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### Just a thought....



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Cold weather, hot weather, dry weather, rainy weather. Does this sound like nature to you? It does to me. There are all kinds of responses to the weather patterns. Some are longing for spring and summer and I must admit that I am one of them. However, I am also glad that God is in charge of the weather patterns. He knows what He is doing and I am glad that we are not in charge of the weather. Can you imagine what kind of world we would live in if everyone had the opportunity to specify what type of weather they wanted? It would be a pretty messed up world. This is carried over into the church as well. "It is too hot, it is too cold", are heard by many who are there to worship the Living God. An elderly deacon said to me once, "Everyone should be given a thermostat when they enter the church and they could set it wherever they wished and then they might be happy."

What would we do if we had the power to change the temperature, the weather, or the things that go on in the home, the church, or the government? In some ways, we actually do. We have a thermostat, a heater or air conditioner in the car, and a privilege to cast a vote at the election box. We also have an opportunity to give input as to what is happening in the local church. We can make good choices about who leads the body of believers, who teaches in the various classes and activities of the church. This is not an occasion to criticize and demand but an opportunity to work with other believers to see wonderful things happen in the local church. Remember it is said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst."

With that in mind there are some things going on in the Association in which everyone has an opportunity to participate. Let me mention a few of these things: Pastors conferences, VBS training, SS training, Financial Issues Facing the Church seminars, BCM ministries at the BCM at Bethel, Mission Trips, Contributing to the Direct Mission Fund, Praying for your pastor, staff and the staff of the CBBA, Men's Ministry, WMU, Upward Sports, Family Ministries, and a host of other possibilities.

Lord, help us not complain about the weather or things we can do nothing about. Lord, help us keep our eyes on you. Let us thank you for the eyes to enjoy your beauty, the ears to hear the wonderful sounds of the animals and birds, the fragrance of the beautiful flowers and trees, the touch of the loving hands of our family and friends. Thank Him that He is still in control. Thank Him for his willingness to die for our sin and grant us eternal salvation. The writer of the Hebrews puts it this way, "Thank you Lord for so great salvation."

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone.

Associational  
Mission Trip

Belleville, IL  
July 7-12

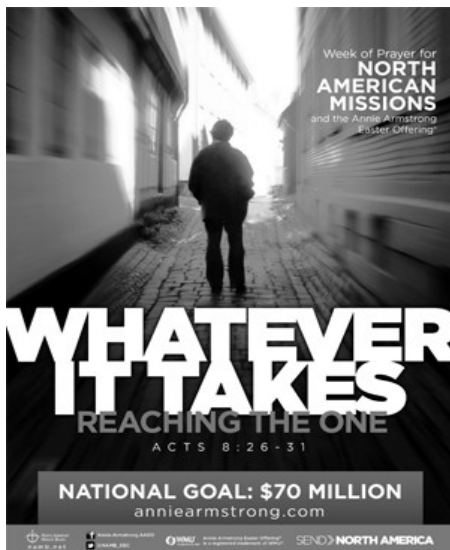
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**Rescheduled Pastors Conference  
Harvest Plants**

**Bro. Willie McLauren  
March 18th  
6:30 pm– 8 pm**

Please call the office by March 11 to let us know if you are coming so that Bro. Willie will bring the correct number of training materials.



**2013 Week of Prayer for North American Missions  
and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

**March 3-10, 2013**

**Whatever It Takes....Reaching The One**

**What do AAEO-supported missionaries do?**

- Start new churches
- Engage in student evangelism on college campuses
- Serve the physical and spiritual needs of people through ministry evangelism
- Serve as church planting catalysts



For the ministry project they are collecting postage stamps, copy paper, gift cards (any denomination to Wal\*Mart, OfficeMax, Staples or Kroger), journals, writing tablets and paperback Bibles or New Testaments (HCSB version). Bring items to the Gatlinburg Convention Center on Friday or Saturday. Go to [www.tnwmu.org](http://www.tnwmu.org) for more information.



