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It is FINALLY October. Fall is my favorite time of the year. I love seeing the leaves change and even watch them drop. There is amazing beauty in the change of seasons. Do you know why the leaves change and eventually drop? I think it is something we should know and pay attention to as believers.

**Missionary Moment**  
**Quillian Mercer, AMS**

I'm no specialist, but in simplest term, trees have leaves for food. In the fall and winter, there is less daylight for the leaves to process for food, so the trees begin pulling back their resources—pulling nutrients back to its core so the branches and more importantly the trunk. Why? So the tree will survive the winter.

As Christians, sometimes we get so far extended—trying to do good works for the Lord—that we forget what is at our core. At our core, we are people of The WORD. We are believers and obedient followers of Jesus Christ. If we get too far away from those core truths, we will fall. Winter is upon us. To be able to go further and do more and reach more with the Gospel, we must pull back from time to time and regroup—reconnect with Our Lord. We need to do this DAILY, but, every once in a while we need to stop and just BE with Him. Psalm 46:10 says, “Cease STRIVING and Know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” In the midst of doing good and proclaiming Him, stop and pull back and just BE with Him. Know Him. Love Him. Be confident in who you are IN Him. Then you will be ready for the Winter of this world and the New Life we proclaim.

## **195th Annual Session** **Washington Baptist Association**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022  
6:30 PM Refreshments  
7:00 PM Meeting

Sinclair Baptist Church  
102 Airport RD NE, Milledgeville, GA

Speaker  
Dr. Levi Skipper, GBMB  
Lead Strategist for Church Strengthening

Please be a part of our Annual Meeting, October 11, 2022 at Sinclair Baptist Church in Milledgeville. I am praying for each of our church and want to meet ALL of you that I haven't had the chance to meet yet. Pastors: I have a special gift JUST for you, so please come and let's connect. (And yes. This IS a bribe to get you there. I know how much Pastors LOVE free stuff.) I'm very excited about what God is ALREADY doing and I cannot wait to see what He has in store next. Come be a part and help us fulfill our purpose “to create strategic partnerships between our Association Pastors and the churches of the Association to reach our area and beyond with the Gospel and live On Mission Together.”

**Sunday School Coordinator  
Kathy Self**

Thank you! Thank you to all the teachers and workers who attended the Sunday School Workshop, "Leaders are Learners," at FBC Sandersville! More than 70 people from at least 15 churches participated to receive fresh insights and training on Saturday, August 27th. My prayer is that you will share what you have learned with your classes as we all strive to live the Great Commission. Also, a big Thank You to the wonderful folks of FBC for hosting the event. And, the breakfast was amazing! Thank you Bro. Scott McDade and Bro. Lee Lacey for all the work you did to recruit such knowledgeable presenters.

Continuing to pray for your Sunday School and available to help when you need me.  
Kathy Self

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

Happy Fall ! Leaves are beginning to turn and the weather is getting a little colder. Kids are hunkered down in school studying and learning. Before you know, it will be Christmas..

**BEHIND DOOR NUMBER 1 is: Backpacks**

I want to encourage you to get your backpacks filled for the kids in Kentucky. We already know the area is impoverished, due to the fact that Quillian our AMS has been there before. Please have your backpacks in after October 31<sup>st</sup>. Backpack Drop-Off is November 1-3 (9:00AM-2:00PM). We will need to get them packed into boxes and labeled. Please plan to stay and help pack them; we would appreciate the needed help. It looks like it will be a great mission trip to take these bags to Kentucky. I hope some of you are excited to be going on the mission trip. Keep up your prayers for everybody and the trip itself.

**BEHIND DOOR NUMBER 2 is Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**, Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. for refreshments -7:30 for program. Harmony Baptist Church will be hosting this event. Harmony is on at 447 Deepstep Rd. going towards Sandersville. Quillian, our AMS, is going to speak at our program and I know you will look forward to this meeting. We will be praying for prayer request all around the world. Don't miss it!

**BEHIND DOOR NUMBER 3 is Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** In November we will be taking up the Christmas shoeboxes for children all over the world.

