

For Unto Us



A Child is Born

Calendar Events

Next cut off for the newsletter is Nov. 23rd.

Emmanuel Baptist is hosting the International Mission Study on Dec. 1st- 6:30 with dessert fellowship & 7:00 study led by Jean Mays and Juanita Wheeler... ALL are invited.

Shipman Baptist Sunday, December 6th at 6pm - Inspirational Christmas Concert by John Sines, Jr. Free admission – love offering welcome. Refreshments served after concert
Contact: Angie Wooten, 434/962-3769

December, 2009

Nov. 29-Dec 6 **Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.**

4 **PBA Pastor & Wife Christmas Dinner - Ridgecrest BC; 6:30 p.m.**

Dec. 25-Jan 1 **Christmas Holiday; office closed**

January, 2010

11 **PBA Assoc. Council meets 7:30 at Ministry Center**

17 **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

19 **Pastors' Conference - Emmanuel BC; 10:30 a.m.**

20-30 **21-C Conference, Gayton Bapt. Ch., Henrico.**

People of Purpose

Piedmont Baptist Association

December, 2009

440 Rose Mill Road
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Pray for the PBA Church of the Week

- Dec. 6 Clifford Bapt. Church
- Dec. 13 Ebenezer Bapt. Church
- Dec. 20 Emmanuel Bapt. Church
- Dec. 27 Fairmount Bapt. Church

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2009
Goal is \$175 Million
<http://ime.imb.org>
What is your Goal?

International Mission Study 2009 North Africa

**Who's Missing?
WHOSE
MISSION?**

08-09 ASSOCIATIONAL
ANNUAL
IS AT THE PRINTER.
LOOK FOR COPIES FOR YOUR
CHURCH TO BE AVAILABLE
LATE DECEMBER!

Hebron Baptist Church will have
"Bethlehem Alive"

Friday, Dec. 18- Tuesday Dec. 22, 2009

With the village open from 6-9 p.m.

An early opening at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 20
located at:

66 Tanbark Drive, Afton, VA 22920



Director of Missions

My wife and I attended the Baptist General Association of Virginia annual meeting in Fredericksburg on November 17-18. It was a most inspiring meeting. The worship time for us was most fulfilling. The theme verse of scripture was Luke 7:36-38, NRSV, "One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with Him, and He went into the Pharisee's house and took His place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that He was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind Him at His feet, weeping and began to bathe His feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing His feet and anointing them with oil." This scripture was chosen to amplify the overall theme of the conference, "A Time for Extravagance".

We live in unsettled times. As one speaker after another said, we must recapture the gist of this portion of scripture and be extravagant in our witness, in our worship of Almighty God, and in our everyday relationships. Extravagance begins with recognizing just who God is and what He has

done for us in the giving of His Son, Jesus Christ! May there be no holding back as we go into each day with the resolve to share the Good News of a Savior whose birth we soon celebrate. May we be unashamedly bold in proclaiming the love of God so profound and, yet so down to earth, that His love and His salvation is available for one and all.

Keep the Association in your prayers and especially the many churches that are searching for pastors. I appreciate your prayers also as I attempt to help pastors and churches and congregations in the days ahead. Merry Christmas and may God bless each of you real good.

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



BAND INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Nueva Vida is looking

for a set of drums and a bass guitar with amplifier to use in the Sunday worship services. If you have any of these instruments for sale or would like to donate them, please call Evan at 434-946-7795 or e-mail him at evanjohnson7@gmail.com.

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

MERRY HOLY DAYS FROM JAKE STEWART & BONNIE DAVIS



PERMANENT WMU WATCHWORD

"Labourers together with God"
(1Cor. 3:9KJV)

Hispanic Ministry

Oswaldo Gimenez accepted Christ while in the hospital at UVA and then made a profession of faith at Nueva Vida on Sunday, November 15. Nueva Vida has had an average attendance of 21 at Sunday services. Rose Union invited Nueva Vida to a Thanksgiving meal in the Family Life Center on November 22. Through the efforts of Maria Santiago, we dedicated

45 boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" recently in one of our services. Nueva Vida has also begun seeking band instruments to use during the worship services. You will find more information in this newsletter about that.

On Wednesday evenings we continue to have two groups meeting for discipleship, one in the home of Toribio Vega and the other at Fitzgerald's camp. Recently we showed the multi-language DVD in Spanish of "Catholicism- Crisis of Faith" at Toribio's and we had a discussion following the showing.

We had a showing of the movie "Fireproof" in Spanish in the home of Ignacio Valdepeña for the members of the Hebron Sunday School class. We also had a Thanksgiving meal and service at Hebron with 7 Hispanics from the Hebron class attending with their children.

The annual Christmas "fiesta" will be held this year at the Rose Union Family Life Center on Saturday, December 5 from 4 - 7 pm. This is our biggest event of the year for the Hispanic community of Amherst-Nelson. Please remember this event in your prayers and pray that God will be glorified in all that is done and that the good news of salvation through Jesus may be boldly proclaimed.

Evan Johnson,
Hispanic Ministries Coordinator