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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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Making... DiscipleEquip will offer church staff and lay leaders an opportunity to learn from leaders and practitioners. This will enable participants to develop a disciple-making church (Matthew 28-19) while equipping Christ followers to be fully devoted disciples.

Equipping... DiscipleEquip is an evening conference which challenges you to follow Paul's admonition to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12). DiscipleEquip is designed to partner with you in being strategic as you equip God's people in your local church.

Session Topics Include:

- Making and Equipping Children Disciples
- Making and Equipping Youth Disciples
- Making and Equipping Adult Disciples (Including adult discipleship, small groups, and mentoring)
- Strategic Disciplemaking (for pastors, ministry staff, and discipleship leaders)

When? 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Where? **Tennille Baptist Church**
204 N Main St.
Tennille, GA 31089

For more information, call David Self at (478) 453-8111

Tennille Baptist WMU will have a **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, December 10, 10 am – 2 pm in the social hall. There will be homemade crafts and baked goods for sale. Soup and sandwich lunch tickets are \$6.00 each and must be purchased in advance. All proceeds go to local mission projects.



Congratulations to Lisa Spivey for 25 years of service as Administrative Assistant at Northside Baptist Church.



WBA Men on Mission
Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7 p.m.
Ohoopee Baptist Church

Fred Morrison has been voted in as the new director. Come and meet him and support your organization as you serve the Lord together.

The 2011 Samaritan's Purse shoebox collection has come to a close. We appreciate all who packed boxes and volunteered at our Relay Center. We appreciate the "Good Samaritan" who paid for the rental of the U-Haul truck.



Total = 2,104 shoeboxes

PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Baldwin State Prison and Central State Prison have both requested assistance in providing hygiene items for their inmates this Christmas. We will collect the following items:

Toothpaste	Bar soap
Toothbrush	Shampoo
Stick deodorant	Lotion

We will also accept **donations** to purchase these items. Items and donations will be collected at the WBA office through December 1st.

The **Jesus Film** has been called the "most effective outreach tool ever Invented" and is being used around the world by more than 500 ministries. This tool is now available to you on DVD for 50 ¢ per copy. Use it as a gift to reach out to friends, neighbors and acquaintances and introduce them to Jesus. We have a limited number at the WBA. Email or call if you would like to purchase some.



Week of Prayer for International Missions
December 4-11, 2011

*Southern Baptists:
A praying people impacting a lost world*





Missionary Moment
By David Self, Director of Missions



The Georgia Baptist Convention was a great meeting. Given the turbulent times in which we live, a lot was expected to be said at the Miscellaneous Business. The campaign for president was expected to be difficult with Fred Evers and John Waters both being popular. John Waters defeated Fred Evers with a narrow margin, garnering 749 votes against Tifton pastor Fred Evers' 656.

What was most interesting was the report in response to the 2020 Report. The convention suggested that we cooperate in five areas. These are called the Five Smooth Stones.

- Stone #1: Spiritual Renewal
- Stone #2: Kingdom Generosity
- Stone #3: Church Revitalization
- Stone #4: Church Planting
- Stone #5: Authentic Evangelism



Each stone represents an area that needs attention in our churches. We do hope you will be in prayer and be willing to mobilize your church in these given areas.

The Bible says that David picked up 5 smooth stones before he faced Goliath of Gath. As many of you know, we too are facing many giants. The church is praying for many miracles to reach the world for Christ. All we need is faith and one good stone.

The most interesting part of the report was the testimony of Richard Suplita, a psychology lecturer at the University of Georgia, who was an atheist and who recently became a Christian. As a result of Authentic Evangelism, Richard Suplita gave his life to Christ.

Coming Soon:

Two years ago, Dave Nelson, Associational Missionary with the Central Association, asked if I would come to his association and teach on the subject of Conversational Evangelism. Since that time, I began to write on the subject of evangelism and a ministry. The result is a book entitled, Everything I Know about Evangelism I Learned at a Coffee House. It includes 40 techniques that any believer can use to increase their communication potential with unbelievers. More details later.



WMU News
By Harriett Amerson, WMU Director



Did you ever tell a funny story and no one laughed? You would say, "Well, you had to be there." You had to be there to know what a wonderful and tremendously great night of prayer we had at Tennille Baptist Church for our Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Our program, planned by Ann Lastinger, was one of the best ones we have had. Thanks to all of you who had a part in the program. You did a great job! We had a total of 54 who registered with 13 churches represented. A big "THANKS" goes out to the ladies of my very own WMU at Tennille. They prepared the most delicious refreshments and were the perfect hostesses.

Last week, the associational office looked like Santa's workshop. There were toys, candy, and boxes and lot of "elves" running around getting boxes ready for shipment. Our boxes will be sent out to over 100 countries to children who are already anticipating their arrival. What's so great is the follow up Bible study sponsored by Christian churches in these areas. Many children have come to know Jesus Christ as their savior through this ministry of Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Also, it is great to have our men "chip in" to help with the heavy work of loading the large boxes onto the truck. Our Relay Center collected 2,104 shoeboxes and the Byron Center (where our boxes go) collected 61,059 shoeboxes. Thanks to Kay Miller for her leadership in this ministry.

I hope that all of you can enjoy and be blessed by our celebration of "Thanksgiving". So many times, this day of thankfulness is left out of the mix. It's one of the most important days in our lives as Americans. There are still so many things to be thankful for, even though our world has changed in so many ways. Take time this Thanksgiving to enjoy being with your families, and thank God for all of His blessings.

To God Be the Glory!

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 2 Christmas Extravaganza at Northside, 7 pm
- Dec. 4-11 Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Dec. 28-30 MOVE (Youth Evangelism Conference), Macon
- Jan. 10 WBA Men on Mission, Ochoopee, 7 pm
- Jan. 31 DisciplEquip, Tennille, 7 pm
- Feb. 21 WBA Executive Committee, Smyrna



Merry Christmas
from the Washington
Baptist Association
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