**America: Stand Up  
Standing on the  
Truth of God's Word  
Men's Conference**

Camden FBC  
March 15& 16, 2013

Friday: Dinner 5-6:30 pm  
Conference 6:45-9 pm

Saturday: Breakfast 7-8:30 am  
Conference 8:45 am-12 pm

Speakers: Ronnie Coleman  
(www.ronniecoleman.com)  
Ergun Caner  
(www.erguncaner.com)  
Ken Freeman  
(www.kenfreeman.com)

Cost: \$20  
Call 731-584-6061 for reservations

**CBBA Executive  
Board Meeting**

**April 15th  
Huntingdon FBC**

**Meal 6pm  
Meeting 7pm**

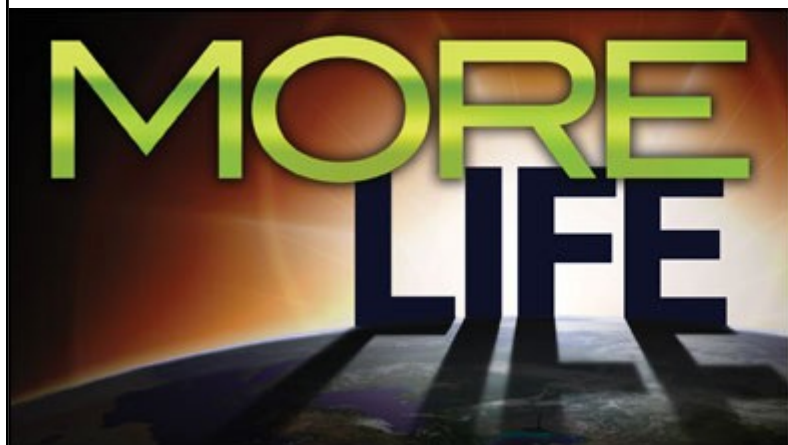


**Accounting News**

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the standard mileage rate for 2013. It is **56.5 cents** per mile.

**More Life Evangelism Rally  
Bruceton FBC  
April 28th, 6:00 pm**

**We encourage our churches to move their Sunday evening service to Bruceton FBC and listen to Dr. Bobby Welch bring the message.**



*A Lifestyle Evangelism  
and  
Relational Discipleship Process*



*MORE LIFE works in conjunction with  
GPS to reach Tennesseans for Christ.*

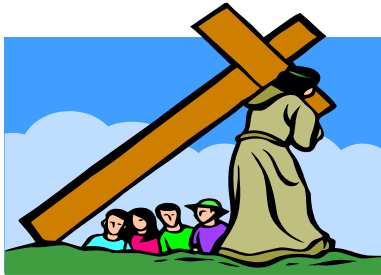
## March, 2013

**March 4,** CBBA Pastors Conference,  
10:30 am, Mission Center

**March 18,** Rescheduled Pastors  
Conference, Bro. Willie  
McLauren, 6:30pm-8pm  
Mission Center

**March 29, Office Closed  
Good Friday**

**March 31, Easter**



## Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

**April 8,** CBBA Pastors Conference,  
10:30 am, Mission Center

**April 8,** CBBA VBS Clinic, McKenzie  
FBC

**April 15,** CBBA Executive Board Meeting  
Huntingdon FBC

**April 21,** CBBA Bible Drills, McKenzie  
FBC

**April 27,** Children's State Bible Drill &  
Youth Regional Bible Drill,  
Martin FBC

**April 28,** More Life Rally, Bruceton FBC

**Union University  
2013 West TN  
Ministers Conference  
The Power of the Gospel  
Romans 1:16**

**Mar 5** The Gospel  
and the SBC  
10 am

**Apr 2** The Gospel  
and Community  
Outreach  
10 am

**May 7** The Gospel  
and Race  
10 am



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*The mission of the Carroll-Benton  
Baptist Association is to encourage  
fellowship & equip churches to  
carry out the Great Commission*

**OMIU**   
*Office Ministry Update*

**For Ministry Assistants  
Details Coming Soon!**

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