



Schools Open Soon

People of Purpose

Piedmont Baptist Association

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Church News

Vacation Bible School Directors

PLEASE SEND YOUR VBS REPORT TO THE MINISTRY CENTER.

Central will be having homecoming on August 9th with Dr. John Campbell as guest speaker; dinner on the grounds and all are invited.

On September 20th, Ann Brown will be speaking during the morning service (10:55). We will be hosting a missions session with her at 3pm, where she will be speaking about WMUV and VBMB missions in India.

Clifford invites you to their Revival Services taking place Aug. 2-5th.

Sunday, Aug. 2nd, 11:00am Rev. Jeffrey Campbell is speaking. Special Music: Clifford Baptist Church Adult Choir.

Sun., Aug. 2nd, 7:15pm Rev. Dan Carlton, Spring Hill Bapt. Ch. of Charlottesville with Special Music: The Yoder Family.

Mon., Aug. 3rd, 7:15pm Rev. Clyde Mawyer, Jr., Clifford Bapt. Ch. & Special Music: Clifford Baptist Church.

Tues., Aug 4, 7:15pm Rev. David Donahue, Beale Memorial Bapt. , Tappahannock, VA Special Music: TBA.

Wed., Aug. 5, 7:15pm Rev. Kelvin Brown, Mt. Olive Bapt. Ch. & Special Music: Mt. Olive Baptist Ch. Choir & Raymond Chupp Family. *Clifford Baptist Church would like to announce that they will be celebrating their Centennial (1909-2009) on Sunday, Sept. 20th during the morning worship hour.*

Jonesboro's Women on Mission will have guest speaker, Carol Ely, on August 18th at 10:00 a.m. She will speak of *Lamb's Wool* a Children's sweater ministry in partnership with Operation Christmas Child. Any lady who knits or knows someone who knits is invited to attend to learn about this ministry.

Mt. Shiloh is in need of a pianist. Give them a call if you are interested.

Dal Hill - VBS kick-off picnic Sun. eve., Aug. 2 with VBS August 2-7; Refreshments 6-6:30; classes 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Piney River's Homecoming is Aug. 2nd. Revival will be Aug 3-4 at 7:00 and Aug. 5th at 7:30. All are invited.



Pray for the PBA Church of the Week

August 2 Hebron Bapt. Church
August 9 Jonesboro Bapt. Church
August 16 Midway Bapt. Church
August 23 Mt. Shiloh Bapt. Church
August 30 New Prospect Bapt. Church
Sept. 6 Nueva Vida Iglesia Mission

Associational Choir Presentation

Aug. 16
7:30 pm

Clifford Baptist Church
Come and sing with us!



Calendar Events

Next cut off for the newsletter is Aug. 27th.

August, 2009

Christmas in August

3-7 Ministers Family Retreat

No Pastors' Conference in August

17 PBA Executive Committee; 7:30 p.m. at Ministry Center

23 Assoc. Choir Presentation – Clifford; 7:30 p.m.

September, 2009

13-20 Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis

15 Pastor's Conference – Woodland 10:30 a.m.

29 Annual Church Profiles (ACP) due back to Ministry Center.

Director of Missions

As I again settle in as your Director of Missions (DOM), I thought it might be good to review the job description for the DOM. There are many sections in the description, but the part that stands out is Section IV which reads: "The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the Association through performing such basic functions as the planning and correlation of programs, program services and ministries of the associational counsel to churches, interpretation of information, friendship with pastors, and good public relations." My goal is

to be the kind of leader and resource person that you as church leaders and members deserve. Being responsive and sensitive to your needs is most important to me. I intend to be mindful of the independent nature of each church and to honor that quality. Cooperation is desirable as we serve God in our two county area and beyond. As has been said, in working together we can accomplish more for God than working alone.

Recently, the Association Council met. The Council is composed of the officers of the Association, organizational directors, and chairpersons of the standing committees. The DOM serves as Council chairman. I encourage each Council member to become active in Council work which has a direct bearing on planning and implementation. The Council along with the Executive Committee are the two main bodies which serve as forums for doing ministry, missions, and outreach.

