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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>

### **Are you willing to be a missionary?**

We are recruiting team members to serve as missionaries in Brenton, West Virginia June 10 – 16, 2017.



We are in need of people to do light construction, painting, work with the children, and a head cook.

Cost of the trip is \$300 per person.

Please pray about your involvement and let us know ASAP if God is leading you to serve in this way.

### **Future Dates for The Pastors Roundtable:** 10:00 am - noon

June 6 @ Lighthouse Covenant  
August 3 @ Lakeside  
October 16 @ Friendship W

Jody Branch, pastor of **Westview**, has accepted a position with Lifeway Bookstores to serve as one of their store managers. He will preach for the last time as pastor of Westview on May 14 (Mother's Day) which also marks his 17th anniversary with the church. He is excited to serve in this new ministry and looks forward to fulfilling the mission statement of Lifeway: "As God works through us, we will help individuals and churches by providing biblical solutions for life." He will miss all of the numerous friends he has made in the WBA and covets the prayers of each.



## **WBA Youth Camp July 10 – 15, 2017**

**A. H. Stephens State Park**

Applications are available on our website:

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

We have had two planning meetings so far and we are anticipating a great camp year. Brian (Bob) Leverett will be our camp pastor this year and our friends from Florida will be with us again. Jerry Bradley will write our curriculum and handle our background checks. Jason Copenhaver will be leading our band and Mary Giddens will again be our nurse. Our regular kitchen crew will be with us.

Rumor has it that this will be a bigger year for camp. The next Camp meeting will be at First Milledgeville on May 7th at 3:30.



July 11 , 7:00 p.m.  
Island Creek

October 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Sparta

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

The work of the Association has a real chance to expand. There is a great opportunity to do so as we look at our immediate future. We have opportunities with our trip to Brenton, West Virginia. Already, Union Baptist has offered to make 150 bags of food. Pastor Tommy Knotts said that his son-in-law (Joe Salyers) has an aunt whose home is in need of repair.

Also a team from First Baptist Church - Putney in South Georgia is coming to Lakeside Baptist to do mission work in late June. They hope to do a block party as well as light construction/painting in the Sparta area. I will be in contact with the Sparta Ace Hardware to help get connections there.

Third, Penfield Christian Home for Men is in continued need of support. Penfield has a wonderful program that helps addicts recover from a variety of addictions. I have learned that they have speakers who would be willing to fill our pulpits if asked. Since we have 10 churches without pastors, they may prove a real asset.

I would love to put special, easy to read to read Bibles in the hands of challenged readers. Currently 'The Word Translation' has a fourth-grade reading level and is recommended by Bill Barker of Appalachian Resource Ministries. This will also help us with our prison ministries and our West Virginia partnership.

To launch the programs, we would need to begin to PRAY. I would like to ask if you would like to be on our Association prayer team. I would like to assemble a list of about 100 people from our churches who would be willing to pray one day a week for special opportunities for Kingdom ministries. If you provide us with a name and an email address, we will send you a special request for ministry/mission opportunities one day a week.

**Woman's Missionary Union**  
Harriett Amerson, Director



The association WMU hosted a "High Tea" on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Tennille Baptist Church. Our special guests were Annie Armstrong (a.k.a. Lee Anne Allen) and Lottie Moon (a.k.a. Susan Veatch). They dialoged about their mission work for the Lord during their lifetime.

**Backpacks for Appalachia** will be available for \$4.00 each at the end of May. If you want to reserve a certain number, please call or email Gloria (478-453-8111 or washba@windstream.net).

**Job or Ministry?**



A job is at your choice;  
A ministry is at Christ's call.



In a job you expect to receive;  
In a ministry you expect to give.

In a job you give something to get something;  
In a ministry you return something that has already been given to you.

A job depends on your abilities;  
A ministry depends on your availability to God.

A job done well brings you praise;  
A ministry done well brings honor to Christ.

The following churches have received a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board:

**Mitchell** - WBA's leading contributor per resident member to the 2016 Cooperative Program & WBA's leading contributor per resident member to the 2016 Mission Georgia offering.

**Lighthouse Covenant** – WBA's largest percentage contributor to the 2016 Cooperative Program.

**Sandersville First** – WBA's largest contributor to the 2016 Cooperative Program & WBA's church with the highest number of baptisms in 2016.

**Northside** – WBA's largest contributor to the 2016 Mission Georgia offering.

**Culverton** – WBA's leading ratio of baptisms per resident member during 2016.