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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 or 478-251-1497.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE



The Mosleyville Baptist Church "Joy Group" has published a cookbook entitled, "Mosleyville Memories." The Cookbook is dedicated to the memory of *Morris Blizzard* who was known and loved throughout the Association. The Cookbooks sell for \$12.00 each. Please contact Linda Trussell at 478-456-7754 or Rubye Snow at 478-452-1497 if you are interested in purchasing a cookbook.

New Year's Resolutions

Setting a goal or several goals at the beginning of the new year can be stimulating, but it's the motivation to keep the resolution that is important. One can determine to pray more, read the Bible more, go to church regularly, or volunteer more, but these resolutions can fail without correct motivation. The incentive must come from within with purpose and a plan. Even though there might be a setback at times, the best thing to do is to immediately start again. Ask God to help you be faithful.



WBA Men on Mission

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7 p.m.
Ohoopsee 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 Riverbend Correctional Facility at 196 Laying Farm Road in Milledgeville was opened in December 2011. Jeff Alford is the Chaplain and is requesting volunteers to lead Bible studies or church services. He will be offering volunteer training within the next 2 months.

Anyone interested should call him at 478-414-2364 or 478-414-8898.

"Kairos" will be offered later this year.



Chaplain Alford is available to speak to any of your church groups about prison ministry.

Current needs are:

- Large print Bibles
- NIV Bibles (paperback if fine)
- Used or new Christian books in good condition
- Copies of the novel, *The Shack*
- A large number of "Four Spiritual Laws" tracts

2012 VBS JumpStarts & Clinics

Get an early start on next year's VBS with a FREE curriculum overview by Lifeway Bookstores. Themes are **Amazing Wonders Aviation** and **Space Quest**.

There are 5 dates and 12 locations but the closest ones to the WBA are listed below. All VBS JumpStarts are from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Macon (Mabel White BC)

Monday, Jan. 23 – Augusta (Abilene BC)

Thursday, Jan. 26 – Athens (Beech Haven BC)



The **VBS Clinic** closest to us is Saturday, March 24 at Mable White BC in Macon. Schedule is from 7:45 am – 1:00 pm. To find other dates and locations or to register online, go to <http://ssog.gabaptist.org> or call 1-800-746-4422, Ext 286.

Stella Lou Phillips Middlebrooks

Mrs. Middlebrooks, most recently of Macon, Georgia, aged 88, passed into the presence of her Savior December 8, 2011. Mrs. Middlebrooks was born in Jacksboro, Texas, August 24, 1923. She graduated from Jacksboro High School in Jacksboro, Texas in 1940 and Georgia State College, Milledgeville, Georgia, 1961. Mrs. Middlebrooks taught geography and other social studies courses at Baldwin County High School for 19 years. Mrs. Middlebrooks is survived by her husband of 70 years Doyle Clinton Middlebrooks and three children and their spouses: Janice and Mike Rogers, Waxhaw, North Carolina; Larry and Susie Middlebrooks, Lilburn, Georgia; Charles and Mary Ann Middlebrooks, Waco, Texas and seven grandchildren – in Georgia: Scott and Kerry, and Kevin Middlebrooks; in Texas: Joe and Starla, Phillip and David Middlebrooks – and one great-granddaughter in Texas: Memory Middlebrooks. Mrs. Middlebrooks is preceded in death by grandson, Brian Rogers. A memorial service will be held at Hart's Mortuary, 6324 Peake Road, Macon, Georgia, Friday, December 30, 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial donations be made to Baptist Village Retirement Communities, c/o Donna Hancock, 6000 Plantation Way, Macon, Georgia 31210. Hart's Mortuary is serving the family.



Missionary Moments by David Self

A number of years ago, some pastors and I traveled to Israel. We visited sites at Joppa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Capernaum, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. However, the oldest site was the ruins of the city of Jericho, a city so old that the lowest levels of dirt did not even contain pottery. That would make Jericho one of the oldest cities in the world.

Put yourself in that ancient city. Your food was always infested with insects and mice. Every one walked to the river each day to drink. Then, one day someone came to town and said, "I have a new invention that will be a container for our water and food. It will transform our village into a great city." However, the village leaders said, "It's never been done that way before." Others said, "What's wrong with leather pouches and wineskins?" Still others said, "If God meant for us to have pottery, He would have given us large ovens."

Although that seems silly, how many opportunities have been lost because people like things to stay the same? This year as you plan your church activities, be aware of the value of change. Look for what is not working and eliminate it. Ask the following,

- What could we change to make things better?"
- Would anyone notice if we changed it?
- Would it save money or personal energy that could strengthen the church?
- What would replace it?
- Will it harm the church to experiment?
- Does it go against scripture?
- Is God involved your decision?

I hope you have a Happy New Year!
David

FREE MOVIE NIGHT
Sandersville First Baptist
Sunday, January 8, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Begin the new year with a new perspective

This conference will help you find your place of service. It is intended not only for Men's Directors and Royal Ambassador leaders, but for every man in your church.

2012 Men's Ministries Region Conference

January 28
Saturday • 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
South Region Men's Conference

First Baptist of Ty Ty
157 North Church Street
Ty Ty, Georgia 31795
229-382-6247

Online registration is available at <http://mens.gabaptist.org>

Cost: \$10 (includes continental breakfast; cookout lunch; special activities)

Fishing Trip Giveaway with Royce Railey, Professional Bass Fisherman with Go Fish Ministries

Contact Men's Ministries with questions:
770-936-5256, 1-800-746-4422 ext. 256, or whitaker@gabaptist.org

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Gifts of Georgia Baptists through the Cooperative Program enable us to partner together in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 26 - 30 WBA Office closed
- Jan. 10 Men on Mission, Ohoopee, 7 pm
- Jan. 12 WBA Council, WBA office, 7 pm
- Jan. 17 VBS JumpStart, Mabel White, Macon, 7 pm
- Jan. 31 DiscipEquip, Tennille, 7 pm
- Feb. 21 WBA Exec. Comm. Mtg., Smyrna, 7 pm



April 27-28, 2012
Callaway Gardens
(Pine Mountain, GA)

Special Guests:
Anne Graham Lotz
Tom and Kim Blackaby
Cindy Johnson

Go to: <http://gabaptistwomenspringevent.com/> for details.
Register early!