Let me also encourage each pastor, active and retired, to participate in the Pastor's Conference. These conferences are held at 10:30AM on the third Tuesday of each month, except for August, at one of the churches. The host pastor is the program leader and that church provides lunch. These conferences are invaluable times for sharing, cultivating friendships, and hearing from one another of issues, concerns, and joys of ministry. Your attendance can be very beneficial for you and for all of us as we minister in Jesus' Name. I am aware that some of the pastors work during the day and cannot attend these morning meetings. We shall try to schedule some evening meetings so more of you can be present. God Bless!

Israel W. "Jake" Stewart, Jr.,
Interim Director of Missions.



School Starts Soon
Pray for our
Teachers and
Students

Hispanic Ministry

On June 28 we showed the *A Prueba de Fuego* (*Fireproof*) movie at the Rose Union Family Life Center building. Some 15 Hispanics came. The movie was well-received and we plan to show it again later in the year. Nine persons have purchased the *Love Dare* book which is featured in the movie. This Sunday we plan to show another evangelistic movie, *A Moment After*, in Spanish, which deals with the rapture and the second coming of Christ.

We now have two Hispanic Sunday school classes now meeting. Besides the Hebron Hispanic class which meets at 10 am, Nueva Vida has begun a Bible study class at 4pm taught by Melquiades Hernandez. Both classes are studying a book which gives a panorama of the Bible by highlighting main events and teachings of each Bible period and providing a simple way to remember the periods through visual symbols.

Brother Melquiades has also been teaching a Wednesday evening evangelistic Bible study at the home of Toribio Vega. Julio Galarza continues to cook a meal for Nueva Vida (except once a month when PBA churches provide a meal) and help people during the week by taking them to the doctor and interpreting for them.

This month I was able to provide transportation to doctor's visits and help with immigration issues for 3 individuals as well as share the gospel on four visits.

Nueva Vida is in need of a driver for the associational van on Sunday evenings to transport men from the orchard to Rose Union for the 4pm Bible study and return them after the service and meal. The driver needs to have a good driving record and be able to drive at least every other Sunday. Gas for the van will be reimbursed from the Nueva Vida church fund.

Please call me at 946-7795 if you are interested or know someone who could help. This is a vital ministry to those who have no transportation. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated!
In His service,

Evan Johnson
Hispanic Ministries Coordinator

WMU News

Aug. 4- 7 p.m. Calvary – Planning Meeting for Assoc. WMU officers and Church WMU directors.

Aug. 18 – 10 a.m. Jonesboro has Carol Ely of Lamb's Wool (a children's sweater ministry in partnership with Operation Christmas Child) speaking. All women are invited. Bring your daughters.

They may love knitting!

Sept. 13 – Fleetwood – Hispanic Day . WMU will provide a healthy lunch. Volunteers are needed. Call Bonnie at the Ministry Center or Betty Shelton (277-8620 or feshel@ceva.net).

Sept. 15 – Avis Dempsey Meeting 6:30 p.m.; place TBA (watch for Sept. newsletter).

Supplies are needed for Rick's Institute. (Francis Jaryan led our summer mission study.) A shipment will be going out from First Bapt. Church in Columbus, GA to VA and on to Liberia in early October.

Items Needed Are:
Reams of paper – assorted colors;
dry erase markers and cleaner; dark socks; notebooks; pencils; pens;

etc. For a larger list Call Betty Shelton.

Address to send supplies:
Rick's Institute Shipment 3/o First Baptist Church 212 12th Street, Columbus, GA 31901-2443. (706)322-4468 (if you need to Call.

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. –St. Francis of Assisi

WHEN THE MUSIC STOPPED

To understand this story, you need to know that, in military theaters, the National Anthem is played before every movie.

This was written by Chaplain Jim Higgins, who is stationed in Iraq:

I recently attended a showing of "Superman 3" here at LSA Anaconda (an American base camp north of Baghdad). We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National

Anthem in the first place.

Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start.

But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

"And the rockets red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet
wave,
o'er the land of the free,
and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq . I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here. Remember them as they fight for you!

Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. For many have already paid the ultimate price.