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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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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.

Ridgeland Heights invites you to their revival Sunday, April 22 – Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm. Rev. Grady Mimbs, speaker and Lamar Nix, music director. Special music each night.

Rev. Arthur Gunn, pastor of **Island Creek** Baptist Church has announced his retirement. Island Creek will hold an open reception for Pastor Arthur Gunn and Vickie on June 2nd from 2-4 pm. Please join us in celebrating 19 years of faithful service and wish them well in retirement. Please RSVP to mjheslep@gmail.com or call/txt Marilyn @ 770-826-3108.

Please be in prayer for Arthur and Vicki as they move to their new home in Florida. Also be in prayer for Island Creek as we seek a new pastor.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

LOCATION: Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Kentucky.
DATES: **Sunday June 17th - Saturday June 23rd.**
COST: Double occupancy will be \$325, Single occupancy will be \$554.
Trip cost includes:

- motel,
- lunch and dinner meals Monday-Friday
- snacks and refreshments.

Individuals will be responsible for meals as they travel to/from Kentucky as well as breakfast each morning.

There is scholarship money available should someone need assistance.

Contact Eddy Turner (478) 538-6053 Cell

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

Mineral Springs Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. Resumes may be sent to: Tommy Yarbrough
165 Yarbrough Lane
Mitchell, GA 30820



Missionary Moment
David Self, Director of Missions

I want to follow up on a recent article in *The Christian Index* that is titled, *Should we move the evangelism goal post? Yes.* The article encourages churches to focus on meaningful conversations about the Lord rather than pressing for an immediate decision. With the world so biased against our faith, churches would benefit by taking smaller steps toward the goal of reaching the lost.

Don't get me wrong. Leading people to Christ (Touchdowns) remains a primary goal. Christ said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." However, talking openly about the love of Christ (First downs) is an extremely important way to reach our objective.

The big question for many is, "Can it be done?" Recent evangelistic opportunities in Maysville and Atlanta indicated that positive responses to the gospel were as high as 10%. Someone might say, "That's a 90% rejection rate." However, churches who do no outreach continue to have 100% rejection rates.

If your church has little or no people who are able to do effective outreach, try some of the following ideas to make your first downs.

- Write a hand written card with a prayer. Try to create a relationship without being preachy.
- Invite someone to sit with you on Sunday.
- Look for people in pain and tell them that Jesus loves them. Be prepared to listen.
- Briefly share with people what Christ has done for you.
- Provide for the needs of families, always mentioning the love of Christ.
- Become the person that people will come to for prayer requests.
- Visit the un-churched in the hospitals or those who have lost loved ones.
- Have one or more lost friends. Avoid making people your projects.
- Do a kind deed that is so outstanding that people will ask why you did it. Tell them your Jesus story.

<https://christianindex.org/should-we-move-the-evangelism-goal-post-yes/>

Budget Receipts from Churches
October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018

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|-------------|----------|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| Balerma | 797.00 | Hardwick | 3,006.00 | Olive Hill | - |
| Bethel | 167.00 | Harmony | 200.00 | PI Grove | 613.51 |
| Bethlehem | 650.00 | Is.Creek | 5,002.00 | Powelton | - |
| Black Spr | 2,250.00 | Jewell | 340.82 | Ridge Hgt | 902.70 |
| Church Ctl | - | Lakeside | 6,864.43 | Riverside | - |
| Community | 373.68 | Lighthouse | 100.00 | S'ville 1 st | 5,501.98 |
| Culverton | 58.05 | Long Cr | 300.00 | Sinclair | 2,502.75 |
| Darien | 700.00 | M'vill 1 st | 3,875.04 | Sisters | 1,262.69 |
| Davisboro | - | Min Sprgs | 1,400.00 | Smyrna | 1,200.00 |
| Devereux | 600.00 | Mitchell | 400.00 | Sparta 1 st | 450.00 |
| Fairmount | - | Mosleyville | 750.00 | Tennille | 1,310.64 |
| FriendshipG | 200.00 | Mt Steph. | - | Union | 450.00 |
| FriendshipW | 1,051.00 | Northside | 5,234.50 | Victory | - |
| Grace | - | Ohooppee | 785.00 | Westview | 1,878.55 |
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Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director

Our associational team is so excited. We are taking the trip that everyone has been waiting for. On Saturday, April 28th we will go to the Palmetto Children's Home in Palmetto, GA. We will be making "thank you" crafts with about 30 of the cottage children. The coordinator for this home shared that sometimes the kids make something to say "thank you" to people who have helped them. We will do this as well as have a sandwich lunch with them. So...we are going to need your help as we plan our trip. If you can donate food items or help with the craft supplies, or if you wouldn't mind driving, please let me know. We'll start out at the associational office at 7:00 a.m., meet others at the Milledgeville Mall (by the bank) at 7:25 a.m., and plan to arrive at the children's home by 11:00 a.m. This is going to be an exciting trip. Please RSVP to me at 478-553-6008 or to Leeann at 478-454-6286 or Gloria at 478-804-1678 or Cheryl at 478-232-8684. We would love to have these reservations and details firmed up by Monday, April 23rd. Can't Wait. See you then.

Thanks to all who contributed for the "homeless veterans project." We delivered a carload of items plus a generous monetary donation from Mineral Springs Baptist Church. Pray for Mr. Billy Faulks as he works to get this ministry established.



Lee Anne Allen, Harriett Amerson, Gloria Burke, Billy Faulks

"Christmas Backpacks"

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

