Welcome new members! Youth schedule for October: Christmas Program practice Oct. 5th & 19th following the Worship Service. Oct. 18th our Youth are looking forward to "Hands For Christ at Ash Camp BC. Oct. 26th Fall Festival.

HERITAGE: Our church has launched a Young Adult Round Table that meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM. We invite all to join us for our Trunk or Treat on October 31st at 6:00-8:30 PM.

JONESBORO: September began with promotion Sunday for our Sunday School as we began a New Year. The first Sunday was also the observance of the Lord's Supper as well as the first day for our observance of Week of Prayer for State Missions and Alma Hunt Offering. Inserts were included

in the bulletin with prayer concerns. Several members attended the informative service at Blackstone BC with guest from Hope Tree Family Services sharing about the available programs and also about their ongoing walk across our state from "C to shining C". Due to a death in our church family, we were not able to attend the Sunday School Conference at Eagle Eyrie. A Prayer Retreat followed services on the 21st where we viewed the DVD on our state mission projects supported by the Alma Hunt Offering. Dr. Bradshaw attended the men's rally in Richmond on 26th and 27th with Henry Blackaby as speaker. Members assisted with bingo at Heritage Hall on the 30th. We look forward to our fall stew making on Saturday, Oct. 11th, followed by our annual business meeting. HOMECOMING is planned for Sun., Oct. 12th.

MT. ZION: Our church now has a new and updated Constitution, which was recently ratified by the members. The Constitution provides the framework for all church business. The month of Oct. will be a busy month because we have scheduled Homecoming and Revival services. Homecoming will be on Oct. 5th. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Tom Jones, and lunch will be served at 12:30, and the afternoon program starts at 2:00 PM featuring the Heartland Band. All are welcome! Revival will begin on Sunday, Oct. 19th – 22nd. David Murdock, Pastor of Eureka BC is the guest speaker. The services begin at 7:00 PM each night and special music is planned. The Church members will gather at Mike & Tina Allard's home on Sat. Oct 25th to make a stew, and fellowship all afternoon. We praise the Lord and pray that He continues to bless the SBA.

PISGAH: What a glorious month Sept. has been! Our community breakfasts kicked off with a devotional from Henry Fulcher on Sept. 13. Revival took place Sun. Sept. 21 - Wed. evening, Sept. 24. We thank our brothers and sisters in Christ that made this time so special. We'd like to thank the choirs from Heritage BC, Sandy Creek BC, Crewe BC, and of course our very own Pisgah Choir and the Cave Sisters for blessing us with their beautiful music and song. To those that brought such wonderful, spirit-filled messages, George Smith, Wiley Wallace, Rick Caldwell, GC Hughes, and Vander Warner, thank you so much for being with us during this time of celebration and renewal. Our next community breakfast is set for Sat. Oct 11, at 7:30 AM with guest, Steve Conwell, bringing a special message. We continue with our AWANA and older youth programs and pray for their success in reaching our young people. The AWANA group is currently holding a fund raiser to be able to assemble care packages to send to our military men and women over seas. They should arrive to them just before the holiday season. We continue to be prayerful for those of our members and their loved ones who are struggling with illness, loss, and suffering that the Lord may heal and bless them according to His will. Happy Belated Birthday to pastor Earl Wallace.

TUSSEKIAH: On Sept. 21st, Greg Currin & Jason Lacks were ordained as new deacons. Schedule for Oct: Putt Putt golf in Farmville on the 5th. Deacon's Mtg on the 7th at 7:00 PM. Men's Impact Conference in Lynchburg on 10th – 11th. On the 16th Olan Mills pictures will be taken for the church director from 3:30 to 9:30 PM. Ladies Bible Study on the 19th at 4:30 PM. Men's Work Day on the 25th at 8:00 AM. The Harvest Fest will be held on the 31st at 6:00 PM.

VICTORIA: During the Sept. Business Meeting, J.B. Crenshaw shared a testimony of how God had been at work in his life calling him to use his gifts to share the Word of God. The pastor presented a resolution to license J.B. to preach the Gospel as opportunities arise. The church voted favorable on this resolution. Our Women on Mission have asked the church members to help in collecting household items for a burned-out family in the county. Pastor Hare went with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board Feeding Team to Liberty TX to help prepare meals for those in need of food, Sept. 28th through Oct. 4th. J.B. & Theresa Crenshaw attended a S.S. Conference at Eagle Eyrie, Sept. 19-20. They will share with the leaders of our church & S.S. on Oct. 26th at 4:00 PM. The S.S. Council and Church Council met on Sun. Sept. 21 to make plans for the Fall of the year. World Hunger Day will be observed on Sun., Oct. 12. Our Youth are meeting on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They are also involved in the community's new youth program, "LOC" Love of Christ.

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ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

- 6 Pastor's Meeting, Kenbridge BC, 11:00 A.M.
10-12 Junior High Weekend, Eagle Eyrie
12 World Hunger Sunday
17-19 Special Needs Retreat, Eagle Eyrie
18 Associational Youth Event – "Hands for Christ" –
Ash Camp BC - 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM – Cost \$10.00.
19 SBA Annual Meeting – Drakes Branch BC – 4:00 – 8:00 PM
20-23 Gathering of Silence Retreat, CrossRoads Camp & Conference
Center
24-26 Axis Collegiate Conference, Eagle Eyrie
25 SBA Work Day, Southside Men's Home, 9:00 A.M.
26 "Consider Your Call" Sunday
31-11/1 Women's Getaway 1, Eagle Eyrie



**CONGRATULATION TO REV. & MRS. STEVEN
CARNE ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, GIDEON STEVEN,
BORN SEPT. 7TH AT 5:09 A.M., WEIGHING 10 LBS.**

YOUTH TASK NEWS!

THE ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH HAD A FUN TIME ICE
SKATING IN AUG. THERE WERE 115 YOUTH AND ADULTS
IN ATTENDANCE. AFTERWARDS EVERYONE WENT TO
CICI'S FOR PIZZA. MANY THANKS TO OUR ASSOCIATION
FOR TREATING US TO ICE SKATING.
REMEMBER: "HANDS FOR CHRIST" IS OCTOBER 18TH
(RAIN DATE OCT. 25TH) AT ASH CAMP IN KEYSVILLE.
TIME: 6:30 AM – 8:00 PM. COST: \$10.00. EVERY CHURCH
SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CALL SYLVIA SMITH AT (434)
736-0657.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

**DENNIS K. MYERS, COM AS HE RECOVERS FROM THE
SURGERY ON HIS LEG. SURGERY WAS ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AND HE WAS RELEASED
FROM HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY THE FOURTH.**

**REV. AMANDA JOHNSTON AS SHE RECOVERS FROM
HER CAR ACCIDENT.**

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

UPCOMING EVENT: INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2008 – 2:30 PM
PLACE: CREWE BAPTIST CHURCH
SPECIAL SPEAKER: CONNIE RODGERS
FORMER MISSIONARY TO VENEZUELA
