



People of Purpose

Piedmont Baptist Association

November, 2009



is at New Prospect on Monday, Nov. 2 at 10:30 a.m., led by Cindy May Bring a brown bag lunch and dessert. Tea and coffee will be provided by NPBC. At 7 p.m. Melissa Morris will be at Ridgecrest for a time of prayer. Come ladies and do what we do best....PRAY!

Girls in Action (GAs) Banquet will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m., Clifford Baptist Church.



Thank You

A special thanks to all the wonderfully talented, spirit-filled musicians that played such an important part in our Annual Meeting. The Clifford Choir(Jake Garland-soloist), Dr Mike Fitzgerald & Adam Wilburn, Virginia Wydner (Amherst Baptist), Nueva Vida Choir and our wonderful musicians, Randy Bixler and Doris Bainbridge. WHAT A MEETING!!!! Last, but certainly not least, to our audio/technical folks: Kenneth Campbell, Robert Habel & Francis Wood, THANK-YOU SO MUCH!!!

We would LOVE to see more of our churches represented in our associational choir in 2010. Our first rehearsal will be towards the end of June, then July and presentation in Aug. Please prayerfully consider your part in our associational choir and come on out to be with us. We have a fantastic time praise'n our Lord!! In His Service, Shelia

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Director of Missions

During meetings we had at Clifford Church for the One Hundred-Seventh Annual Session of the Piedmont Baptist Association on October 19 and 20! The worship service on Monday evening, October 19, was especially meaningful and uplifting. The Clifford choir, accompanied by Pastor Michael Fitzgerald on the guitar and Randy Bixler on the piano, set the spiritual tone for the whole evening with music that seemed to bring the Spirit of God even closer to all of us. Sheila Wood led us in the singing of familiar hymns, and Rev. Carl Davis, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, brought a stirring message on Godlessness in the last days. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 as well as other Scripture was quoted to make us aware that we are already experiencing many Godless acts and characteristics. Rev. Davis emphasized verse 5b especially which admonishes us to have "nothing to do with them [people engaged in Godless acts]". The church as well as the world beyond the church can easily fall victim to these transgressions of God's provisions. The service concluded with the Lord's Supper led by Pastor Fitzgerald and assisted by Pastor Davis and Associate Pastor Rev. Clyde Mawyer, Jr., of Clifford Church. A deep sense of reverence for God prevailed throughout the sanctuary as we came forward to receive the bread and the fruit of the vine from these ministers. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 formed the Scriptural basis for communion as we reflected on what Jesus Christ did for us in the giving of His life that we might have eternal life. We most certainly "proclaim[ed] the Lord's death until He comes (vs 26b)".

The Director of Missions and pastors from many of the Association churches met at 3PM on Tuesday, October 20. Rev. Clyde Mawyer, Jr., brought the program which dealt with securing background checks on new employees and staff and a video of a recent

Calendar Events

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

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- 2 *WML - World Day of Prayer*
- 17 *Pastor's Conf. - Amherst; 10:30a.m.*
- 17-18 *Baptist General Association of VA - Fredericksburg*
- 23 *PBA Executive Committee Meeting-Ministry Center; 7:30 p.m.*
- 26-27 *Thanksgiving Holiday - Ministry Center Closed*

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*

Pray for the PBA Church of the Week

- Nov 1 Woodland Bapt. Church
- Nov. 8 Adial Bapt. Church
- Nov. 15 Amherst Bapt. Church
- Nov. 22 Calvary Baptist Church
- Nov. 29 Central Baptist Church
- Dec. 6 Clifford Baptist Church

mission trip to Peru. A time of sharing and prayer concluded the meeting. The pastor's wives met at the same time in another location for sharing, prayer, and a baby shower for the new born son of Pastor Jason Canipe, and his wife, Ashley, of Piney River Baptist Church.

The afternoon session began at 4:30PM with music, prayer, a memorial service for church members who died in the past year. Dr. Jeff Cranford of the Virginia Baptist General Board brought the message which continued the theme of the night before concerning the need to proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified in the churches from the pulpits and in all facets of church life.

The evening session was held at 7PM and was devoted primarily to items of Association business. Jonesboro Baptist Church was recognized for highest per capita and total giving to the 2008 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. The Moderator, Rev. David Christian, and the Director of Missions, Rev. "Jake" Stewart, and Rev. Evan Johnson, Hispanic Ministry Coordinator, and others made reports on their respective areas of interest. The installation of officers for the New Year was administered by Dr. Powell Massie. Music was led by Sheila Wood.

All in all it was a most worshipful time and a blessing to all of us. I am so thankful to Clifford Baptist Church for providing the space and dinner meal for the meeting. I hope to see many of you at the spring meeting on April 20, 2010, at St. Stephens Baptist Church. God Bless! Israel W. "Jake" Stewart, Jr.,
Interim Director of Missions.

Hispanic Ministry

Nueva Vida had a second showing of the "Fireproof" movie in Spanish on September 27. A Mexican man by the name of

Damian prayed to accept Christ after the movie. Then on October 11, pastor Habacuc Diaz of Iglesia Bautista Maranata in Culpeper, preached and his praise team/band sang. Pastor Diaz brought a practical conference on the family and a group responded to the invitation afterwards.

We are holding a Bible study group on Wednesdays in the home of Toribio Vega, one of the members of Nueva Vida.

A group of 12 from Nueva Vida sang at the recent Annual Meeting of the Piedmont Association at Clifford Baptist Church.

Thank God for so many men who have been coming to the services and responding to the gospel. Please pray that we will reach more families as well.

Evan Johnson,
Hispanic Ministries Coordinator



Why Should Christians Vote?

Excerpts from an article by Dwayne Hastings

1 Christians should vote because Jesus tells us in the Bible to be a part of the process, not apart from it. Matt. 5:13-16

2 Christians should vote because our liberties were secured by the blood of our forbearers in faith early in our nation's history and have been preserved by the vigilance of brave men and women who time and time again have defended our freedoms

3 Christians should vote because Jesus urged His followers to render unto Caesar what was Caesar's. Luke 20:19-26

4 Christians should vote because Christ compels us to voice our faith-based convictions at the ballot box, as well as through the mailbox and atop the soapbox 1 Pet. 2:15

5 Christians should vote because the innocent, the indigent, and the unborn need a defender.

6 Christians should vote because as we exercise our civic right we have the opportunity to advocate policy positions that signal our faith in the providential care of God Col. 3.2

7 Christians should vote because as we involve ourselves in the electoral and public policy process, we add to our prayer list.