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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leadership Training Near You!

Saturday, **September 9**

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

First Baptist Sandersville

WHO: All Sunday School Teachers, Leaders, Workers, Directors, Pastors and Staff. Training is for all age groups.

WHY: Because all leaders should be learners. We should take advantage of quality training that is available so near to us.

HOW: Just navigate to 316 Mathis Lane and go to the Fellowship Hall. The training is of no cost to you.

All training sessions will consist of a question and answer time that can benefit your specific ministry.

Sponsored By:  Georgia Baptist Mission Board



Be on the lookout for the **Annual Church Report**. The forms and information about how to submit them will be sent out this week to each church. Start gathering your church information!

GO Georgia

A TOTAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING EVENT

August 25-26, 2017

404 Love Avenue, Tifton

**REGISTER TODAY! \$35 until August 14
\$40 for Walk-Up Registrations**

Friday dinner, Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, and all breaks are included.

To register or for information: <https://gogeorgia.net/>

Balerma Baptist Church

Open House Service

August 27, 2017 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

All friends and interested persons are invited to come and help celebrate the completion of the restoration work on the building. The Balerma Church Family says "thank you" to all who had a part in this work.

Disaster Relief Orientation (DRO) (formerly known as Phase 1 Training) will be Saturday, September 16, at New Providence Baptist Church in Forsyth. Information and registration are available at www.gbcdisasterrelief.org. Once one completes the DRO and receives a clean background check, he/she is fully credentialed as a "Universal Yellow Hat."

Lakeside Baptist will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on September 10, 2017.

Congratulations to Rick Freeman on his 15th Anniversary as Minister of Music at Sandersville FBC.



Missionary Moment
David Self, Director of Missions

“Buy hairspray with light hold.” These were the words given to me as I entered into the store. However, this simple task became difficult when I realized the variety of hair products available. There were many labels with brand names with a list of adjectives as long as my arm. The abundance of labels for mousses, styling gels, and sprays for extra hold and curls made the task hard. There are so many things in one bottle!

I finally noticed the word hairspray at the bottom written in tiny letters. But the experience reminded me of what the un-churched must be thinking when they notice our brand of Christianity. Our diversity of worship styles must be overwhelming. We have so many labels that describe what we do or with whom we associate. Our approach needs to remain simple or the outsider might never find our central message.

Although I cannot streamline every denomination and non-denomination, I want to underscore what Christendom has in common. So, for what it's worth, this is a quick outline to help us all get to the bottom line. It goes like this:

There is Bad News, Worse News, Good News and the Best News.

The Bad News: The bad news is we are stuck in the darkness of sin. Sin is more than what we do; it is our nature. That darkness will lead us down a path to eternal destruction.

The Worse News: Now, here is the worse news. We cannot do a thing about the Bad News. Despite our best effort to do good deeds or love our fellow man, the Bad News condemns us. In this we are helpless.

The Good News: However, I can share with you the name of someone who can change the Bad News. His name is Jesus Christ. Jesus loved you enough to die for you and give you eternal life.

The Best News: It can happen to you today. You can choose to follow Christ and invite him to be your savior. Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life that only Jesus Christ can offer?

First, I would suggest that you cut it out this article and put it on your refrigerator and read it until you can say it to yourself. Second, ask your Sunday School class if you could go over it with them. It only takes five minutes. Third, ask a friend outside of church or even a stranger if they would help you practice a 5-minute speech. Start with. . . “Could do me a favor? I have this 5 min speech that I am trying to learn. Would you let me share this?” As an association of churches, let us be clear about our faith and make Christ easier to find than hair products.

Thanks to Randy Mullinax and Georgia Baptist Mission Board, we heard the above presentation with many others at the GO Georgia conference.

**THANK
YOU!**

Morgan Bloodworth for volunteering your time and equipment to cut the grass and trim bushes at the WBA office on a regular basis.

Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director

It's a brand new year for Washington Baptist Associational WMU. I wonder what new beginnings God has in store for us. We have well over 450 *Backpacks of Hope* so far. Three hundred of these are going to Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City, Tennessee. The rest will go to Kentucky. I can't wait to see the results of our backpacks.

I've been purchasing items to go into a 2-4 girls shoebox. It is so much fun just looking for the right doll, the right stuffed animal, a color book, etc. Remember, we can't include toothpaste or candy this year and our postage has gone up to \$9. It seems like a lot, but it will be well worth the cost for a small child who has nothing.

I hope you have made your reservations for the “More Than Enough” Women's retreat at Camp Pinnacle on Friday and Saturday, September 15-16, 2017. There is nothing like the beautiful north Georgia mountains at Pinnacle Retreat Center. There is just something about Pinnacle that draws you closer to God and opens your heart to what He is saying to you. Special guests this year include Wanda Lee, Barbara Curnutt, and Starla Harbin as our worship leader.

I want to “cheer you on” to do great and wonderful missions projects for God and His kingdom for this year.

Blessings,
Harriett

Time to start thinking about packing OCC shoeboxes.



Inasmuch as ye
have done it unto one
of the least of these
my brethren, *ye have
done it unto me.*

MATTHEW 25:40

**Upcoming
EVENTS**

August 25-26 – GO Georgia, Tifton

September 9 – Sunday School Workshop,
FBC Sandersville, 9 am – noon

September 15-16 – Pinnacle Retreat

October 10 – WBA Annual Meeting, Island Creek, 5 pm

October 16 – Pastors' Roundtable, Friendship W, 10 am

October 17 – Men on Mission, Sparta, 7 pm

November 6- Baptist Women World Day of Prayer, TBA

November 13-14 – GA Baptist Convention,
Lawrenceville

November 13 – 20 – Shoebox collection