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The WBA Kentucky Mission Team had an amazing trip to McCreary County, Kentucky. We had 16 people representing 7 churches from the WBA and Mid-State Association: Representing the Washington Baptist Association: First Baptist Church Milledgeville, Northside Baptist Church Milledgeville, Island Creek Baptist Church, Long Creek Baptist Church, Lakeside Baptist Church—and from the MidState Baptist Association, Calvary Baptist Church in Lizella!

To those of you who packed bags, purchased supplies so others could pack bags, those who donated to the cost of the trip, to those who went on the trip to Whitley City KY, to those who prayed for the team—we thank you!!

Here’s what we accomplished:

- over 500 backpacks distributed on Saturday
- nearly 300 more backpacks provided to the community outreach center, DFACS, and three churches for distribution
- over 1,100 people heard the Gospel and had the opportunity to respond—and were invited to attend one of several Bible-preaching churches in the area

- hundreds of pounds of food delivered to The Lord’s Cafe
- more than 200 clothing items provided for Crossroads Baptist Church ministries

Want to know how you can impact the McCreary County area, Whitley City, or Stearns, Kentucky in 2023? Please let us know by calling or emailing the WBA office. We are praying for many more opportunities to serve alongside Crossroads and Pastor Grant Hasty.

There will be many more opportunities to serve as an Association in the coming year. 2023 looks to be a banner year for the WBA. This year we celebrate 195 years as an Association and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us

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MEN ON MISSION

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Ohoopee Baptist Church
7180 Ohoopee Church Rd.
Tennille, Ga
7:00 PM
Breakfast for Supper Served

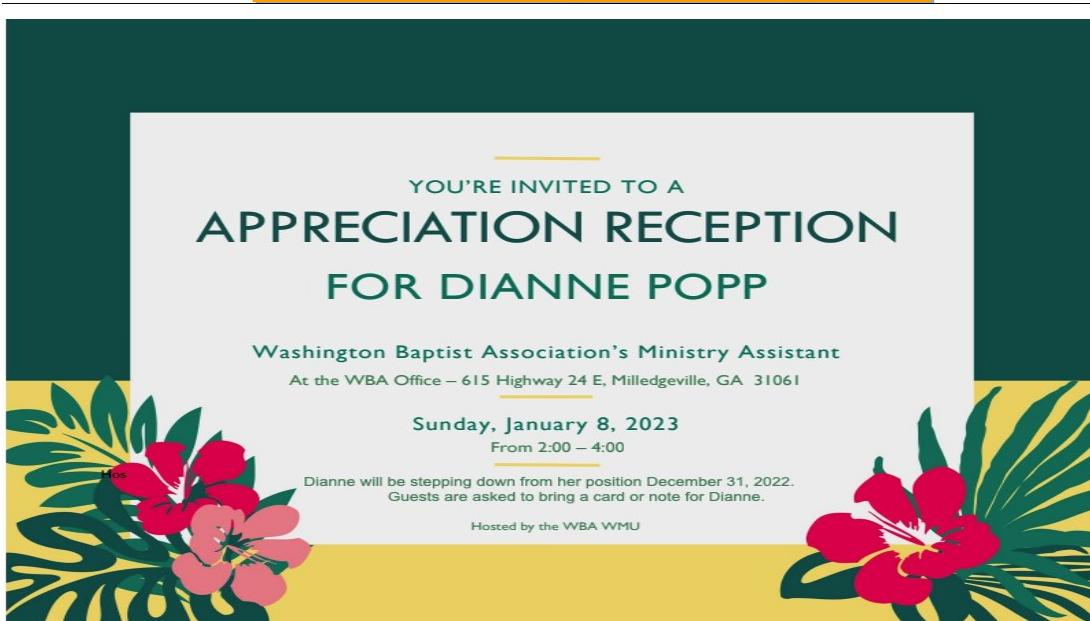
PRISON MINISTRY

Chaplain Norman Watson has asked for our help with Special gifts for the prison which includes:

Soap	Deodorant
Shampoo	Lotion
Toothpaste	Toothbrush

If you wish to participate in this project, please bring items to WBA by Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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



**Ministry Assistant
Dianne Popp**

Sunday School Director : Kathy Self

Introduction:



***Rachael Mercer
Ministry Assistant***

Rachael Mercer, Q's ministry partner since 1998, is joining the staff of the Washington Baptist Association as the Ministry Assistant. Q and Rachael met at the Baptist Student Union while they were students at the University of Georgia. They began serving together even before they were engaged—in the BSU, on multi-state mission trips, and in two churches. In the 23 years since they married, she has supported his ministry to teens, parents and families in multiple churches in Texas, Tennessee, and Georgia.