The Covenant Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville **will be the official drop** off for shoeboxes along with the associational office. Please drop them off at the Covenant Presbyterian if at all possible. The schedule will be posted on the website and in the November Newsletter. Associational Drop-Off is November 14-16, (9:00AM-2:00 PM). Keep on serving Him! He loves you.....  
Harriett

**Budget Receipts from Churches  
October 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022**

		Hardwick	4,500.00	Olive Hill	500.00
Bethel	250.00	Harmony	1,650.00	PI Grove	2,147.57
Bethlehem	2,400.00	Is.Creek	11,000.00	Powelton	-
Black Spr	5,000.00	Jewell	1,070.18	RidgeHgt	1,446.25
Church Ctl	-	Lakeside	20,541.26	Riverside	-
Community	739.83	Lighthouse	-	S'ville 1 <sup>st</sup>	12,328.00
Culverton		Long Cr	825.00	Sinclair	1,250.00
Darien	1,000.00	M'vill 1 <sup>st</sup>	7,104.24	Sisters	7,205.47
Davisboro	-	Min Sprgs	2,750.00	Smyrna	3,300.00
Devereux	900.00	Mitchell	500.00	Sparta1 <sup>st</sup>	1,018.00
Fairmount	-	Mosleyville	1,375.00	Tennille	2,191.68
FriendshipG	665.00	Mt Steph.	250.00	Union	950.00
FriendshipW	2,537.00	Northside	12,615.47	Victory	-
Grace	-	Ohoopoe	2,862.00	Westview	5,063.39
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**Special Requests**

**Homecoming and Revival**

**Ohoopoe Baptist Church** is having **Homecoming, October 2, 2022** at 11:00 PM with lunch to follow; Rev. Tim Oliver will be the speaker for the Homecoming on Sunday and **Revival October 3, 4, 5 at 7:00 PM.**

**Tennille Baptist Church** continues to be blessed by God. As such we currently have two part time positions available below.

**Nursery Worker:** Must conduct themselves in a loving Christ like manner. Be good with children and have the ability to pass a background check. Must be dependable and dedicated. Would consist of about 3 hours on Sunday, Family Night Supper, Women's Bible Study and Ladies Night out. Other events as planned but there will be advance notice. Please email [brian@brianwelch.org](mailto:brian@brianwelch.org) or call me directly at 478-342-7687

**Part time-Youth Director/Minister** or some kind of **Youth/Music/Family depending on gifts of individual.** Male or female. This person must have a heart for God and a love for youth and young adults. Must be dependable and have references, as well as ability to pass a background check. Must hold to the inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture and the Baptist Faith and Message. Must be a team player and have no personal agenda. Person will answer directly to the Pastor and indirectly, to the Deacons. We have a great Church family with no drama and want a drama and agenda free person. We will be extremely careful with this position. Please email [brian@brianwelch.org](mailto:brian@brianwelch.org) or call directly at 478-342-7687.

**Prayer Coordinator  
Kim Cornett**

Early voting for the Georgia General Elections begins on October 17, 2022.

We know our nation has turned from the truths of God's eternal word. We have opportunity as strong people of faith in our Lord to be His light in our cities, county and state.

It is our desire to seek the face of our Lord in preparation to vote. We are asking all the individual member churches within the Washington Baptist Association to host their own church wide 24 hour prayer vigil during the same 24 hour period from noon on Sunday, October 16 until noon Monday, October 17th.

This association's wide corporate call to prayer will allow all our hearts as members of Washington Baptist Association to align with our Father's heart on critical issues affecting our state. All churches are encouraged to participate and each individual participating church will determine their own desired method for hosting the vigil. For instance, during our March prayer vigil, some churches felt it best for their members to pray from home. While other churches opened their church sanctuary and provided 24 hour security for members to attend the 24 hour prayer vigil at the church, we ask that each church be responsible for crafting their own sign up sheet for their church membership to use in order to log their own 24 hour prayer vigil.

**Special Requested Continued**

Northside Baptist Church is involved in the **Blessing Bag Ministry for Midway Hills Primary school.** They have a need of 80-85 children per weekend for food supplements. Northside is doing 25-27 each week.

Their goal is 100 bags per month. If you would like to become a partner in this project, the following items should be included in the bags. They can be packed in plastic grocery bags.

**Products**

Pop tarts/Small cereal boxes  
Ramen noodles/Small chips  
Canned pasta/Ravioli  
Vienna Sausages  
Granola bars/Cereal bars  
Fruit cups/Pudding cups  
Capri Sun

If you have questions please contact Shelia Leverett, 478-696-2854. She is the contact person and member of Northside. She has committed to going to churches to pick up the bags if they cannot deliver them.