

Happy
Father's
Day!

People of Purpose

Piedmont Baptist Association
June, 2010

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Vacation Bible School Dates

Amherst June 27-30, Saddle Ridge
Calvary June 14-18, Saddle Ridge
Central June 6-12, Saddle Ridge
Clifford June 21-25, Saddle Ridge
Ebenezer June 27-July 1, Saddle Ridge
Emmanuel June 27-July 2, Saddle Ridge
Hebron June 28- July 2
Jonesboro June 21-June 26
Midway July 18-23, Saddle Ridge
New Prospect July 5-9, Saddle Ridge
Nueva Vida on four Sunday evenings, Saddle Ridge
Oak Hill August 8-13, Saddle Ridge
Piney River July 18-23, High Seas Expedition
Ridgecrest July 19-23 9 am –noon
Rockfish Valley June 6-13-18
Rose Union June 13-18
St. Stephens June 13-18
Schuyler June 20-25; Community VBS
Woodland June 26-29

*Roundin' up Questions,
Drivin' home answers!*
Saddle up for VBS 2010
where kids will be ridin' the
range and roundin' up
questions like: "What is God's plan for me?"



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!! We're getting ready to start our practices for our **Annual PBA Choir**. We will begin Sunday, June 25; 3pm @ Clifford Baptist Church. I would like to have the children of our churches participate in one of the songs this year. SOOOO, if you have young people from K-5th grade that might be interested, PLEASE let me know.

Our presentation is scheduled for Sunday, August 15; 7:30pm @ Clifford.
I look forward to seeing you all very soon.
Shelia

Woodland Baptist Church
and
Piedmont Association
Welcomes Rev. Greg and Mrs. Kristie
McCormick with sons, Caleb and Noah.



Calendar Events

June, 2010

- 15 PBA –Pastors' Conference 10:30 a.m. – will be at Adial Baptist Church**
13-14 National WMU Annual Meeting/Missions Cel.
15-16 Southern Baptist Convention – Orlando, Florida
21 Camp Little Cross Roads opens for summer camp
25 1st Association Choir Practice – Clifford BC; 3 pm

July, 2010

- 4 Independence Day Holiday- Office Closed**
12 PBA-Associational Council 7:30 p.m. – Ministry Center
20 PBA-Pastor's Conference 10:30 a.m. – Ministry Center; lunch will be provided
TBA Summer Book Study – TBA

WMU

Isn't it amazing what things we can collect to be used in helping others! The following are being collected at the Ministry Center.

Postage Stamps for Missions – Please cut or tear around the stamps leaving ¼ to ½ inch of the envelope around the stamp. A torn stamp is of no use.

Greeting Card Faces – for the Children's Hospital
Campbell Soup/products bar codes

Pull Tabs from the tops of aluminum cans

Director of Missions

Please continue in prayer for the Association. Even though we have finished the Week of Prayer for Associational Missions, the need for prayer for the churches, pastors, deacons, search committees, and congregations is vital. We live in perilous times. Satan is at work to undermine our witness and faith. May we remain ever strong as we prayerfully call on Almighty God for His strength and direction. May we be responsive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, all for the glory of God in Christ Jesus, Our Lord! It is not too late to contribute through your church to support Camp Crossroads Scholarships, which was the special offering emphasis during the Week of Prayer. What a fitting way

to help our young people attend camp as we honor the fine ministry at the camp the past twenty-five years!

I recently received a request from Chaplain Elisheva Clegg asking for monetary help for lodging for needy families who have members as patients at the University of Virginia Hospital. If you would like more information on how you can assist such folks with their needs, please contact her at 434 589-4864.

Attention all pastors, Sunday School leaders and teachers! Please mark down on your calendars the 2010 Associational Sunday School Workshop on Thursday, September 30, 7-9 PM, at Calvary Baptist Church, in Lovingston. Many of the pastors have been called about this workshop. We will be calling all pastors again in the next few weeks to get a firm commitment from each church. We need a minimum of 30 person attendance to guarantee the holding of the meeting. At the last Sunday School workshop in April 2008, we had a fine turnout of about 90 participants. It was not only well attended, but there were many comments on how helpful it was to have been a part of the workshop. Bill Alphin of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board is the coordinator of this meeting. He will provide the faculty for each age group and pastors. Be in prayer for this workshop and sign up to come in September. For more information, call me at 434 277-8905 or 434 361-2431. You may also call Arnold Fitzgerald, the Piedmont Association Sunday School Director, at 434 922-7412 or 434 922-7266.

God Bless!

Jake" Stewart, Interim Director of Missions.

Hispanic Ministry News

We continue to see people coming to Nueva Vida worship services that we have been inviting and ministering to for a long time. Rony Gomez continues to play his guitar and lead the worship service songs. Adan Juarez is enjoying playing the drums and the guitar. Melquiades Hernandez leads the service and teaches the Sunday School class.

During the week we continue to have home Bible studies in the homes of Teresa Galvez and Eduardo Acevedo. Antonio Guillén and Rony recently reconciled their lives with the Lord. On May 18th, St. Stephens provided a delicious hot covered-dish meal after our service.

On Saturday, June 5, we will be having an afternoon of fun for the whole family on the grounds of Piney River Baptist Church from 4 to 6 pm. Faith Baptist Church youth group of Madison Heights will be co-sponsoring this special outreach event with Nueva Vida. They will be doing game stations, face painting, volleyball, and providing pizza. Hispanic families from our associational area will be invited along with men from Fitzgerald's orchard. The gospel will also be shared with the entire group.

Evan Johnson, pastor
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida



Pray for the Church of the Week

June 6 Fairmount Baptist Church

June 13 Hebron Baptist Church

June 20 Jonesboro Baptist Church

June 27 Midway Baptist Church

July 4 Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church

Comb-Over Deception by Jim Kraus

Being a man and having a father who when bald early in life, I never had great illusions about sporting a full head of hair all my life. Back in my younger days in the 1960s, long hair was rather a social necessity, so I grew my hair long and wore it proudly. Sure enough, when I entered my 40s, the thinning started. I kept the same hairstyle I'd had for the previous 20 years-(why change something that's worked so well?)-but there was an additional comb-over aspect now. Of course, I thought those few, well-tended strands of hair hid everything – even though everyone else could see I was not hiding anything.

Several years ago, I decided that enough was enough. All the hair I have left is now cut short. I can't tell you the freedom I feel by no longer trying to keep things covered up.

There is another type of cover-up that is far more serious. It is the act of hiding sin inside our hearts while attempting to deceive others-and even ourselves-with good appearances on the outside.

On the day of final judgment, however, every secret thing will be exposed. We may cover up our sins now, but nothing will cover them on that day. Scripture tells us that

God "will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives" (1 Corinthians 4:5). In Luke 12:2, Jesus says, "Everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all."

In the last book of the Bible, an unimaginable scene is described in chapter 20, when all "the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne" receive his judgment. There will be no escape; no privacy consultation room; and no more opportunity for an embarrassed, whispered confession of sin. Everyone will hear the formal charges from the accurately written record, the stammering attempts at defense, and the final sentence of the hold Judge.

Be wise! Confess every sin to God while you can do it privately- to him alone. He will cleanse you with his precious blood so that you can stand before him on that Judgment Day without shame. He has promised to remove your sins "as far...as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12) and says he will remember them no more (Heb. 8:12). What wonderful promises!

Have you asked him to do that for you? Do not put faith in your cover-ups – or comb-overs!