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SEPTEMBER, 2008

Summer is Over, and a New Year Begins!

As we come to the end of summer and Labor Day, we find ourselves beginning a new church year. Each year about this time, we as churches and individuals start all over with the programs of the church. Sunday school is starting all over and worship service numbers begin to go up. Young people are excited about football, television, and the newest fads. College students are going "back home." Society is captivated with the Presidential race and who will be our next President. One thing never changes, the love of God for his people. As you look forward to new things, different ideas, and a changing America please thank God for all the blessings you have received and the love He has for each man and woman through His Son Jesus Christ!

Dates to Remember

September 13, 2008 -Walk-a-thon for the DDM home in Farmville at Heritage Baptist Church at 9:00 A. M.

September 13, 2008 -"Hearts for the Lost" at Burkeville Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M.

September 16, 2008 -Executive Meeting at Bagby Memorial Baptist Church beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Please get your committee and team reports to the Association office by **September 17, 2008.**

Church Clerk, please do not forget to get your **ACP** reports to Jean Fowlkes by **October 10, 2008.**



FROM YOUR COORDINATOR . . .

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Just an update to let you know that the Juan Carlos Gascon fund has reached \$42,000 (Praise the Lord). We have been able to purchase a vehicle for them and also widen doorways at the parsonage. A ramp has been built for Juan to get up and down when he preaches. Yes, Southside, he is back in the pulpit preaching God's Word. Isn't that great! We look forward to finishing some work both at the church and parsonage and looking forward to a great year for Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis

Dennis K. Myers
Your Coordinator of Missions

Matthew 5:16

Anastasis Baptist Church:

Praise God, the Gascon Family has means of transportation, due to this addition, they're resuming their visitations with church members and also doing evangelism in the community. Pastor Juan Carlos Gascon has preached at church for the last five weeks. Thanks to brothers Robert Napier and Andy Carwile from Drakes Branch BC, who built a ramp leading up to the platform during the week of Juan Gascon (August 18 - 22), with this ramp Rev. Gascon can preach from behind the pulpit again PRAISE GOD!!! We thank God that our Treasurer/Chairman of Deacons Juan Galdino, who was involved in a car accident and had to be medflighted to VCU Medical Center was released from the hospital the following day with little to no pain, scratches and stitches in the left eye, thank God he's recuperating and continues coming to church. Please keep the Anastasis BC in your prayers as our attendance is becoming really low each Sunday. We know that God has a purpose for our church, and we are thankful for our church family and pastor. The Gascon's wish to express from the bottom of their heart an extremely grateful gratitude to all of you for all of your prayers, visitations and most importantly the love that has been shown to them in these last few months.

May God continue to bless you all MUCHO!!!
J.C. Gascon & Erika Lorenzo, Reporters

SBA Walk-A-Thon 2008

The Walk-A-Thon for our Southside Home changes this year from June to September. This coincides with other Hope Tree Walk-A-Thons across the State. Ours is September 13th at 9:00 A.M. at Heritage BC. Walkers with pledges of \$50.00 will receive a free T-shirt. We have a matching pledge of \$5,000.00. Please contact Rev. Clyde Shelton at (434) 767-2259 or the SBA Office at (434) 696-02252 for the packets for walkers and their pledges.

Church News

ASH CAMP: We are happy to have Ted, Sylvia and family return to us from vacation. We were glad to have Dennis Myers and Amanda Johnston supply for us. Hands for Christ will meet on Oct. 18th from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM, (Rain date is Oct. 25th), at Ash Camp. This is hosted by Ash Camp and Mt. Tirzah. We pray that this will make an impact on our youth and all of Charlotte County. Our Youth attended an ice skating outing at La Haye Ice Center in Lynchburg on August 16th. A Cici's pizza party followed. 115 plus attended from the Association. Fourteen from Ash Camp. New Deacons have been elected. They are David Hill, Charlie Buck, Nick Nichols, and Paul Reberto. We pray for God's guidance as they serve Him, and we pledge our support.

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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 KJY).

WMUV Called Meeting:

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2008

Place: Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church,
Lynchburg, VA

Time: 2:00 p.m.

