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The purpose of the Washington Baptist Association is to support member churches as they come together in the common bond of Christ.
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WBA Executive Committee

Tuesday

August 14, 2010

7:00 p.m. – Fellowship & refreshments

7:30 p.m. - Session begins

Church Central

620 South Wilkinson Street
Milledgeville, GA

Washington Baptist Association



Men on Mission

Place: Mosleyville Baptist Church
Date: October 5th
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Speaker: Jack Hickey
Director of Habitat for Humanity
Meal: Fish Fry



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

Smyrna Baptist Church

For the past 6 years, Smyrna Baptist Church has partnered with Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries in Gatlinburg, TN, to assist with their summer mission program. They clean the two-story, 10 bedroom (26 beds), 2 bathroom dormitory for the staff members by: washing all dishes and cooking utensils, washing curtains, washing and turning mattresses, vacuuming and mopping floors, dusting, checking smoke detectors and fire escape ladders. They do repairs and yard work, as needed. Another task is to get their art and craft materials in order, as well as other tasks Bill Black has on his list. Two couples, Leonard and Cheryl Hart and Kenny and Kay Eady, each go for a week to serve as house parents for the staff members, cooking two meals per day for the staffers, who range in age from 15 to grad students.



Has your church gone on a mission trip or done a mission project recently? Send the information to WBA so we can share it with others in our newsletter. We'd like to know how your light is shining for the Lord!

Continuing Education Classes will not start because a teacher has not been located. When a teacher is secured, an announcement will be made.

Ridgeland Heights will have Homecoming on September 19. The Jonesman will be singing in the afternoon. They will have revival Sept. 26 - 29.

A revised **Constitution and Bylaws** for the Washington Baptist Association has been presented at the February and May Executive Committee Meetings. A motion will be made at the September Executive Committee Meeting to adopt it at the Annual Meeting at Ridgeland Heights Baptist Church on October 12, 2010.

Our appreciation to
Mr. Joe Sullivan for replacing the broken vent on the WBA trailer.



Congratulations to Dr. Jerry and Terri Pickard (Northside) on the birth of their granddaughter, Justice Elise Pickard who was born August 4, 2010. Parents are Jared and Bonnie Pickard.

Missionary Moment

By David Self

Last week I was driving at night just above Athens. It was just after dark and the deer were moving into the open. Suddenly, I noticed a deer running across the road in the distance. I immediately remembered that deer often travel in numbers, so I quickly took my foot off of the accelerator. At that very moment the second one appeared in my lights. This one seemed much larger and I did all I could to stop. It was then that my automatic braking system took over and helped me to stop without an accident.

When I think about this near miss, I notice some common factors that came together. First there was a general awareness of the danger of night driving. Second there was a quick and passionate decision. And last, there was a superior braking system designed to prevent skidding. A designer planned for that moment long before it occurred.

The church needs a couple of things to remain healthy in her journey. She needs to be familiar with the "wiles of the devil" and "principalities... in high places" that seek to do her harm. The three elements needed are education, passion, and planning. The successful churches I have examined exhibit all three of these components.

If we can help your church, let us know.

An Invitation from Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Each year the Georgia Baptist Convention designates the month of September as State Missions Emphasis month. One local state missions program is Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Georgia College & State University, a ministry of the Georgia Baptist Collegiate Ministries Department. Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Georgia College & State University is a Christ-centered student organization on the campus of GCSU. Our goal is to focus on learning, living, and sharing our faith in partnership with the local church. We commit to challenge and equip one another, our campus, and our community to strive for maturity in faith and practice. BCM at GCSU, in partnership with the churches of the Washington Baptist Association, seeks to minister to and through local college students by providing opportunities for worship, fellowship, discipleship and missions.

If your church or a group in your church would like to have someone speak about the program and ministry of Baptist Collegiate Ministries, BCM Campus Minister, Mitch Wesley, and BCM Campus Minister Intern, Jonathan Nida, are available throughout the year to assist you.

You may contact them by phone at 478-452-4008 or by email at mwesley@windstream.net to arrange a time when one of them can share the mission and the vision of Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

WMU News

By Jimmie Harris

By the time you are reading this, your WMU director or contact person should have received the mailout about our plans for projects and events for the rest of this year. You may also read about them on the WMU page of the WBA website. We hope that you are already making plans to participate in each of these.

I have already heard from several of our WMU Groups about their plans for the Prayer Walk, Prayer Ride, or Prayer Service for our schools. First Baptist Sandersville has already held their Prayer Service praying for each person who in any way is connected to the schools and the entire church family took on the project of helping to fill the school uniform closet. They collected about 400 pieces of new uniform clothing and laid them on the alter as they prayed for each child who would receive them. We look forward to hearing from other groups.

Included in the mailout were instructions and needs regarding our Samaritan's Purse Christmas Project and our new Christmas Project, providing personal care items for the inmates at Baldwin State Prison. Let me encourage you to begin now collecting items for the shoeboxes and contributing to the WMU Christmas Fund to purchase the personal care items. A date to fill the bags will be announced later. Let's get a head start on our projects! Don't forget to sign up to help at the Association Office with packing the shoeboxes and getting them ready to deliver to Byron.

You also received information about the Hearts Called to Prayer Retreat at Camp Pinnacle on September 17-18, 2010. Debbie Wohler, Missionary at Lake Tahoe, CA, will be the special guest speaker. She is the missionary who receives money from the empty computer ink cartridges and old cell phones that we send in. I hope many of you will plan to go. We will enjoy getting to know Debbie personally!

Thank you for the many ways you do Missions in your groups.

God's Blessings and Butterflies,
Jimmie

Don't forget about our website. A copy of the latest newsletter and other information about our association and its events are posted there.
www.washingtonbaptistassociation.org

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 14 WBA Executive Meeting, 7 pm, Church Central
- Sept. 17-18 Hearts Called to Prayer Retreat. Camp Pinnacle
- Sept. 24-25 DiscipleEquip conference, Pine Forest Baptist, Macon, GA
- Oct. 5 WBA Men on Mission, 6:30 pm, Mosleyville
- Oct. 8 Annual Church Profiles due to WBA office
- Oct. 12 WBA Annual Meeting, 4 p.m., Ridgeland Heights Baptist
- Nov. 1 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer, TBA
- Nov. 15-16 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Albany

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