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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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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

Middle Georgia NFL Flag Football Registration

What: Middle Georgia NFL Flag League provides a fun, safe environment where kids can learn football skills and play in a safe contact reduced format. The Season will consist of 8 games starting August 4th and ending September 29th. One 1-hour practice per week.

Who: Students Age 5 - 12 year olds (Coed Teams) (Age Divisions TBD) and Ages 13 -14 year olds (Gender based Teams)

Where: Black Springs Baptist Church
673 Sparta HWY NE, Milledgeville, GA 31061

Cost: \$45 per player (Each player receives an official NFL reversible jersey and flag belt)

Online Registration:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/middlegeorgianfflag>

For more information:
Call or Text (478) 234-2721 (Jason)
Facebook: Middle Georgia NFL Flag League
Email: middlegeorgianfflag@gmail.com

Pastor Arthur Thomas Gunn is retiring on June 3, 2018 as Pastor of **Island Creek Baptist Church** in Sparta, GA after 19 years of faithful service. Pastor Gunn and his wife, Vickie, will be moving to Winter Haven, FL. He is the recipient of degrees from UGA, The International Bible Institute and Seminary and Graduate School of Banking from the Univ. of Wisconsin. Rev. Gunn was ordained in 1978 and has served the Lord for over 40 years. Rev. Gunn became a Bi-Vocational Pastor at Island Creek in 1999. Services were being held once a month with an average attendance of 10-13 worshipers. A one room "church in the woods" with a picnic shelter and an outhouse began to grow under Pastor Gunn's leadership. A well, donated by a member, allowed for bathrooms to be added. Next came central heat and air, a welcoming front porch and the picnic shelter was enclosed to provide Sunday School rooms. The parking lot was paved and the cemetery was graphed and fenced. More land was purchased, again donated by a church member, to allow a family life center to be added and before it was finished, plans were made to enlarge that building. Last, but most importantly, the Sanctuary back wall was removed and more space was added to the rear of the church to include a choir loft, baptistry, an upper room, two more bathrooms, new pews and windows, all paid for in full by the membership. At the same time Rev. Gunn was pastoring Island Creek, he also held a full time job with Exchange Bank, retiring as CFO in 2011. Under Pastor Gunn's leadership, Island Creek has grown to a membership of 96 and services are held every Sunday and Wednesday. Well done good and faithful servant!

Please join us on June 2, 2018
to honor Rev. and Mrs. Gunn

Island Creek Baptist Church
2:00 -4:00 PM
Open Reception



Missionary Moment
David Self, Director of Missions

If you have watched the latest on the Hawaiian volcanic eruption, you will notice that the Island continues to change, and such change creates dramatic affects in the lives of its inhabitants. Roads become twenty-foot rock walls and homes burn away as the liquefied rock approaches populated areas. One video even captured the encroachment of lava as it slowly overtook a white sedan parked at the edge of the road.

While watching the video, I wondered why someone would leave their vehicle in the path of sure destruction. Perhaps the car was out of gas or perhaps the owner figured he could move it after work. Either way, someone lacked sufficient planning and lost a nice car.

Disaster planning requires two types of approaches. The first is urgency planning while the second is readiness planning. The wise person engages in advanced planning and avoids many mistakes that can cost lives and enhance property damage. Advanced planning can help your church avoid catastrophic events. Here are just some areas where our churches are vulnerable.

- Doing outreach that doesn't work
- Unable to name your church's core values.
- Poorly written or non-existent Constitution/Policies and Procedures Manual
- Lack of incorporation
- No legal connections to assist with issues that affect Religious Liberty
- Understanding how to replant your church
- Having low mission involvement/never been on a mission trip
- Ineffective church committees

Everyone knows that churches will face difficulties. Your association can help you as you plan for what comes your way. Your associational missionary is your full-time employee to assist you and member churches as you face the future. Are you prepared? Call if we can help.

Budget Receipts from Churches
October 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

Balerna	917.00	Hardwick	3,606.00	Olive Hill	-
Bethel	167.00	Harmony	200.00	PI Grove	758.51
Bethlehem	650.00	Is.Creek	5,835.00	Powelton	-
Black Spr	2,250.00	Jewell	368.67	Ridge Hgt	1,060.73
Church Ctl	-	Lakeside	6,864.43	Riverside	-
Community	434.46	Lighthouse	100.00	S'ville 1 st	6,252.31
Culverton	58.05	Long Cr	300.00	Sinclair	2,502.75
Darien	700.00	M'vill 1 st	4,520.88	Sisters	1,458.14
Davisboro	-	Min Sprgs	1,600.00	Smyrna	1,400.00
Devereux	600.00	Mitchell	400.00	Sparta 1 st	525.00
Fairmount	-	Mosleyville	875.00	Tennille	1,499.18
FriendshipG	262.00	Mt Steph.	250.00	Union	450.00
FriendshipW	1,463.00	Northside	6,115.28	Victory	-
Grace	-	Ochoopee	1,013.00	Westview	2,132.70
				Word Comm	-



PRAY for wisdom and God's direction for the Washington Baptist Association. Ask God what you can do as an individual and as a church to support our family of Baptist churches.

Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director



are now available for purchase through WBA.

Cost = \$4.00 per 17" backpack.

(Age divisions are 4-7, 8-10, 11-15)

(Deadline = August 14th)

What goes in the backpack?

Each zippered backpack should contain at least one item from each category below:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES | School supplies such as crayons, notebook paper, pencils, pens, folders, erasers, rulers, etc.

CLOTHING | Small items of NEW clothing such as winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear

FOOD | Small pop-top canned food such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit

TOY | At least one NEW, age-appropriate non-breakable toy

HYGIENE ITEMS | Hygiene items including toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb, shampoo

BIBLE | A children's Bible or New Testament

CANDY | Fresh, wrapped candy

2017 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION
FOR WBA CHURCHES FROM THE
GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

Largest Contributor through the Cooperative Program (CP):
First Baptist Church, Sandersville

Largest Percentage Contributor through the CP:
Long Creek Baptist Church, Warrenton

Leading Contributor per Resident Member through the CP:
Lakeside Baptist Church, Milledgeville

Leading Contributor to the Mission Georgia Offering:
Northside Baptist Church, Milledgeville

Leading Contributor per Resident Member to the Mission Georgia Offering:
Mitchell Baptist Church, Mitchell

WBA Church with the highest number of baptisms:
Sinclair Baptist Church, Milledgeville

The work you do with children has a profound effect on young minds. Exposing children to believe in a loving God and hear the stories of Jesus has a lifelong impact. They learn that Someone greater than all of life's trouble knows their every need – and loves them. So here is our prayer.

Father, as the noise of children echo in our halls, help us hear your voice above all. As we plant an idea of what love really looks like, open their hearts to receive it.

Amen

I sit at the bedside of a saint,
whose life is fading away,
I hear her whisper before the faint,
"My Jesus all the way."

Hear it when you're young.

Hear it when you can.

Hear it at VBS young man.

Learn the love of Jesus,
print it on your mind.

Then you'll have him with you all the time.

