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## Association-Wide Senior Adult “Spring Celebration”

Worship led by

Jeff Cleghorn (music) & John Bryan (speaker)



**March 19 & 20, 2018**

(Monday and Tuesday)  
10:30 a.m.

**Hardwick Baptist Church**

124 Thomas Street  
Hardwick, GA 31034  
478-452-1612

Free soup and sandwich lunch following the services.

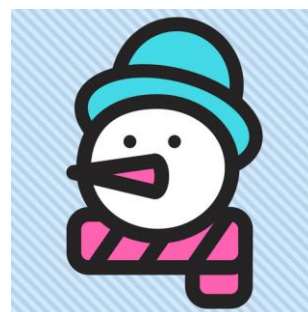
Sponsored by Hardwick Baptist Church &  
Washington Baptist Association  
A love offering will be taken at each service.

Congratulations to  
**Carol Brookins** upon  
her retirement after  
30 years of service as  
the Treasurer/Financial  
Secretary of Northside  
Baptist Church.



The  
**Pastors**  
Roundtable  
A peer learning group for pastors

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.  
WBA Office



## Youth Winter Retreat

February 23 – 25, 2018  
(Beginning at 6 pm Friday)

Hosted by

**Black Springs Baptist Church**

673 Sparta HWY NE, Milledgeville, GA 31061

### Activities:

Bible Study  
Guest Speaker: Tim Howard  
Worship Band: GCSU BCM Band  
9 Square in the Air  
Dodgeball  
Human Foosball  
Flag Football

### Cost:

\$10 includes Access to Saturday Large Group  
Activities and Recreation. No T-Shirt.

\$30 includes Shirt, Bible Study Material, and  
Access to the large group activities and meals.  
Does not include lodging for Friday and  
Saturday Night

\$50 includes Shirt, Bible Study Material, Access  
to all activities and meals, and Lodging with  
Black Springs Baptist Church Host Homes.

Register online  
at [vbspro.events/p/events/b8bbef](http://vbspro.events/p/events/b8bbef)

**Missionary Moment**  
**David Self, Director of Missions**

If you have recently walked through the Milledgeville Walmart, you probably noticed that McDonalds has shut down. The removal of the commercial kitchen that once occupied that spot is gone. Nothing else exists but paint and light bulbs. From now on, big Mac attacks will be handled by their two other Milledgeville restaurants.

This example is reflected in the ecclesiastical world as well. We see some churches who flourish while others are eking to get by. The impact of the declining religious experience has caused many people to refer to this time as a post-Christian era. Others recognize that the existing church is simply under-going a transition that is painful. The change affects the life of our denomination, impacting churches, conventions, and associations.

Recently, our association has made the difficult decision of redefining the role of the Director of Missions. We simply cannot keep up with our financial commitments that we have maintained for the last eighteen years. Falling receipts prevent us from maintaining a full-time associational missionary.

Last year a financial advisory team examined the giving trends of the churches and suggested that alterations be made to the salary of the Director of Missions. The Finance Committee did not want to do so until the giving trends seemed permanent. However, by the January Associational Council Meeting, it became obvious to the Council that the reversal of negative giving trend would not change. The Executive Committee at Davisboro voted to allow the Director of Missions to seek part-time employment to ease the burden of the financial program.

The following is what will likely stay the same:

- Availability of the office, especially at the first two days of the week
- Availability through the phone, especially by cell (478-251-1497)
- The office will be opened to on-going programming such as Youth Camp, Backpacks for Appalachia, and Operation Christmas Child

The following will probably change:

- The Director will be traveling more to meet pastors and churches, especially during the week.
- The Director will have to depend more on teams and specialized leadership to meet needs of the churches.
- If the Director finds a part-time church, it may limit Sunday morning visits.

This is an opportunity for me to spread mission activities in a different way. I will be assisted by the Personnel Committee and Associational Council to help discover the best way to maximize church support. Now is **not** the time to cut back on your gifts to the WBA or the Cooperative Program. Our present cuts make the assumption that the churches will continue their healthy Kingdom giving. To God be the Glory.

An offering of \$240 was collected for the H.E.L.P.S. ministry at the WBA Executive Committee meeting at Davisboro February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**H.E.L.P.S. Purpose**

is to develop relationships through building ramps with the intent of sharing Christ and developing the believer while strengthening the local church.

**H.E.L.P.S. Mission**

is to share the love of Jesus with everyone so that all will come to know Him as their Savior and Lord

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

**Shelter for Homeless Veterans**

A Macon Vietnam veteran is trying to start a shelter for homeless vets in hopes that the shelter will be able to give the kind of care he wishes was given to him and his friends when they got home from war.

Bill Faulks was born in Macon, and at the age of 19, he was deployed to Vietnam. He left two days before Christmas and returned home a year and four days later. He said the memories and smells from his involvement in the Vietnam War continue to haunt him. "All of the death. How can you not let it affect your attitude towards people," asked Faulks. He had to find other ways to cope and he says he found it in his time in nature.

Now, Faulks is trying to start a nonprofit to give homeless veterans a place to sleep, watch TV, talk, and eat. In Faulks' experience, it's emotional problems -- not necessarily financial problems -- that leave veterans homeless.

He said when the shelter gets more funding, he hopes to hire a counselor. To raise money, Faulks has collected items from friends to try to sell while he gets the shelter running. He is asking for donations, volunteers, and consignment items that people might want to donate.

**Requested items:**

<b>small tvs</b>	<b>razors</b>	<b>toilet tissue</b>
<b>paper towels</b>	<b>mens underwear</b>	<b>socks</b>
<b>kitchen items</b>	<b>cleaning supplies</b>	<b>hygiene items</b>

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**

**Budget Receipts from Churches**  
**October 1, 2017 – January 31, 2018**

Balerma	633.00	Hardwick	1,806.00	Olive Hill	-
Bethel	-	Harmony	200.00	PI Grove	431.71
Bethlehem	650.00	Is.Creek	3,336.00	Powelton	-
Black Spr	1,500.00	Jewell	239.08	Ridge Hgt	633.55
Church Ctl	-	Lakeside	3,830.90	Riverside	-
Community	255.29	Lighthouse	100.00	S'ville 1 <sup>st</sup>	2,250.99
Culverton	58.05	Long Cr	300.00	Sinclair	-
Darien	400.00	M'vill 1 <sup>st</sup>	2,583.36	Sisters	1,262.69
Davisboro	-	Min Sprgs	800.00	Smyrna	800.00
Devereux	300.00	Mitchell	400.00	Sparta 1 <sup>st</sup>	300.00
Fairmount	-	Mosleyville	500.00	Tennille	927.56
FriendshipG	96.00	Mt Steph.	-	Union	-
FriendshipW	1,051.00	Northside	3,472.94	Victory	-
Grace	-	Ohoopee	538.00	Westview	1,409.85
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