This is a called meeting for the purpose of electing Mrs. Laura S. McDaniel as the new Executive Director/Treasurer for WMUV. This will be a time of celebration and commitment as we reflect on the rich heritage and exciting future of WMUV. This will be a time of celebration and commitment as we reflect on the rich heritage and exciting future of WMUV.

Week of Prayer for State Missions/Alma Hunt Offering:

Date: September 7-14, 2008

Theme: "Live it as you go"

Scripture: "Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life – and place it before God as an offering... Readily recognize what He wants from you and quickly respond to it." Romans 12:1-2

Women's Get Away – WMUV Annual Mtg.:

Date: November 7-8, 8-9

Place: Eagle Eyrie Conference Center,
Lynchburg, VA

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

Please call Eagle Eyrie at (434) 384-2211 for reservations.

New Emphasis 2008-2010

"Called To Love"

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
Plans are under way for the New Year in WMU....details to follow in the very near future.

Yearly Reports NOW DUE:

Reports from church WMU Directors are now due. Please mail to me at 509 College Ave., Blackstone, VA 23824. Thank you for your prompt reply.

Scholarship Funds Available:

Please remember that monies are available from the Ellen Gravatt Scholarship Fund to assist with mission trips, \$200.00 for overseas trips and \$50.00 for within the U.S. Applications are available from the Assoc. Office or WMU Directors.

Church News Cont.

BLACKSTONE: "C to Shining C" plans to be at our church on September 3rd, Wednesday Night. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by Prayer Meeting, and two ladies from Hope Tree will be speaking. A love offering will be taken. Please RSVP for the meal to the church office Tue. or Thur. 292-3711 or to Ruby Royall 292-3839.

BURKEVILLE: "Hearts for the Lost" event coming to Burkeville Baptist Saturday Sept. 13 from 10 AM – Noon with Lunch to follow. Hearts for the Lost is an evangelistic ministry working with Way of the Master ministries to empower men and women to get on fire for God and never be lukewarm again! Check out their website for more info at www.heartsforthelost.com and be sure to call the church 767-2156 to register for this free event. An additional same day afternoon "Fishing Expedition" is being planned for those who catch the fire and are able to come along for the added adventure! Homecoming and Revival Services are planned for Oct. 5-8. Rev. Dale & Gilda Riddle from Pilot Mt., NC, will have the morning and evening Worship Services to include musical selections. Come and join us at 7:30 P.M.

CREWE: On August 24th Crewe Baptist celebrated its 120th Anniversary with an historical video presentation during the Sunday School hour; a special Worship Service with guest speaker Dr. Delos Miles; a special commissioned anthem, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, for organ, piano, bells, and Chancel Choir (past & present) by David Schwoebel, Minister of Music, Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond; and a church picnic at Hooper Park, with music by the Crewe Boys. Missionary to Bangkok, Thailand, Rev. Ned Stewart, spoke during the worship service on August 10th, and Gideon, Scott Winn spoke on August 17th. Our church secretary of 20 years, Martha Hood, will be retiring at the end of August. We are welcoming to the church office Stefanie L. Creswell who joined us on August 11. **Mark your calendars:** The Awana kick-off is on Saturday, September 6, 4-6 PM. Resuming on September 14: all handbell choirs, children's chimes, youth ensemble, Faith Evangelism class, and New Testament Survey class. WMU quilting project resumes on September 8. Extraordinary Women's Conference, Liberty University, September 12-13. Sunday School Conference, Eagle Eyrie, September 19-20. Men's Conference, Richmond, September 26-27.

DRAKES BRANCH: In August, our Youth had a great time ice skating with the Youth from other churches in our Association. They are looking forward to working at Hands for Christ in October. All students 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to join the Youth group which meets on Sunday nights. Practice for the Community Christmas Cantata starts Sunday evening Sept. 14. Please call the church if you are interested in joining the choir. We will celebrate our church's 109th Anniversary on Sept. 14. We will share a fellowship meal together after our Worship Service. S. S. Promotion Sunday is Sept. 7 for children who have aged into a new S. S. class.

DUNDAS: On Aug. 10th the men of our church enjoyed a breakfast at 8:00 A.M. We also received an offering for Longwood's Baptist Collegiate ministry. Sunday, Aug. 24th, we had a "bake sale", proceeds going to purchase school supplies and clothes for J.C. and Jonathan Gascon. Sunday, Sept. 7th, we will recognize all grandparents and grandchildren present. The Annual Alma Hunt offering is Sun., Sept. 14th. Sept. 28th is "Round-UP Sunday"! Come dressed "western". The Gloryland Quartet from Chase City will sing, and enjoy food and fellowship afterward!

