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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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Baptist Women World Day of Prayer Monday, November 7, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Northside Baptist Church
1001 North Jefferson Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061



See details in Harriett's article on back.

There were 60 messengers and guests registered at the Annual Meeting of the Washington Baptist Association on October 11th, representing 16 of our 42 churches. Thanks to Hardwick Baptist for being our host church.

WARNING:

DEADLINE



APPROACHING

2016 Annual Church Reports

Deadline for sending to
WBA = **October 25th**.



- Oct. 18 WBA Men on Mission, 7 p. m., Hardwick
- Oct. 25 Annual Reports due to WBA
- Nov. 7 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer, Northside, 6:30 pm
- Nov. 14-21 Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection
- Dec. 2 Christmas Extravaganza, Northside, 7 pm

News from our Churches

Invitation from Darien Baptist Church

Janna and Chris Lee, (Missionaries to the Deaf in Namibia, South Africa) will lead morning worship service on November 6th, 2016 at Darien Baptist Church. A covered dish luncheon will be served following the 11:00 AM service. Please come and join us as Janna and Chris share their lifetime work in Africa. Please come and pray for these missionaries and their work.



Congratulations to
Dr. Jerry Pickard
who has celebrated
30 years as pastor of
Northside Baptist Church!

Rev. Paul and
Frankie Melton
have retired
after serving at
Ohoopsee Baptist
Church for
20 years.
Congratulations!



Dr. Bobby Boswell
presented a plaque
to
Rev. Jimmy Harris
congratulating
Smyrna Baptist
Church on its
150th Anniversary.

If I had to do it over again, I would do some things differently. This is my top five. I would be curious to hear yours.

1. **Search for an older minister to mentor me in church leadership** - It took me over 10 years to realize that leadership maximized my ministry efforts and actually made my job easier.
2. **Read and write much more** - Reading broadened my horizons and writing expanded ministry to go beyond me, both in distance and in years.
3. **Invest more in others** - I limit myself when I do it alone, even if I can do it better. In many cases, two people at 80% capacity will do more than one person at 100% capacity.
4. **Take more time with my family** – They grow up, grow older, or go away too soon.
5. **Learn more skills** – My father had abilities in electricity, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry and mechanics. He loved to do for others. It enriched his life as well as others.

Greetings from Northside Baptist Church Music Ministry:

I pray that all of your choirs, praise teams, ensembles and church musician ministries are thriving. God has truly blessed us here at Northside with another great year!

I know that many of you are busily preparing for this year's Christmas season. As part of your preparations, I hope you will join us for our Annual **Christmas Extravaganza**. This year's event date will be December 2nd at 7:00pm. As always, we encourage you to bring your choirs, instrumentalists, soloists and ensembles to this exciting kick-off to the Christmas season celebration.

Our doors will open to you at 6:00pm, so that you may do sound checks, rehearsals and prepare for last-minute details. Our sound technician and sound system will be available to you as well. Please plan to present at least two selections during the evening.

You may R.S.V.P. your availability to attend at billy.sutton24@yahoo.com or by phone at 478 456-4688. We will receive a love offering during the evening for the purpose of benefitting Baptist Collegiate Ministries Summer Mission endeavors. Your musicians and all guests are invited to stay afterwards for fellowship and to enjoy delicious Christmas goodies.

I hope to hear from you soon. We are very much looking forward to this year's Extravaganza.

God bless each of you,
Billy Sutton
Minister of Music
Northside Baptist Church
Milledgeville, GA

BACKPACKS FOR APPALACHIA

Here Comes Santa Claus.....No, it's not quite time for Santa, but time flies and Christmas will be here before you know it. Most of those 507 back packs that we collected will be distributed at Christmas time. The children will certainly welcome all the goodies that you so diligently prepared. I am so glad to see our association doing missions. That is what God has called us to do.

Baptist Women World Day of Prayer

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I can't tell you how excited I am about our upcoming Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. We are going to pray for all women across the oceans and deserts and here at home. We have a great program planned that includes students from the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Georgia College in Milledgeville. We have two young ladies coming to share their mission experiences this summer in Italy and in Houston. Also, our special music will be provided by the students. We will have refreshments and a prayer time and then move to the sanctuary to have our music and program. Don't miss this fun and informative program. Bring a bus load....

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Let's not stop being busy for the Lord's work. There is always someone in need of your help. The shoeboxes that go all around the world are gifts from heaven for these children. I know you are shopping and getting your boxes full. If you have any questions about filling a box or need labels or boxes please feel free to call the association office. I'm doing a 2 to 4 year old girl this time. I have found some cute stuff to go in it and can't wait to get it going. Gloria has posted all the dates that you can drop off your boxes to the association. Please take note of these times. Have a good time shopping and I will see you at Northside at 6:30 on Monday, November 7th.

2016 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Collection Dates/Times

Nov. 14 – 9 am – 2 pm
Nov. 15 – 9 am – 2 pm
Nov. 16 – 9 am – 2 pm
Nov. 17 – 9 am – 2 pm
Nov. 18 – 9 am – 4 pm
Nov. 19 – 9 am – 2 pm
Nov. 20 – 1 pm – 5 pm
Nov. 21 – 8 am – 10 am

