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Just a thought....



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The year 2011 has come and gone. This new year has begun in a whirlwind. Do you ever contemplate asking that the world stop and let you off? I don't think I want off but at the same time, I wonder where those years that used to go by so slowly went. I have been told that the older I get, the faster time flies. I have come to this conclusion. Time flies no matter how old one is. While studying the book of Ecclesiastes, the words of the preacher come to mind here. Look at Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 again. Verse one says there is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven. To everything there is a season. What season of life are you in at this time? Some have celebrated the birth of a new child since the new year began. Some have entered their teen years. Some will graduate college this year and start a family or new job. Some will be watching their grandchildren grow (that would be Linda and me). Some will be retiring and starting a new phase in life. Some will be seeing their loved ones pass from this life to the next. Some may experience what they have been looking forward to since coming to Christ as their Savior. I don't want this to sound morbid, but it is the end for all as the writer of Ecclesiastes calls to our memory. The words "Of all the words of tongue and pen, the saddest are these. It might have been.", come to my mind at this time. I pray that when you and I come to the end of our earthly life that we will be able to say that we have spent all of life that God has given us.

The question was asked of Pilate, "What then will you do with Jesus?". This is a question we must ask ourselves in this coming year. I am not speaking of whether or not you are a Christian. I pray that has already been settled. As a Christian,, we must be asked this question. Remember there is no such thing as a silent Christian. Jesus said, "if you deny me before men, then I will deny you before my heavenly Father. If you confess me before men, then I will confess you before my heavenly Father". One is a witness whether he or she realizes or not. We give a positive witness of what it means to follow him or we give a negative witness of what it means to be lukewarm. Nobody wants a lukewarm follower, not even Christ.

With the emphasis on GPS across our state again this year, every believer is encouraged to be a witness of the grace that is in us. Let us not be silent, let us proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. Remember that we are not called to save, just tell. God does the saving. Even Paul concluded that some said, "I will hear you another time", "Almost thou persuaded me to be a Christian", and "**some believed**". As Dr. Larry Gilmore says, "it is not good news, unless you tell it."

Doing together what we cannot do alone....

News from the Churches

West TN Ministers Wives Retreat

“Living Fruitful in Ministry”

April 27-28
LindenValley

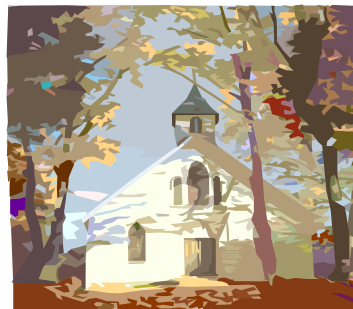
Main Speaker: Dana James

Jeanne Davis and Trish Pierson
will be leading some of the
breakout sessions

For more information go to:
www.tnministerswives.org

The Bi-Vo Pastors Retreat once again will be held in Pigeon Forge in early February. Please pray for those who will be attending this year from our association.

Huntingdon FBC is having a Dinner Theater on February 10, 11, & 12. Tickets can be purchased at the church office (986-5000). No tickets will be sold at the door. The money goes towards helping the youth ministry.



Week of Prayer for the North American Missions Annie Armstrong Offering March 4-11, 2012 Whatever It Takes Mark 2:1-5

Annie was a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts. She led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of the Woman’s Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary. Annie believed in Christ with all her heart and rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people through Christ. She spent a great amount of time writing letters in support of missions. Annie would never hesitate to give a child a hug, distribute clothing or food and the Word of God to those in need.





**FINANCIAL ISSUES
Facing churches & ministers**

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

February 15– 10:00 AM-Noon
Calvary Baptist Church
119 Oil Well Road
Jackson, TN(731) 668-8619
No Registration Necessary

Topics

- Updated Reporting Requirements
- Federal Reporting
- Benefits Programs
- Charitable Contributions
- Other Financial Issues



**WMU
Focus Week**

**February
13-19**

**Pray for the leaders
of the
WMU
in our
Association
and in each of our
Churches**



*So do not be ashamed to testify
about our Lord... (2 Timothy 1:8)*

MARCH 23-25, 2012
GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER
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Featuring: Sandy Wisdom-Martin and Leigh Gray
Worship Leaders: No Other Name and Cindy Johnson

**For more information go to www.tnbaptist.org or
Email Denise Bornaugh at dbornaugh@tnbaptist.org**

CBBA Vacation Bible School Clinic
April 9th
Huntingdon FBC

Leaders are being recruited right now. Each church will be putting their teams together to attend this wonderful meeting.



February, 2012

Feb 2-4, Bi-Vo Retreat, Pigeon Forge, TN

Feb 7, West TN Pastors Conference,
Union University, 6:30 pm

Feb 13, CBBA Pastors Conference,
Mission Center, 10:30 am
CBBA VBS Director,
Jayne Simpson

Feb 13-18, WMU Focus Week

Feb 27, CBBA Pastors Conference,
Mission Center, 10:30 am
Randy Poole



Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

Mar 4-11, Week of Prayer for North
American Missions, Annie
Armstrong Offering

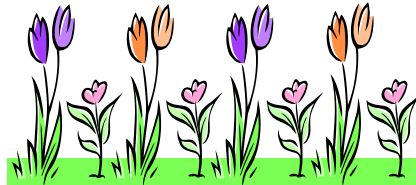
Mar 6, West TN Pastors Conference,
Union University, 10 pm

Mar 11, Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 12, CBBA Pastors Conference,
Mission Center, 10:30 am

Mar 26, CBBA Pastors Conference,
Mission Center, 10:30 am

March 23-25, Missions Get Together &
Connection



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



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions
March 4-11, 2012

Whatever It Takes

National Goal: \$70 Million

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