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Prayer Meeting for the Association

Thursday, September 27, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Ridgeland Heights Baptist Church



Monday
October 8, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Sandersville First

191st Annual Session Washington Baptist Association

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

5:00 p.m. – Afternoon Session
6:00 p.m. – Dinner
6:45 p.m. – Evening Session

Lakeside Baptist Church

1023 Milledgeville Road
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Speaker in evening session:

Randy Mullinax,
GBMB State Missionary
Church Revitalization and Evangelism

RIDGELAND HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

Homecoming & Revival

September 16th – 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
September 17 – 19 - 7:00 PM

Sunday Preaching - Rev. L.T. Logue
Monday Preaching – Rev. Tony Mimbs
Tuesday Preaching - Rev. Calvin Halcomb
Wednesday Preaching - Rev. David Self
Music Director..... Lamar Nix (New Apostles)
Pianist..... Georgia Holloway
Special Music each evening – Finger Food Wed. after service

Olive Hill Baptist Church will have homecoming on Sunday morning August 26th. The church will ask its membership and friends to respond to a brief questionnaire to ascertain the level of support for the coming year. The response will help the church make important decisions regarding its future. The church is located at 5270 Indian Trail Road. Call the Washington Baptist Association for more details.

Black Springs will be having a **BAKE SALE & YARD SALE** as a fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child.
October 5 – beginning at 4:00 p.m.
October 6 – beginning at 8:00 a.m.



Association-wide Senior Adult Celebration

October 15 – 17, 2018
(Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)
10:30 a.m. – noon
Lunch following each service

Rev. Charles Drummond – preacher
Special Music each day

Hosted by Northside Baptist Church
Offerings to support the WBA

BLACK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

175th Anniversary Celebration
November 18, 2018
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Guest Speaker - Dr. J. Robert White
Covered Dish Dinner Following Morning Worship
Gospel Sing featuring Jeff and Sheri Easter
following the dinner.

Darien Baptist Church will have revival services September 24 & 25, 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Rev. Mark Palmer,
Ekklesia Church, Athens, GA

Missionary Moment
David Self, Director of Missions

It is a pleasure to serve with and pray for the ministries of the 43 churches of the Washington Baptist Association. Listed below are only some of the ministries we share together. Please pray for your sister churches and for all who fill the pulpit each week.

Pray for the Backpack Ministry: The churches continue to do a great work reaching those in need. In years past, we have sent out Backpacks to Appalachia to the cities of Meadowbridge, Fayetteville, Brenton, and Jeffersonville. This year we are reaching out to the communities of Sevierville, Tennessee and Cuthbert, Georgia.

Pray for Pastor Roundtables: Charles Drummond, Regional State Missionary, has assisted our pastors by helping the Association with regular round table discussions. In our last meeting, we had 9 participants. Our next meeting will be Monday Oct 8th at 10 AM at First Bapt. Sandersville. Our topic of discussion will be "Taking Members to Maturity." There will be a free lunch to follow.

Pray for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home: Windows for the Meansville campus are available to us at 2% over wholesale from YKK. We already have commitments from Davisboro to help install them. If the amount is still too expensive, we may need to install one set of windows at a time. It is our hope and prayer that others will come along with us to make a difference.

Pray for the state of the Association: For a number of years we have seen a down turn in gifts to the Association. According to the annual church reports as submitted by the churches, there has been a continual decline in church receipts. Our 2008 *Book of Minutes* show the annual reported receipts of all the churches as \$7,576,048. Ten years later, the reporting churches took in a total of \$5,556,605. Currently your missionary remains a full-time employee of the Association and we still own a building with 13 acres of land on Hwy 24. We are planning to sell all or part of our land at 615 Hwy 24 East and relocate to a less expensive location. Although the salary of the Director of Missions remains the same, the trends may require that we re-visit the salary question.

I would like to thank the associational leadership for their courage to face this continual struggle. You have demonstrated great kindness throughout the process. Whatever our destination, we know the Lord will be our guide.

We wish to express appreciation to **Rev. David Smith**, pastor at Friendship W, for cutting the grass at the WBA office on several occasions.

If you are able to occasionally volunteer for this task, give us a call. It would be greatly appreciated.



Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director

The backpacks are flowing in. You are so faithful and committed to the needy children in Appalachia. We can only pray that our efforts are blessed by our God. These children do not understand their situation when they are small, but I can bet as they grow older they will recognize the significance of these gifts. Maybe it will even bring out some new servants of the Lord. We are looking for around 500 backpacks to come into the association.

As the backpacks come in, they are packed in the appropriate boxes for shipping. Then our men from Island Creek will load them on trucks or trailers to take to Sevierville, TN and Cuthbert, GA. It's so good to see everyone taking a part in this statewide endeavor to help the Appalachian area children.

We have had a good summer of mission projects. Thank you all for your participation. You know school is back in session. Children are everywhere. They are getting settled into their classrooms. Teachers and other people who are involved in the school system are busily getting ready to make this a good year. Our plea is that in your daily prayers, please remember all of the children, teachers, etc. It's tough to come back to a schedule after being out of school.

Let me encourage all of you ladies to be an active part of your church's WMU groups. We need to continue to carry out our mission for our Lord and Saviour.

May God bless you all.



Annual Church Reports were distributed at the Executive Meeting at Darien Baptist Church on August 14th. Those not picked up were mailed August 21st.

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

Balerna	1,508.00	Hardwick	5,406.00	Olive Hill	-
Bethel	167.00	Harmony	200.00	PI Grove	1,075.91
Bethlehem	650.00	Is.Creek	8,334.00	Powelton	-
Black Spr	3,750.00	Jewell	519.07	Ridge Hgt	1,535.07
Church Ctl	-	Lakeside	9,493.02	Riverside	-
Community	616.27	Lighthouse	100.00	S'ville 1 st	8,503.30
Culverton	58.05	Long Cr	825.00	Sinclair	2,502.75
Darien	1,300.00	M'vill 1 st	6,458.40	Sisters	1,899.16
Davisboro	-	Min Sprgs	2,200.00	Smyrna	2,000.00
Devereux	900.00	Mitchell	400.00	Sparta 1 st	750.00
Fairmount	-	Mosleyville	1,250.00	Tennille	1,929.38
FriendshipG	387.00	Mt Steph.	250.00	Union	450.00
FriendshipW	2,000.00	Northside	8,757.62	Victory	-
Grace	150.00	Ohoopee	1,251.00	Westview	3,206.80
				Word Comm	-