JONESBORO: August was a busy month, as are most months, but much planning needed to be done for the beginning of our new church year. S.S. leaders met to finalize plans for the new S.S. year, finance team met to prepare the budget for the New Year and another team met to "calendar" events for the coming year. Along with vacations and church soft ball league play, a little more work has been done on our fellowship hall....still not quite ready, but at least work continues. Our Christmas In August this year was the collection of school supplies for the Gascon boys, JC and Jonathan. A Prayer Warriors Retreat followed worship on the 17th. On Sunday afternoon, 24th, the youth and several adults traveled to Farmville to the DDM Home for refreshments and short program. It was a great time for all followed by a visit to Pizza Hut. With 5 Sundays in August, we enjoyed a breakfast on the 31st along with our youth leading during the Worship Service. Later that afternoon we gathered for assembling and enjoying a GIGANTIC 10 FOOT BANANA SPLIT

KENBRIDGE: August 31, 2008, our Children and Youth led us in worship through scripture, interpretative dance, responsive/interactive readings, the use of their musical gifts and prayer. What a joy it is to have so many young people volunteer for participation in our Sunday Services as we "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise"! KBC is now participating in combined youth activities with Kenbridge Methodist, Kenbridge Christian, Perseverance Christian, and St. Matthews Baptist churches. (Their next event involves a video scavenger hunt!) September our music program "rings in" with the start of Handbell and Adult Choir practices for the Advent Season. This year Kenbridge will have a Combined Community Church Choir presenting the Christmas Cantata "Hope Has Hands". As a new church year begins, we

look forward to celebrating and growing in Christ through missions, music, and more!!

MT. TIRZAH: September signals the beginning of a new year for committee's and deacons. At our recent business meeting the nominating committee presented this year's selection, which included three deacons. Our recently acquired 15 passenger van was used by the Youth to go bowling after a day of painting their class room. Pastor Rondeau conducted classes on "What is church membership" followed by the Miller's joining our church. Mrs. Miller was baptized this past Sunday followed by a covered dish lunch.

MT. ZION: This month Mt Zion drafted an updated version of our Church Constitution, which will come up for ratification in about two weeks. We also implemented our new Deacon Family Ministry Program whereby we will be visiting all members on a regular basis to identify needs and to encourage Church attendance. Mt Zion had two new professions of faith, one was baptized on August 17th and the other will be baptized in the near future. The Church was delighted to accept Mr. and Mrs. Terry Anthony as new members. The Church will visit Britthaven Nursing Facility on September 9th to sing hymns and give a devotional service. The Church has planned for our annual Homecoming service for Sunday October 5th. We will have a special speaker, special music, and lunch will be served at the Pavilion. Visitors are welcome! Revival has been scheduled for October 19th through the 22nd. God bless!

PISGAH: The Pisgah family has been busy with the children starting back to school and members settling back in after summer vacations. Pastor Wallace held a Child-Parent Dedication service on August 24th for the following: Kiley Anne, daughter of Rodney and Tiffany Capati; Morgan Callie, son of Jason and Lydia Garrett; Jackson Thomas, son of Frank and Kim Hailey and Alexandra Marie, daughter of Tracy and Tonya Clark. The congregation enjoyed a delicious lunch following the dedication with help from the Fellowship Committee. What a celebration! We're also delighted to welcome our newest member by transfer of letter, Mrs. Lydia V. Garrett. Also, this month Pisgah presented scholarships to two of our recent graduates, Morgan Bowen, daughter of Steve and Anna Bowen, and Leah Farley, daughter of Doug and Shelly Farley. We wish all the best to these two young women as they begin their college journey. The older youth (12+) have begun gathering on Sunday evenings and look forward to much fun and fellowship and welcome those interested in joining the group. Also, on August 24th our AWANA program kicked off its new year with fun and games for our initial sign-up day. AWANA will meet each Sunday evening from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. This is for ages 3 and up. We look forward to upcoming theme nights including Funky Footwear night and Indian night to name two. AWANA takes place during the same time as the regular school year breaking for the summer. We'd love to make this our best year yet! We are also preparing for our annual Revival to be held nightly at 7:00 pm from September 21st – 24th. Our scheduled guest preachers for this year are George Smith, Wiley Wallace, G.C. Hughes, Rick Caldwell, and Dr. Vander Warner. Special music is planned for each night and we'll have a covered dish dinner on Sunday evening, Sept. 21st, before we begin. We'd love to have you join us for this time of renewing our Faith & Spirit. Pastor Wallace will be continuing his series of messages on the "Master's Men" (12 Disciples). His challenge, "Can you name all of them?" Our church family is so blessed and we just want to praise God for the recent return of those members who have been so ill recently, and recognize that prayer is so very powerful.

