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Thursday, March 17, 2022
Lighthouse Covenant
101 Chase Court unit D
Milledgeville, GA

10:00 a.m.
Lunch is Optional

Save the Date:
Youth Camp
July 11-16, 2022
Crawfordville, GA

Scholarships are Available.



Victory Baptist Church wanted to invite you to this sing on March 6, 2022 at 10:45 AM. Please add this to your calendar.

Special Thanks to **Hunter Lindsey (YARD BOYS)** who takes care of our grass and shrubbery during the summer. He also reset the section of shrubbery that was damaged when the car ran through it in November. He recently added pine straw to the flower and shrubbery beds. **THANK YOU AGAIN!!!!**

A Special Thanks to **Friendship W Baptist Church** for hosting the Executive Committee Meeting on February 8, 2022.



The 2021 Book of Minutes for the Association was distributed at the Executive Committee Meeting, February 8, 2022. If your church did not get one, they are being mailed.

Book of
Minutes
2021



Revival:

Bethlehem Baptist Church
March 13-16, 2022
95 Bethlehem Church Rd.
Warthen, GA 31094
Dr. Tony Wilson, Speaker
Sunday: 6:00 PM
Monday-Wednesday: 6:30 PM

WBA Director of Missions Search Team Report WBA Newsletter

Greetings Washing Baptist Association (WBA) family! I pray this finds you well in your service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. By His great grace, I am well.

The listening sessions were a wonderful success. Thank you to all the pastors and churches who hosted these events. Your hospitality was gratefully appreciated. In addition, I am thankful for all who came out and prayerfully shared their hopes and vision for the future of the Washington Baptist Association.

The Associational Missionary search team has received more than 30 resumes to date. We are currently in the process of prayerfully sorting through these to determine the top candidates for consideration. In the days to come we will be conducting reference checks, phone interviews, and ultimately on site visits from the top candidate of choice.

If you happen to know of any qualified candidates who are interested in submitting a resume for consideration, please ask them to do so. Digital copies may be sent to my email address, Tim@lakesidebaptistchurch.org. Hard copies may be sent to me in care of Lakeside Baptist Church, 1023 Milledgeville Rd., Milledgeville GA 31061.

As you know, we cannot speculate how long this process will take. However, please know that the search team is working diligently to accomplish its assigned task in a way that honors the Lord and is best for the Washington Baptist Association. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Remember, Jesus loves you and I do too!

Serving the Savior,
Bro. Tim
Tim Oliver — Pastor
Lakeside Baptist Church
2 Timothy 2:21



Missionary Moment
Dr. Jerry Pickard, Interim Director of Missions

Dear WBA Family,

What an awesome privilege it is to serve the churches of the Washington Baptist Association! Every church is important and God has a purpose for each being a part of our Association.

The question is often asked, "What is the purpose of the Association?" There are many purposes. One important purpose is that the Association provides a way for our churches to stay connected to each other. We are more than forty-one individual congregations with each church doing its own thing without any reference to or regard for the other churches. That is certainly not the way it should be in God's family. Each church is a part of a larger and greater whole. Each is a part of the Kingdom of God, the body of Christ, the family of God, and we are a part of each other. We must never forget that there should be an unbreakable bond of love, fellowship, unity, and cooperation between the churches of the WBA. Because of that bond, when one church rejoices, we all rejoice; and when one church is hurting, we all hurt with it.

As an Association of churches, we have one Lord, one Gospel, and one common purpose. That purpose is to share the Gospel with those who are unsaved so that every person might hear and have the opportunity to respond. When we love each other, pray for each other, support each other, encourage each other, and work together in cooperation with each other, we are better able to fulfill the Great Commission which Christ has given us and the vital purpose He has for us. May God bless us and help us as together we seek to impact our area and our world for Christ.

I love you and am here to serve you during these days. If I or our Association can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to call. And, please continue to pray for our DOM Search Committee.

