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WBA Men on Mission

Tuesday

April 10, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Sandersville First Baptist

Speaker: Wade Dawson



2018 WBA Youth Camp

July 9 - 14

Camp applications are on-line.

Go to www.washingtonbaptistassociation.org and look under the youth tab to print off as many copies as you need. The total cost is only \$120. You can hold your child's space for \$60 PLUS a completed form. The remaining \$60 will be due on or before the first day of camp. If for some reason you cannot print an application, we can mail you one.

Each year many delay getting their applications and/or money in on time. Our workers volunteer their time to serve in many capacities. Accepting late applications will delay camp planning and the overall quality of the program. We have and will turn down applications. Please observe the **deadline date of Friday, June 15th**.

If you are a youth worker, send applications as you get them. Many youth choose camp because they know that a friend is coming. We will routinely let you know who has signed up. Churches, you can help by donating snacks for the camp store. This includes canned drinks, candy, and other packaged snacks. Call us at 478-453-8111 or David's cell at 478-251-1497 if you have any questions

Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministries Team as they are on mission in Clarkston, GA the week of March 19-23.

Friendship W will be hosting their Spring Revival on Sunday, April 29 - Wednesday May 2, 2018, 7:00PM each night. Revival Speaker will be Rev. Tim Oliver from Lakeside Baptist Church, Milledgeville, Ga. Music and Worship will be led by Jeremy and Holly Frasure from Macon, Ga. For more information, you can reach pastor David Smith @ 478-363-1417.



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

to the Self family in the death of Kathy's father, Mr. David Kelly, on March 18th.

Thank you, **Hardwick Baptist**, for hosting the Senior Adult Spring Celebration with Mr. Jeff Cleghorn leading worship in music and Dr. John Bryan preaching the Word. Those who attended received a blessing. If you were unable to attend, you may watch Tuesday's video at hardwickbaptist.org. Click on "view the latest webcast" to pull up the March 20 service.



MARCH 24, 2018

All families in Baldwin, Putnam, Hancock, and Washington Counties are invited to the first annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt hosted by **Black Springs Baptist Church**.

Schedule:

- 7:30 PM - Toddlers - Pre-K (Parents Allowed to Assist)
- Immediately Following - Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- 8:30 PM - 6th Grade - 12th Grade

What will you need to bring?

- Flashlight
- Easter Egg Basket

Bring your family for snacks, games, and of course Easter Egg Hunts!



Missionary Moment
David Self, Director of Missions

There is a 15 ft Bartlett pear tree growing in the corner of our yard that is growing quite nicely. We have had the tree for over three years. So far, it produces leaves. It has yet to flower or bear any fruit. I understand that fruit trees need time and planning if they are to bear the delicious fruit. A little reading indicated the need to plan on some strategies for fruit production. I will keep in mind the following:

- 1. A fruit tree exists to bear fruit. If your tree is not blooming, don't moan about it; do something different.**
- 2. One should fertilize the soil surrounding the tree with the right kind of fertilizer. Remember the wrong TLC will give the tree the wrong kind of growth, making it less likely to give the desired fruit.**
- 3. One should plant a tree where there is adequate light and water. Trees will not thrive in the shade or bear well in arid conditions.**
- 4. One should plant a tree near other trees. One tree alone does poorly, but two trees or more will cross-pollinate and create more fruit.**
- 5. Remember to prune un-needed tree branches. Keep the energy going to the fruit bearing limbs.**
- 6. Take care of the tender buds. Any damage will likely ruin any of the tree's fruit.**
- 7. Give it time. Remember that mature trees bear fruit. It takes five or more years before the first blossoms appear.**

As you read about fruit production, you will notice that there is a similarity between fruit production and church growth. Read items 1-7 again and replace the word "tree" with the word "church" and it will be easy to understand.



Budget Receipts from Churches
October 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018

Balerma	633.00	Hardwick	2,406.00	Olive Hill	-
Bethel	167.00	Harmony	200.00	PI Grove	493.11
Bethlehem	650.00	Is.Creek	4169.00	Powelton	-
Black Spr	1,875.00	Jewell	256.52	Ridge Hgt	762.85
Church Ctl	-	Lakeside	4,582.81	Riverside	-
Community	255.29	Lighthouse	100.00	S'ville 1 st	3,001.32
Culverton	58.05	Long Cr	300.00	Sinclair	-
Darien	700.00	M'vill 1 st	3229.20	Sisters	1,262.69
Davisboro	-	Min Sprgs	1,200.00	Smyrna	1,000.00
Devereux	300.00	Mitchell	400.00	Sparta 1 st	375.00
Fairmount	-	Mosleyville	625.00	Tennille	1,129.78
FriendshipG	136.00	Mt Steph.	-	Union	-
FriendshipW	1,051.00	Northside	4,353.72	Victory	-
Grace	-	Ohoopee	646.00	Westview	1,620.95
				Word Comm	-

Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director

Shelter for Homeless Veterans
Macon, GA

Requested items:

small tvs	razors	toilet tissue
paper towels	mens underwear	socks
kitchen items	cleaning supplies	hygiene items

He has 10 beds with linens already.

Our team thought this would be a short term project for March. We would want to get the items to them as quickly as possible. If your church would like to participate, please bring your items to the associational office.

Deadline – March 31st

Hi Ladies!

It's approaching the Easter season once again. I wish I had grandchildren of the age that could go to the Easter Egg Hunt and then expect the Easter Bunny to come. But my 22 yr. old granddaughter did assure me that we would dye Easter eggs. I can't wait.

Today I went to Hardwick Baptist Church for a Spring Revival (which was great!). The pastor talked about how Jesus prayed for three hours total before He went to the cross. How long do we pray was his question? It was a thought provoking question for all of us Christians. We need to try and talk to God more and more. He still loves us, regardless of our situations.

If you haven't turned in items for the Homeless Veterans Shelter in Macon, you still have time. We have a cutoff date of March 31st. Please bring to the associational office. Call to make sure someone will be there or make arrangements to deliver.

We have an exciting trip planned for Saturday, April 28th. We will be traveling to the Palmetto Georgia Baptist Children's Home Campus. Some of you have made trips to the Children's Homes. We need you to go with us so you can give us some help. All of our details are not finalized as of today, but we will be sending you a letter and it will be announced in the newsletter next month. We plan to participate in a craft with the kids. I'm told that the kids like to give back to ones who have helped them in some way.

Our trip is part of a three-fold action that the associational missions committee planned for this year. We will do something local, something state, and something out of state. Of course, this trip will be the "state". I hope you will plan to "save the date" for Saturday, April 28th. Watch for details.

Have a happy Easter!

Harriett

