



# People of Purpose

Piedmont Baptist Association

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## Week of Prayer for Piedmont Associational Missions

May 16 – 22

Offering Taken For Scholarships to Summer Camp

### 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, Saddle Ridge
- 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 16-29

*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

### Calendar Events

#### May, 2010

- 9** **Mother's Day**
- 11** **PBA - WMU Annual Meeting - Hebron 10:00 Covered Dish.**
- 16-22** **PBA Associational Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer. Offering received is for Camp Scholarships.**
- 17** **PBA Executive Committee - Min. Center 7:30 pm**
- 18** **PBA Pastor's Conf-Ridgecrest; 10:30 a.m.**
- 22** **25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of CrossRoads**
- 31** **Memorial Day- Ministry Center Closed**

#### June, 2010

- 15** **PBA -Pastors' Conference 10:30 a.m. - where is to be announced**
- 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** **1<sup>st</sup> Association Choir Practice - Clifford BC; 3 pm**

### WMU

The **Annual Association WMU Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 11, at 10a.m., at **Hebron**. Kristen White of WMUV will be the guest speaker. All women (and husbands!) are welcome. There will be a covered dish lunch after the meeting. If you can't get to the meeting, come for lunch and enjoy the fellowship!!!

Don't forget to register to attend the **25th Birthday Celebration at CrossRoads!!** Church WMU directors should have the form to make copies for those who need them. If you know of former summer camp staffers, please give me their addresses, and I will get them to Cathy Banton.

There are many *Moses baskets* packed and ready at the Ministry Center for new moms (or soon to be moms) who are in need of basic supplies for their child.

## Director of Missions

May I add my congratulations to Kasey Baker of Emmanuel Baptist Church for being selected as the Outstanding GA 2010 by the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia. Kasey, a 6th grader who is active in Girls in Action, was selected because of her exceptional example as a role model for missions involvement in her church and community. She is the recipient of the Lisk Scholarship, which enables her to attend a week of summer camp at Crossroads Camp and Conference Center, and to participate in leadership roles at various WMUV events in the coming year. The Lisk scholarship is awarded each year in memory of Kati and Kristen Lisk, two of Virginia's outstanding GA's who loved GA camp.

May I also say a few words about associations. The Piedmont Baptist Association is here to serve your church and also to serve each member. David F. Meacham of the North American Mission Board says, "Not only can we assist your church in fulfilling its Great Commission responsibilities, but we can also equip workers for the harvest by providing resources, training, and strategies for evangelism. We can help your members understand their calling, share Christ with the lost, and learn about church starting opportunities.

Associational Emphasis Week is May 16-22. That's a great time to let your members know what we do. To help, we're providing tools to increase awareness of the Baptist Association and our services.....from the web site [www.namb.net/aw](http://www.namb.net/aw). Help us spread the Word through effective evangelism, church starting, and volunteer mobilization." Please give generously and prayerfully to Associational Missions which will be used for scholarships to summer camp for our children.

Thanks to Pastor Tom Fowler and Schuyler Baptist Church for hosting the Men's Retreat at the Dorrier farm in Buckingham County; to Reggie Wilburn for organizing the Spring Meeting at St. Stephens Church and for that church's fine hospitality; to Rev. David Christian for his leadership as Moderator; to Bonnie Davis for fine clerical and financial skills; and for each church, pastor, and member for your faithfulness in so many ways; and to Rev. Jeffrey Campbell and Mrs. Eleanor Mawyer for hosting the Youth Rally on April 24 at Clifford Baptist Church.

May God continue to bless us as we seek His leadership in the days ahead. Pray for all the churches and especially the churches searching for pastors. By the way, calls will be going soon to fill vacancies on PBA boards and committees for the forthcoming year. If you are called, I hope you will prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless!

Jake" Stewart, Interim Director of Missions.

## Hispanic Ministry

On March 28 I had the privilege of speaking to Randy Bixler's Sunday School class at Clifford about my ministry. My wife, Vicki, interpreted what I had to say into English. Francisco Valdepeña spoke briefly before the group and Rony Gomez sang. During the service a group of men from Nueva Vida sang two songs during the worship service. Thank you, Randy's class members, for the generous love offering you took up for me!

I spoke to the GA's at Emmanuel Baptist Church on April 7 about how the Nueva Vida congregation was started. A group of GA's have been attending Nueva Vida with Cindy May, their teacher, and helping out.

God continues working in and through Nueva Vida. A few Sundays ago, Norma Hernandez made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ at one of our services. She has been attending for a long time and continues to be faithful. Eduardo Acevedo also joined Nueva Vida upon statement of profession of faith and baptism from another church. Maria Magdalena Anavia who is soon to give birth, received baby items from the recent *Moses Project* collected from churches in the PBA.

An evangelistic Bible study continues to meet in the home of Teresa Galvez who lives in a trailer park close to Lovington. Her son Cesar and daughter, Magali have been attending. Recently Magali accepted Christ as her Savior. Praise the Lord!

Eduardo Acevedo, Cindy May, and I attended the recent "Encuentro" in Fredericksburg for Hispanic pastors and leaders. We attended two "small group" conferences on youth worship and starting Hispanic churches in Virginia. All of those present were challenged to pray for the starting of start 50 new Hispanic churches in Virginia in the next 5 years. We are praying for 75 lay leaders to be trained to start churches and then for 2 people in the new congregations to be trained to initiate new work. Only 10% of the Hispanics in Virginia attend *any* church.

Thanks to the churches in the Piedmont Association who are helping to provide for my salary support through Nueva Vida. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

Evan Johnson, pastor

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida

## New Books in PBA Library

- *A Heart Like His – Seeking the Heart of God Through A study of David* by Beth Moore
- *Amazing Freedom – Devotions to Free Your Spirit and Fill Your Heart*
- *Be Restored! – God's Power for African American Women* by Debra Berry
- *One Month to Live – Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life* by Kerry & Chris Shook
- *The Secret to True Happiness* by Joyce Meyer

## Pray for the Church of the Week

May 2 Calvary Baptist Church  
May 9 Central Baptist Church  
May 16 Clifford Baptist Church  
May 23 Ebenezer Baptist Church  
May 30 Emmanuel Baptist Church

*Happy Mother's Day*  
