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Just a thought....

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What does God have in store for the churches that form the Carroll-Benton Baptist Association in 2014? None of us knows what the future holds but we do know who holds the future. It is my prayer that we join hearts, heads and hands to pray for revival to take place within our churches, counties, state and the United States. As the old spiritual says, "It is me standing in the need of prayer." Let us pray one for another. Let us lift the churches, the pastors/staff, the leaders and those who attend each of our churches to the Lord in prayer. Let us pray for strength to be a witness in the year of 2014. We all who name the name of Christ as Savior have a testimony. May we commit to sharing that testimony with someone each opportunity we get.

There are several things going on with-in the association over the next few months. Pray for the churches that will be going on mission trips over the next few months. McKenzie, Huntingdon and others are planning trips to Africa. Bro. Shawn Allred, pastor of First Bruceton, will have returned from a mission trip to India by the time you are reading this newsletter.

Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the TBC, is attempting to be in every county of the state during the coming year. He will be meeting leaders in our churches and associations to have a special time of prayer for revival in each county seat town. The purpose of the prayer meetings will be to pray for revival across America. All of us need to be praying for revival across our nation. The prayer time for Benton County and Carroll County will be later in October. Pray for Dr. Randy Davis and his travels across the state.

Four of our pastors/wives will be attending the Tennessee Baptists' Bi-vo Pastors retreat in Pigeon Forge the last of January. This is a time for them to be refreshed and get their cups filled. It is also a time for the pastor and wife to get away together.

The month of February has been designated as "28 Days of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening". Consider having a special time in your service during the month of February to pray for a Spiritual Awakening. Go to the TBC website to download a calendar of prayer needs for the month.

The State VBS clinic will be held on Monday night, February 24th at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. Leaders from our association will be attending to prepare for the CBBA VBS training.

Our training this year will be on TUESDAY, APRIL 1, AT FIRST BAPTIST CAMDEN. It is never too early to begin preparation and enlistment for the teachers and leaders for your VBS. If you have a need for help with your VBS, please let me know at the Mission Center. Several churches have helped and will be glad to help some of our smaller churches if the need is there. Some churches could join forces to have a VBS. Don't rule it out because of size or lack of teachers.

As you can see, the year is beginning with a bang and I pray it will grow as the year moves ahead.

One last request: Pray for your pastor, staff, Amy and me as we lead in the churches and the association over the coming year.

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone
Jimmy Furr

Focus on WMU
February 11-17

“As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard” Acts 4:20

The WMU still has the same purpose it had when it began in 1888. The story that lives on through the WMU is the one Jesus commanded His followers to embrace in Matthew 28:19-20. The emphasis Scripture, Acts 4:12-20, gives an example of followers of Christ who were so passionate about the story of Jesus living on, they could not stop talking about it. During the Focus on WMU Emphasis recognize those involved in the WMU organization. Beyond the FOCUS on WMU Emphasis recognize the power of praying women to change an environment.

Direct Mission Funds

It is time again for the gift of \$10 to the Direct Mission Fund. Please consider giving to this worthy endeavor. A total of almost \$5000 was given to help groups and individuals go on a mission trip this past year. We want to make it possible that everyone who plans a mission trip receives some type of help with their financial needs in this next year. Thank you for your contribution to this worthy cause.

Music Leader Needed

Hopewell Baptist Church in Lavinia is searching for a Music Leader for their worship services. Please contact Bro. Randy Boals for more information at 731-693-6442.



Bible Fun Field Day
March 22

Linden Valley Conference Center
Linden, TN

Who can come?

- Children in grades 1-6
- Children's leaders
- Parents

What will we do?

Worship Missions
Bible Study Recreation
Crafts Conferences for parents & leaders

How do you register?

Visit www.tnchildhood.org for schedule, online registration and conference descriptions or call 1-800-558-2090 ext. 7905

Registration Deadline: February 27



Harvest Tools That Succeed
Evangelism Training for the Harvest
March 11: First Baptist Medina
6:30 pm

A TBC Specialist has been assigned to facilitate each session. The goal is to have at least one pastor or leader who has planted to be in each session.

1. Steve Holt and Bobby Welch will lead the Beginners. It will be an overview of 1-5-1 and the different plants.
2. Evangelism will focus on How to Win. Facilitated by David Evans and Steve Pearson.
3. Multiplication led by Phil Young and Fred Davis will focus on How to Multiply and How to Continue.
4. Leadership will focus on How to Lead. Focus is on the Primary Leader, Associate Leader and Bible Study Leader and other team members roles and the skills necessary to lead a plant to fulfill its mission and multiply Facilitated by Archer Thorpe and Willie McLaurin.
5. Teaching, will be led by Mark Miller and Bruce Edwards. Focus will be on how to teach with the idea that lost and secular adults are in the plant with the goal of reaching them for the gospel. There will be an emphasis on storytelling. Focus is on steps How to Teach and How to Disciple.
6. Anglos for Ethnic led by William Burton and Harvest Missionaries. The goal is to help church leaders know how to support and plant Ethnic plants.

Financial Issues
Facing churches and Ministers

February 11, 10 am-Noon
 Calvary Baptist Church, 119 Oil Well Road, Jackson

This seminar will save your church and minister, TIME, MONEY & HASSLES!

The topics will include Health Care Reform, Benefits Programs, Federal Reporting, Charitable Contributions and other Financial Issues.

No Registration is Necessary!



February, 2014

Feb 1-28, 28 Days of Prayer for Spiritual Awakening

Feb 10, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center

Feb 11, Financial Issues Seminar,
10 am, Calvary Baptist, Jackson

Feb 24, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center



Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

Mar 2-9, Week of Prayer and mission study for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Mar 10, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center

Mar 31, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Missions Center



2014 West TN Ministers Conference Union University

Integrity in Ministry

Feb 11
Minsters & Wives
Valentine's Banquet

Mar 4
Integrity in Family

Apr 1
Ask the President

May 6
Integrity in Stewardship



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



State Secretaries Conference
March 31-April 1
Hendersonville FBC

Featured Speaker: Rachel Lovingood
Cost: Before Mar 1-\$115
After Mar 1-\$125

Contact Joy Clay-Corby at 18005582090
or go to the TN Baptist website
For more information

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