SHARON: The Youth and children as well as some of the adults visited Holy Land U.S.A. in Bedford this summer. They reported a great day. In July some of the Youth joined with Red Lane Baptist Church in Powhatan on a mission trip to Norfolk. We had a Baptismal Service in July and had eight baptized. This was followed by a church picnic. Lydia Bass, one of our youth went to Ecuador in June on a mission trip. The children and youth enjoyed a pool party at the home of Anna and Robert Jenkins in August. This was followed by a pizza supper.

VICTORIA: We had 16 adults and youth attend Family Missions 2008 at Eagle Eyrie July 14-19. Erica & Taylor Newton attended camp at Camp Crossroads July 21-26. Our youth, under the direction of our summer youth minister, Trisha Wise, performed "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" on August 1st and 2nd at the Victoria Elementary School. Our Youth had a retreat on the Chowan River in NC August 10-12. A dozen or more of our Youth attended the Association Ice Skating event on August 16th. The annual fish fry & talent show was August 14th at 5:30 PM. Promotion Sunday was August 31st. Those with perfect attendance were: Buck Tharpe 7 yr., Taylor Newton 9 yr., Erica Newton 10 yr., Eddie Jeter 15 yr., and Melba Dale Jeter, 15 yr. August 31st was also Food Pantry Sunday. Non-perishable food items were collected for the Community Food Pantry. Also, collected items for the Antioch Church Great Giveaway. Tomen on Mission will resume their meetings beginning Sept. 9th. Shirley Batte is the new WMU Director. We thank Holly Crenshaw for the many years she has served as WMU Director.

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ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1 Labor Day – Associational Office Closed
7-14 Alma Hunt Offering for VA Mission Emphasis/Week of Prayer.
9 Joy Group Meeting, Friendship BC, 12:00 Noon
13 Southside Walk-A-Thon, 9:00 AM, Heritage Church
16 SBA Executive Board Meeting, Bagby BC, 6:00 PM
23 Ministries New to VA Orientation, VBRC, Richmond

Youth Task Force Upcoming Event Hands for Christ

Please put this on your youth calendar and make plans to attend!

When: October 18, 2008

Rain date: October 25, 2008

Time: 7:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Location: Ash Camp Baptist Church

Cost: \$15.00

Grades: Seventh – High School

(unless your youth group starts at sixth grade)

Sponsored by: Youth Task Force

Hosted by: Ash Camp Baptist & Mt. Tirzah Baptist

More information will follow. If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Smith at 736-0657.

**October 19, 2008 – SBA Annual Meeting – Drakes
Branch BC, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Iglesia Hispana Bautista Anastasis
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos Gascon and sons
Jonathan and J.C.

Praise God that Juan is preaching at the IHBA church, and a handicapped ramp leading up to the platform in the church has been installed.

Dee Dee Hoosier, Director of Bland Ministry Center.

Rev. Earl Wallace

Heather Wirt's Mother

Kevin Wirt's Father

BCM NEWS

A few changes have been made to the Baptist Student Center. There's now a game room and a bright new sign out front. We're also starting a special fund for a large, flat screen TV to mount on the wall. This will help with outreach efforts such as Super Bowl parties and movie nights. All contributions, large or small, will be greatly appreciated! Please just designate them as "TV fund" and send to: BCM, 303 Griffin Blvd., Farmville, VA 23901. Last year's spare change jars successfully raised \$2226.32 for summer missions! The jars for this year will be distributed at the SBA fall meeting on October 19th. Hope you'll take one and participate again.