In Christ's Love,
 Bro. Jerry

Prayer Coordinator
Kim Cornett

The Lord tells us through King David in Psalm 34:15 that the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears are open to their cry!

We are hurting and hungering for awakening and revival in our homes, churches, cities, and the counties of our Washington Baptist Association! Psalm 34:18 reminds us that the Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit!

What a marvelous promise our dear Lord gives!

As we continue on the pathway to repentance, our hearts are broken for the brokenness of our communities and we are more aware than ever of the need for communities to unite in prayer.

The Washington Baptist association will promote an Association-wide, 24-hour, prayer vigil from 12:00 noon, Friday, March 25, until 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 26th. The goal is for at least one church in each county of the Washington Baptist Association to participate in the prayer vigil where the churches will be opened for people to come and pray for awakening and revival during that 24-hour period. All churches are encouraged to participate, but it would be beneficial if at least one church in each area could commit to be open for the entire time for people, even from other churches, to come and pray. This may require that the churches provide some form of security, especially during the overnight hours. A sample Sign-up Sheet will be available through the WBA office if your church needs one for people to fill the time slots so that somebody, somewhere, is praying during the entire 24-hour time period.

If your church will participate in the Prayer Vigil, please leave a message for Dianne at the Association office so we can share info with others about available places to pray.

Kim Cornett

Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director

Well, let's see....I was hoping we could start with a new beginning this year. There is an old saying, "If you can't do it the first time, try, try, again."

God says, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

I always look at the glass as half full and I'm looking for a wonderful time of WMU activities for this year. I hope you all are doing mission activities in your churches. We still have a job to do because God has called us to be mission minded until He comes back to get us.

**GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S
 SPRING EVENT
 APRIL 23, 2022
 CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
 WARNER ROBINS**

If you would like to go, please call the associational office for more information or look online.

Hopefully we will get a good start for Women on Missions.

Love and God's blessings for all of you.

Harriett

Sunday School Moment
Kathy Self, Director

Does it really matter if Sunday School leaders are equipped to serve?
 Consider what happens when they receive training.

- Leaders will be more effective.
- The leaders will raise up more leaders.
- The number of available leaders will grow.
- The leaders will reach and minister to more people.

Recruit leaders with the understanding that training is expected. Most churches would not consider having a choir/praise team which did not meet for rehearsals. They would be ill prepared to lead in worship. "...it is difficult to think that we would entrust the teaching of God's Word to persons who did not have the commitment to meet for planning and prayer."
 -Ken Hemphill

So, mark your calendars now for Associational Sunday School Training on Thursday evening, September 8th and Saturday morning, September 10th. There will be more details in upcoming newsletters, but go ahead and share these dates with your Sunday School workers. Praying for your Sunday School. Let me know how I can help.
 Kathy Self

Budget Receipts from Churches
October 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

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| Bethel | 250.00 | Hardwick | 1,875.00 | Olive Hill | |
| Bethlehem | 800.00 | Harmony | 600.00 | PI Grove | 766.15 |
| Black Spr | 500.00 | Is.Creek | 4,000.00 | Powelton | |
| Church Ctl | | Jewell | 427.59 | Ridge Hgt | 638.09 |
| Community | 333.52 | Lakeside | 5,712.90 | Riverside | |
| Culverton | | Lighthouse | | S'ville 1 st | 4,166.00 |
| Darien | 500.00 | Long Cr | 300.00 | Sinclair | 375.00 |
| Davisboro | | M'vill 1 st | 2,583.36 | Sisters | 3,717.68 |
| Devereux | | Min Sprgs | 1,000.00 | Smyrna | 1,200.00 |
| Fairmount | | Mitchell | 500.00 | Sparta 1 st | 943.00 |
| FriendshipG | 185.00 | Mosleyville | 500.00 | Tennille | 671.00 |
| FriendshipW | 1,037.00 | Mt Steph. | | Union | |
| Grace | | Northside | 4,528.48 | Victory | |
| | | Ohoopce | 1,096.00 | Westview | 2,108.13 |
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