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People of Purpose

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Happy New Year

REJOICE... *for our Saviour is born!*

Church News:

- The **Associational Office** will be closed January 1st. Please make a note that whenever the Amherst County Public School system is **closed** due to bad weather then the Associational Office will also be closed. If the school system is running a later schedule, we will be on our regular schedule here in the office if at all possible. Thank you!
- 2008-2009 Annuals are in the Ministry being bound and can be picked up!
- At a WMU meeting at Fairmount in October a pair of ladies eye glasses were left. They are at the Ministry Center if you know to whom they belong.

Calendar Events

January, 2010

- 1 New Year, **office closed**
- 3 Collegiate Ministries Emphasis Day
- 11 **PBA Assoc. Council meets 7:30 at Ministry Center**
- 17 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 19 **Pastors' Conference - Ebenezer BC; 10:30 a.m. (please note it is NOT at Emmanuel.)**
- 20-30 21-C Conference, Gayton Bapt. Ch., Henrico.

February, 2005

- 4 Network of Assoc. Workers - Roslyn Conf. Center
- 11 Tax & Financial Support Planning Seminar - West Lynchburg Baptist Church
- 14-21 **WMU Focus Week**
- 15 Tax & Financial Support Planning Seminar - 1st Bapt. Ch. Charlottesville
- 16 **Pastor's Conf. - Clifford BC; 10:30 a.m.**
- 20 **Children's Ministry Day**
- 21 Virginia Baptist Colleges and Schools Day
- 22 **PBA Executive Committee - Ministry Center; 7:30 p.m.**

Pray for the PBA Church of the Week

- Jan. 3 Hebron Bapt. Church
- Jan. 10 Jonesboro Bapt. Church
- Jan. 17 Midway Bapt. Church
- Jan. 24 Mt. Shiloh Bapt. Church
- Jan. 31 New Prospect Bapt. Church

Director of Missions

Soon it will be 2010. What happened to 2009? Well, it zipped by for most of us, and a new year is fast upon us. Many of us celebrate the arrival of the new year by staying up late and watching the ball drop at Times Square in New York City at midnight on December 31. As for me, I probably will have dropped off to sleep before the new year arrives, but I will know about it the following morning. It is going to come whether I stay awake or not. What is really new about this year we call 2010? We will probably put on the same clothes, do the same things, eat the same kinds of food, and partake of life's pleasures and tasks in similar fashion as we did in 2009. The only new thing for many of us is the day itself and the year. The calendar will change. It will be a year that has not existed before-our new possession!

2010 A.D., Anno Domini, the year of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Time is stated with Jesus Christ as the mid-point of history. Even non-Christians tell time in this way, which is to note that the year marks how long it has been since Jesus was born in the flesh. Former pastor Dr. William E. Hull notes that whether we be Christian or pagan, every time we write the date we are paying unconscious tribute to Christ as the Lord of all time. This says much about the importance of Christ. By our calendar we are affirming something has happened that has never happened before and will never happen again. What Christ was and did is "once for all" unique and unrepeatable. Everything new takes place in some "year of our Lord," thus we need not fear innovation but look for ways to incorporate change into an enriched understanding of life under the Lordship of Christ. As Jesus said recorded in John 14:14, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

Let us resolve as individuals and churches in the Piedmont Association to enter into the new year of 2010 walking ever more closely with the Lord Jesus Christ. May we know in our hearts that Jesus is "the way, the

truth, and the life..." for the believer, and that we tell others of this Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, this Jesus in the new year of 2010! I plan to see many of you in our churches as this new year unfolds. God Bless!

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

Hispanic Ministry

On November 29, Vasti Ortega, sang and shared at one of Nueva Vida's services. Vasti is a Junior at Liberty University majoring in Missionary Nursing and daughter of IMB missionaries to Mexico City, William and Orpha Ortega. Miss Ortega shared of her experience of teaching in Jordan and sharing the gospel in that Muslim country where evangelism is illegal. We were all inspired by her courageous witness experience and uplifted by her songs during the service.

The annual associational "Fiesta" was held this year at the Family Life Center of Rose Union on December 5 from 4 to 7 pm. Some 65 people attended from the Amherst - Nelson area as well as from "Iglesia de Las Americas" in Lynchburg. Pastor Carlos Payan of "Las Americas" brought the message and a band from his church played and sang. Billie Taylor and one of her actees from Ridgecrest Baptist Church did the games and piñata. Melquiades Hernandez from Nueva Vida prepared the typical Mexican meal of "mole". Jean McChesney and her class from Rose Union provided the piñata. Betty Fortune provided the birthday cake and Henry and Betty VanHoozier of Ebenezer Baptist provided the gift bags for the children. Hebron Baptist and others donated prizes for the adults. It was a great success thanks to all those from the churches who helped.

Evan Johnson
Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, PBA

PERMANENT WMU WATCHWORD

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

The Associational WMU is collecting greeting card faces to be sent to St. Judes Hospital. These can be brought to the Ministry Center or taken to Debby Ashley at the Union Bank and Trust in Lovingson.

Also cut the stamps from your envelopes, leaving a 1/4 " border; these will come to the Ministry Center.

"Every day, across the state and around the world, Virginia Baptist express God's extravagant love to others. In 2009, Virginia Baptist gave to provide nearly 250,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now; contributed nearly \$225,000 to world hunger, fed thousands in their communities through church-based food pantries and Angel Food ministries; responded to eight disasters from Virginia to Indonesia; repaired over 40 homes in the state through Impact Virginia! And so much more! " *Thank you Piedmont for being extravagant for God.*



Yes, it is Winter and the holiday season. But, it's never too early to start thinking about VBS!

Vacation Bible School

Do you have a director?
Have you set your dates?
Plan to come to train with the new materials the end of March (*date to be set*).

Some New Year's Resolutions You May Want to Consider

1. Close your book of complaints and open the book of praise.
2. To ignore what life owes you and to think about what you owe life.
3. To stop looking for friendship and to start being friendly.
4. To be content with such things as you have and to stop shinning for the things you have not.
5. To enjoy the simple blessings of life and to cease striving for the artificial pleasures of the day.
6. To forget what you have accomplished and to meditate on what others have done for you.
7. To cease looking for someone to help you and to devote yourself to helping others.
8. To consecrate your life to the service of an imperfect church and to remember that Christ chose twelve imperfect followers to be His disciples. (Copied)

MountainTop Christian Adventures

Paintball, Wall Climbing
and other activities.

Contact Pastor Carl Davis
434- 922-7977



Nueva Vida is in need of a drum set and bass guitar with amplifier for use in Sunday worship services.

Anyone who has these items for sale or would like to donate them, please contact Evan Johnson at 946 - 7795 or you can e-mail him at evanjohnson7@gmail.com

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