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Piedmont Baptist Association
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Church News

Amherst invites you to revival services Sunday, Oct. 4 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Monday and Tuesday 7:00 pm with special music each meeting. Speaker is Rev. David Benoit of Glory Ministries.

Central On September 20th, Ann Brown will be speaking during the morning service (10:55). We will be hosting a missions session with her at 3 pm, where she will be speaking about WMUV and VBMB missions in India.

Clifford would like to announce that they will be celebrating their Centennial (1909-2009) on Sunday, Sept. 20th during the morning worship hour.

Mt. Shiloh is in need of a pianist. Give them a call if you are interested at 263-4107.



Hispanic Community Day

is coming up on September 13 at Tye River Elementary School, sponsored by Regional Health Outreach Program (RHOP). One way we can help is with used, but good condition, linens of all kinds. Greatly needed are **blankets** since none were left from the closet last year. Donations can be brought to Tye River on Friday the 11th at 3:30 p.m. or you may call Betty Fortune at 434 263-5994 to arrange for pick-up.



A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. –St. Francis of Assisi

Commendation to New Prospect

On August 5th the Blue Ridge Food Bank Agency came to Agency 1332, known as *New Prospect Food Bank*, to recognize them as **Food Bank of the Year!** How awesome is that!?! This award was given based on the following:

- Number of clients served;
- Operation of food pantry;
- Timeliness of records and the
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- recordkeeping itself;
- Inventory;
- Payment to Blue Ridge on time.

The Food Bank leaders are Kathleen Doss Lloyd, Sharon Fitzgerald, Joe Lloyd, Sr. and many volunteers!



Calendar Events

Next cut off for the newsletter is Sept. 27th.

September, 2009

- 13-20 **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis**
- 15 **Pastor's Conference – Woodland 10:30 a.m.**
- 29 **Annual Church Profiles (ACP) due back to Ministry Center.**

October, 2009

- Cooperative Program Month
- 5 **PBA Executive Comm. Meeting, 7:30**

- 11 *World Hunger Sunday*
- 19 **PBA Annual Fall Meeting-Clifford; 7:30**
- 20 **Pastor's Conference-Clifford; 3:00 pm**
- 20 **Pastors' Wives Gathering-Clifford; 3:00 p.m.**
- 20 **PBA Annual Fall Meeting – Clifford BC 4:30 pm, 6:00 dinner & 7:15 p.m.**
- 27 **PBA – WMU Margie Shumate Group – 10:00; covered dish; Central BC**
- 28 **PBA-WMU-Blanche White Group 10:00; covered dish; Fairmount BC.**
- 25 *Consider Your Call Sunday.*

WMU News

Sept. 13 – *Hispanic Community Day* has moved to Tye River Elem. School. Our WMU will provide the lunch meal. Please come out and help, arriving by 12:30.

Contact your WMU Director for more info.

Sept. 15 – Avis Dempsey will meet 6:30 p.m. at Amherst Baptist Church –wear purple! Plan to have a good time.

Sept. 20 – 3 p.m. at Central BC, Ann Brown, President of the WMU of VA, will speak of missions in India. Associational WMUs will be providing finger foods for a fellowship time.

Oct. 27 – Margie Shumate Group Meeting – 10 a.m. at Central, Covered Dish lunch.

Oct. 28 – Blanche White Meeting, at Fairmount, 10 a.m.; covered dish lunch.

Please continue to collect items for **Rick's Institute in Liberia** to include school supplies, science books, lab equipment and garden seed.



A **BIG THANKS** to all who participated in and attended our 2009 **Associational Choir Presentation** Aug. 16. A sincere *THANKS* to Clifford for hosting us and making us feel so welcome.

I hope you'll mark calendars for 3rd Sunday in Aug 2010 for the next presentation. We'll start practices last Sunday in June, 2010.

Watch the newsletter, check with your church music minister or feel free to call me for more info. We'd LOVE to fill the choir loft with singers.

