



People of Purpose

Piedmont Baptist Association

August, 2010

Calendar Events

August, 2010

Christmas in August

- 1-7 Virginia WMU Mission Trip to Standing Rock Reservation
- 10 **PBA Assoc. WMU Exec. Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Calvary**
- 15 **Associational Choir Presentation 7:30 p.m. – Clifford Bapt. Church**
- 16 **PBA Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Ministry Center**

No Pastor's Conference in August

September, 2010

- 6 **Labor Day – Ministry Center Closed**
- 12-19 **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Mission Emphasis**
- 19 **Hispanic Community Day**
- 17 **PBA Pastor's Conference 10:30 a.m. – Woodland**
- 21 Orientation of Ministers New to Virginia
- 24 **Annual Church Profiles (ACP) due back to Bonnie Davis**
- 30 **PBA Sunday School Workshop 7-9 p.m. at Calvary**

Vacation Bible School Dates

Fairmount - September 11

Oak Hill - August 8-13, Saddle Ridge

WMU

Summer Camp has been fantastic. As I hear children and youth within the PBA talk of their experiences at camp, I am eternally thankful for the high school and college students who serve as counselors. They share the love of Jesus Christ with campers as they tell them about His gift of salvation. Many campers have told me they accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior because of a camp counselor. Virginia Wydner and her granddaughter, Kaitlyn (a former camper), were volunteers during Week 1 of Summer Camp 2010, and Kaitlyn participated in the talent show.

Acteens/YOMs have an exciting year ahead. Watch the newsletter!!!

The Associational WMU Executive Council will meet on Tuesday, August 10, 7pm, at Calvary. Associational WMU officers and church WMU directors are urged to attend.

Amy Wakefield (M.K.) graduated from Liberty in May. She is engaged to David Voltmer, a graduate of Liberty's School of Theology. Laura, Amy's youngest sister, will be a freshman at Liberty this fall, and Kelly is still a Liberty student. Their parents and brother, Nathan, will be in the Roanoke area soon after July 24th for a six month assignment. Please continue to be in prayer for this family.

Pray for the Church of the Week

- Aug. 1 Piney River Baptist Church
- Aug. 8 Ridgecrest Baptist Church
- Aug. 15 Rockfish Valley Baptist Church
- Aug. 22 Rose Union Baptist Church
- Aug. 29 St. Stephens Baptist Church

Associational Choir

The Associational Choir Presentation is scheduled for Sunday, August 15; 7:30pm at Clifford Baptist Church
I look forward to seeing you all there.
Shelia



**Coming to Calvary Baptist Church
September 30th, 7-9 p.m. Sign up!**

Sales Tax Holiday

Virginia's annual sales tax holiday for school supplies, clothing and footwear returns for the fifth year Aug. 6-8.

The list of items exempt from the 5 percent state and local retail sales tax is the same as previous years and includes school supplies like notebooks, pencils, calculators, dictionaries, backpacks and lunchboxes priced at \$20 or less each. The tax is also waived on clothing and footwear items like jeans, shorts, dresses,

raincoats, hats, sandals and sneakers priced at \$100 or less each. As long as each item qualifies, there is no limit on the quantity you can buy tax-free. And there is no requirement that the shopper be going back to school; these exemptions are available to everyone.

The complete lists of eligible items, sales tax holiday guidelines for consumers and retailers, and a list of frequently asked questions are available at tax.virginia.gov. [Click on the sales tax holiday logo under Announcements to go to the Sales Tax Holiday Information Center.](#)

"The recession has made Virginia's citizens more frugal, and we encourage those who know that 'every little bit counts' to go shopping and save money, while helping to support local retailers and Virginia's economy," said Acting Tax Commissioner Craig Burns. "This is the most popular Virginia sales tax holiday and the one that everyone can take advantage of."

During the sales tax holiday period, retailers are also permitted to pay the sales tax themselves on any non-exempt item and pass the savings on to their customers.

The August sales tax holiday was enacted unanimously by the 2006 General Assembly. Virginia also holds an Energy Star and WaterSense Products Sales Tax Holiday in October, and a Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday in May.

Director of Missions

At the last Associational Council meeting on July 12, Reggie Wilburn, our incoming association moderator, stated that he is praying for a two county, non-denominational revival possibly in 2013. I, too, am praying for a revival in our hearts as individuals, as churches, and as an association of committed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that all of us in this association will join with me and Reggie as we listen spiritually to the call of Almighty God as He moves among His people. The Psalmist said in Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

R.W. DeHann quoted British evangelist Gipsy Smith when he was asked how to start a revival. He said, "God home, lock yourself in your room, kneel down in the middle of your floor. Draw a chalk mark around yourself and ask God to start the revival inside that chalk mark. When He has answered your prayer, the revival will be on." De Hann continues, "Smith's reply makes an important point. Even though we should pray for revival in our churches, we need not wait for a spectacular working of God's Spirit in others to experience His power in our lives. In fact, the Lord is ready right now to bless us personally if we will meet His conditions.....So, rather than sitting back and waiting for some great moving of God's Spirit in the lives of other believers, let's individually meet the conditions for spiritual power, victory, and joy in our own lives. That's how we can have a revival!" As the hymn writer, Mackay wrote, "Revive us again--Fill each heart with Your love; May each soul be rekindled With fire from above."

Let me hear from you about revival. Let's talk and pray and act as God leads. It very well may be that

an associational revival is to be sooner than later. It must begin in the hearts and lives of each one of us! May God bless us to His Glory, in Jesus' Name! "Jake" Stewart, your interim Director of Missions.

PS: Pastors, you will be receiving information on the Sunday School Workshop to be held at Calvary Baptist Church on September 30, 7-9 PM. Call me or Arnold Fitzgerald, our Sunday School Director, with the number of your folks coming to the workshop.

In Christ,

Jake" Stewart, Interim Director of Missions.

Nueva Vida News

Sergio Hernandez and Maria Magdalena Anavia were baptized on June 27. Sergio and Maria had both accepted Christ and been attending Nueva Vida a long time. They also presented their two young girls, Yesenia and Lalis, and newborn son, Daniel, to the Lord on another Sunday. They are the first couple that the Lord has "added" to Nueva Vida since the congregation was officially started last year. Praise God for what He has done in their lives!

On July 5, Nueva Vida had an outing to Cave Mountain Lake. Several families and single men came together to enjoy a cookout and swim at the lake. Henry and Betty VanHoozier joined us also for the day. We had a very pleasant time.

During the week, I continue to have a regular discipleship Bible study in the home of Teresa Galvez with her daughter Magali, as well as a men's Bible study at the home of Eduardo Acevedo on Monday nights. Several men from the area have been accompanying me to the monthly Hispanic service in the James River Association and helping out with that also.

I would like to thank New Prospect Vacation Bible School and Amherst Baptist who collected offerings for Nueva Vida. Your support is appreciated!

Thanks to the churches that have provided meals to Nueva Vida this year! We need volunteers for August 15, September 26, and October 17. If your church group would like to provide a meal on one of these dates, please call Betty Fortune at 434 263-5994 or e-mail at bbfortune@nccwildblue.com. We appreciate you!

The Hispanic Community Day will be held September 19, 2010, 11:00 AM to 2:00 P. M. at Tye River Elementary School (cafeteria area). This year features a linen closet and coat closet as well as community vendors, meal provided by PBA WMU, and sports activities. Begin collecting your linen and coat items now and the September newsletter will provide information about drop-off points. If you have questions, feel free to call Betty Fortune at 434 263-5994 (e-mail at bbfortune@nccwildblue.com) or Cindy May at spm49@hotmail.com.

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