Rachael is uniquely qualified for this Administrative Assistant position because for the last 23 years Q has not lost his mind, missed a plane, or lost any students or volunteers on the Mission Trips he's taken to many foreign and domestic locations. With the assistance of paid staff in some locations, Rachael's behind the scenes work has made Q's life and ministry run a lot smoother, and she's really looking forward to assisting him in this new ministry role for their family.

Rachael most recently served at North Salem Baptist Church as the Pastoral Secretary. She previously served as the Publications Secretary at First Baptist Church Moultrie. Rachael is an award-winning writer and photographer with a degree in Journalism and minor in English from the University of Georgia. She is the Deputy Chief of Staff and a Public Affairs Officer for Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary, where she has volunteered for the last 8 years. She holds the rank of Captain and was named the National Public Affairs Officer of the Year for CAP (2019). While serving in volunteer roles with Civil Air Patrol and Georgia 4-H, she has also been a multi-genre freelance writer, and a homeschool parent. She has graduated two students from her homeschool classroom, and has two still in her homeschool high school classroom. Rachael has unique experience as the wife of a youth minister and pastor, which gives her insight that will help her in serving the churches of the Washington Baptist Association.

It's New Year's Resolution time! One great goal for 2023 could include sharing the Gospel and praying with a stranger at least once a week. How can I do that? Glad you asked! I call this, "Planting a Seed Evangelism."

Step 1: Acquire some type of evangelism tool, such as the Evangelicube, a bracelet, multi-colored bag, etc. People are more likely to listen to the Gospel if you have an object which connects to the different parts of the message. Keep this with you at all times!

Step 2: Practice! Memorize a few key verses that you can quote easily as you share. Keep the presentation quick and simple. Remember to tell how much the different parts of the Gospel mean to you and how thankful you are for what He has done.

Step 3: Ask someone, "May I show you my Gospel (cube, bag, bracelet, etc.)?" Many people will let you show them something, which gives you the perfect opportunity to share while showing! Only about 2% of the people I asked on the Mission Trip said no!

Step 4: Ask, "How may I pray for you today?" If they say they can't think of anything, ask if you can just say a pray for them. Again, only about 2% of the people I asked said no. As you pray, let the Holy Spirit lead you in how to pray for that particular person. (This is why you need to pray about the opportunity BEFORE you ever meet the person, like first thing in the morning!)

Step 5: Thank them for giving you the opportunity to show them the object and to pray for them.

Side note: Always be available to go further with the discussion if you sense that they want to make a decision for Christ. You may also want to ask if they would like to connect with a local congregation, so be prepared with information about area churches.

Praying for you and your Sunday School. Let me know how I can help.

Happy 2023!
Kathy Self

**Budget Receipts from Churches
October 1, 2022– Sept. 30, 2023**

Bethel	200.00	Harmony	300.00	Pl Grove	606.38
Bethlehem	400.00	Is.Creek	2000.00	Powelton	
Black Spr		Jewell	173.81	Ridge Hgt	254.48
Church Ctl		Lakeside	4718.54	Riverside	
Community	105.64	Lighthouse		S'ville 1 st	2332.00
Culverton		Long Cr	150.00	Sinclair	250.00
Darien	500.00	M'vill 1 st	1291.68	Sisters	570.76
Davisboro		Min Springs	500.00	Smyrna	600.00
Devereux	300.00	Mitchell		Sparta 1 st	150.00
Fairmount		Mosleyville	250.00	Tennille	655.07
FriendshipG	160.00	Mt Steph.		Union	
FriendshipW	748.00	Northside	3358.71	Victory	
Grace		Ohoopee	329.00	Westview	1358.70
Hardwick	750.00	Olive Hill		Word Comm	

