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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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### **Church Financial Compliance & Giving Seminar**

Thursday, May 25th, 6:00 – 9:00 PM  
Northside Baptist Church,  
1001 N. Jefferson St, Milledgeville  
\$10.00 per person

Register and more information:

<http://gabaptist.org/churchadministration>

### **The Pastors' Roundtable June 6th**

10:00 am - noon

Lighthouse Covenant Church  
101 Chase Ct NW (On Garrett Way), Milledgeville

### **MISSION TRIP TO BRENTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

We are still forming our team to minister in Brenton, WV, June 10 – 16, 2017. Our association formed a four year partnership with West Virginia and we are attempting to assist a few residents in this poverty stricken area of Appalachia, as well as encourage and support Rev. Tommy Knotts and his congregation at Brenton Baptist Church.

Is the Lord nudging you to assist in some way? Even if you are unable to go, we ask for your prayers. Financial contributions are also welcomed to help purchase the materials needed on our home repair projects and other trip expenses.

Our thanks to **Union Baptist Church** for donating 150 bags of food to distribute to the residents of Brenton. What a blessing that will be to the recipients!



**It's time to get those  
applications turned in for  
WBA Youth Camp  
July 10 – 15, 2017**

**A. H. Stephens State Park**

Applications are available on our website:

<http://www.washingtonbaptistassociation.org/Youthhome.html>

### **What can you do to assist this youth ministry?**

- 1) Pray for the staff as they prepare
- 2) Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of the youth who attend
- 3) Make a monetary donation to assist with the expenses of camp
- 4) Donate some of the following items for the camp store:

DRINKS: coke, diet coke, sprite, fanta orange, fanta grape, Dr Pepper, diet Dr Pepper

CANDY BARS: M&M, peanut butter cup, twix, milky way, butterfinger, snickers, 3 Muskateers, kit kat, Hershey bar.

Please bring these items to the association office no later than July 8th.

**WBA Men on Mission Meeting  
July 11, 7:00 p.m.  
Island Creek**

TWO REGIONAL LOCATIONS FOR 2017!  
**SAVE the DATES**

**GO**  
Georgia

**A TOTAL CHURCH  
LEADERSHIP  
EQUIPPING EVENT**

>> August 18-19, 2017  
Roswell Street Baptist Church  
774 Roswell Street, Marietta

>> August 25-26, 2017  
First Baptist Church  
404 Love Avenue, Tifton



## Missionary Moment

David Self, Director of Missions

Last week I came across a quarter that dated 1961. I first noticed a different sound than that of the other quarters when it hit the counter. Its high-pitched ping reminded me that its metal was pure. As I examined it closer, it also appeared more yellow and less gray. Current quarters are copper and nickel but the coin in my hand was silver.

Genuine things attract the attention of others. They look and sound differently than that their faux counterpart; they have intrinsic value. They are desirable and are actually worth more than what appears on the surface.

This applies to our churches. Too many are spending money and time in order to make themselves appear valuable. To be truly valuable your church must be "Real."

- The real church practices discipleship.
- The real church assimilates new people.
- The real church practices and plans for evangelism and outreach.
- The real church builds fellowship and a team spirit.
- The real church encourages Christian social ministry.
- The real church develops new leaders.
- The real church trains its members to give.
- The real church spends time in the scriptures.
- The real church prays for the above.

# Welcome!



## Davisboro Baptist Church, Davisboro, GA

Recently we received a notification that Davisboro Baptist Church wished to join our Association. For some time, Pastor Larry Glover and I discussed their moving from the Kilpatrick Baptist Association to the Washington Baptist Association. When asked why they wished to join us, the answer was clear – summer youth at A.H. Stephens State Park. Currently the church is under our watchcare as directed in our Policies and Procedures Manual. At our Annual Meeting at Island Creek on October 10th, we will officially adopt the church. Please add this church and its pastor to your prayer list.

## Woman's Missionary Union

Harriett Amerson, Director

Ladies, I want to assure you that your Georgia Baptist state WMU is hard at work. They are like tentacles on an octopus, reaching out here, there, and everywhere. You can be proud of the tasks that they choose and see through to the end. There were nine of us from our WBA WMU that attended the annual state WMU meeting held at Stone Mountain. There were about 500 or more ladies who attended from all around the state. Please be in prayer for our state WMU leaders. Our new President is Lisa Thompson. She will need all the support that we can give.

Breakout sessions of various topics with missionaries or other staff were available to us. There was a lady, Becky Brumitt, from Hampton Baptist Church in Tennessee, who led a conference. She works with the "Big A" club. Some of the churches in Georgia are helping them with crafts for the children. She reiterated a lot of the information that we have known about the kids in these poverty stricken areas. She mentioned one boy that had on tennis shoes that were too big for him. She asked him about it and he said "These are my MaMa's. I get to wear them when she is not wearing them." The schools do provide breakfast and lunch due to the poverty level. She also said that the kids probably do not get a meal during the weekends. There is an organization that gives out food to the kids before they leave on Friday. The kids have to hide this food in order to be able to eat it during the weekend. She mentioned that the kids really need underwear and socks.



WMU Spring Event - April 29, 2017 - Stone Mountain

You know why I'm telling you all this.....because it's backpack time! Gloria is ordering backpacks and the material that goes with each backpack. She should be receiving these things later this month. But keep your eye out for an email telling us when they have arrived.

I hope you are all doing well in your churches with missions. Let's hope that we can make a difference.

Love and blessings to you all,  
Harriett



New name, same project

It's time to pack backpacks for the children of Appalachia. You may purchase them from WBA at the cost of \$4.00 per backpack, but may also use other backpacks. Backpacks have been ordered and we are awaiting the *Christmas Story*, postcard, and label that are to be included. These come from Georgia Baptist Mission Board. An email will be sent out when these are available (probably the beginning of June).