I am humbled to be able to serve as PBA's Music Minister. My cup runneth over for each person in our association but particularly our choir ! See you in October at our Fall Meeting at Clifford Baptist. In His love & service,

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Director of Missions

Prayer is an important part of our daily walk as Christians. We pray in the worship service, in Sunday school, in meetings, before meals, in private, and in public places. We pray when life seems to close in on us, and we pray when blessings come our way. If we were asked about our prayer life, most of us would say that we certainly make prayer an important part of our daily routine. There is a word of caution, however, in that we may treat prayer casually and thereby not discover the intimate walk with our Lord that He so earnestly desires.

Jesus prayed often and deeply to God, the Father. Jesus knew how vital it was to have communion with the Heavenly Father, to express His love and to share His deepest concerns and joys. The disciples could see in Jesus how important prayer was for Him. Eventually, one of the disciples got up the

courage to speak, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1). What a remarkable request! How revealing this statement was coming from one who was an intimate follower of our Lord. It was a bold recognition that prayer life for these men was not all that it could be. "Teach us to pray", he said, after observing Jesus in prayer. The disciples felt a need for a closer relationship with the Heavenly Father. They wanted to experience the joy of prayer that Jesus knew and was evident in His life.

The request was not to teach them how to pray; it was a request to teach them to pray. They were to learn that prayer would, in time, help identify and fortify them as true followers of the Lord. Jesus gave them a model prayer which we call *The Lord's Prayer* (Luke 11 and Matthew 6). He taught them to be persistent in prayer and to understand that the Heavenly Father "shall...give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him....(Luke 11:13). I see this request as a turning point for the disciples. I am convinced that today we need to be taught to pray. Conflict and problems in our Christian service can be solved as we turn to God for His guidance. Our cry must be, "Teach us to pray!"

May I remind everyone of two important dates on the Association calendar. The **Executive Committee meets at 7:30PM, October 5, at the Ministry Center. The Annual Meeting is at 7:30PM, Monday, October 19, and 4:30PM and 7:15PM, Tuesday, October 20, at Clifford Baptist Church. The Pastor's Conference is at 3PM on October 20 at Clifford.** I encourage each church to send messengers to these meetings. I also encourage each pastor to attend. We need each other in these troubled times as we share and sense the Lord's leadership. We can do more working together than we can working alone.

God Bless!

Israel W. "Jake" Stewart, Jr.

Pray for the PBA Church of the Week

Sept. 6 Nueva Vida Iglesia Mission
 Sept. 13 Oak Hill Bapt. Church
 Sept. 20 Piney River Bapt. Church
 Sept. 27 Ridgecrest Bapt. Church
 Oct. 4 Rockfish Valley Bapt. Church

Hispanic Ministry

Nueva Vida officially launched as a mission church on June 14. Thus far we have 10 members, five who were received by baptism, and five who were received by letter or testimony. Attendance has been averaging around 20. Several members from the Fitzgerald's camp helped to distribute phone cards, tracts, and witness to several groups of orchard workers. Nueva Vida launched its first Sunday School class on July 12 taught by Melquiades Hernandez. Another class has also been started for children taught by Cindy May. We also had our first baby dedication on August 2 when Semei Camacho and Elena Torres dedicated their son Carlos Daniel. During the past two months we have shown an evangelistic movie in the Family Life Center at Rose Union on the last Sunday of the month and well will be showing another one at the end of this month.

As far as a ministry out in the community, I have been able to share the gospel on 10 visits, shared the "Good News" presentation on 3 visits, participated in 6 evangelistic Bible studies, taught 10 discipleship studies, and been involved in 8 practical ministry situations. On one of these evangelistic visits a mother and her son prayed to accept Christ.

I have been attending monthly church planter meetings led by Habacuc Diaz, pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church in Culpeper. In these meetings with other church planters we eat together, share what is going on in our situations and get encouragement and ideas from Habacuc."

Evan Johnson

Hispanic Ministries Coordinator