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### Just a thought....

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It does everyone good to sit and contemplate once and a while. As I began this article, that is what brought me to this point. Staring at a blank page and wondering what words need to be put there. To communicate a truth that may make a difference in someone's life is an awesome responsibility. Pastors or ministers have this responsibility each and every week. There is much time, thought and work in the preparation and delivery of a sermon. Please pray for each pastor as they plan to share a "Word From God" from week to week.

The end of April and the beginning of May brought back memories of the floods of 2010. However, it appears the floods of this year are going to surpass the previous floods. The tornados and their destruction have brought many to prayer and thoughtfulness. These acts of nature have once again given Southern Baptists and other Christian groups the opportunity to get outside the walls of the church and reach out into the community in the name of Christ. Lives have been turned upside down and changed forever. Once again, this points us to Christ who is our only hope. Things, possessions and even life are temporary. No one knows the day, or the hour that death will invade and steal life from us. Therefore, the Boy Scout motto and the Gospel of Mark are mottos we should all ascribe to. Both state, "Be Prepared". If we are prepared, nothing will catch us by surprise. In fact Paul writes in 1Thessalonians 5, that we are not children of the night but of the day. The darkness should not overtake us. He warns us to watch and be sober.

I have read and seen where people have been helping others during these uncertain days. A catastrophe should not be the thing that causes us to see our neighbor in a different light. With our eyes open, we see people who are in need: physically, materially, and spiritually. We will help with the first two much quicker than the last one. Remember the words of Matthew 28:19-20 and as we go, let us make disciples and be light and salt in a world of darkness and a world that has lost its taste.

Doing together what we cannot do alone.

Happy  
Father's  
Day



2011 Father's Day Offering: "A loving place, a family, a home"

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes provides homes for more than 350 very special persons and also ministers to the extended families of these residents. Therefore, more than 1,000 persons are regularly served on behalf of Tennessee Baptist churches. The 2011 Father's Day Offering theme is "A loving place, a family, a home". The residents in Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes enjoy a loving place, a family, a home, in group homes, a nursing home/ assisted living facility, or an adult retirement community in Tennessee. Their family members and friends who visit them receive a ministry of love and compassion from the staff of these facilities. The Father's Day Offering provides some ministry in each of these homes, but the major recipients of the offering are the 55 developmentally disabled adults in six group homes. The practice of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes is that no potential resident is turned away from the group homes for financial reason. The Father's Day Offering provides the funds to make this possible. We encourage your church, your classes and groups to participate in the Father's Day Offering. For more information, visit [www.tnbaptisthomes.org](http://www.tnbaptisthomes.org) or call (615) 371-2050.

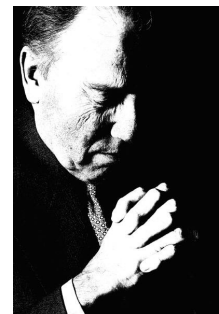


CBBA Prayer Retreat  
"August 12-13, 2011  
Linden Valley

Speakers: Don & Trish Pierson  
"Present...Living Sacrifice"

Reservations are due no later than August 5  
Plan now to participate in our annual prayer retreat.  
Call the mission center to make your reservation. 986-8818

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## GPS-God's Plan for Sharing GPS Results

The following statistics have been received from the churches that conducted the GPS prayer walking and gospel presentations. Some others may have participated but I do not have the numbers at this time.

From the information I received, approximately 3400 homes were prayer walked and a gospel message was shared with the same number of homes. According to the mapping center at NAMB, there are 13,929 homes in Carroll and Benton Counties. Much work is still to be done. It is not too late to modify the GPS program to fit your church setting and make contact with some of the homes in the counties. If we can be of help at the Mission Center, don't hesitate to call, drop by or email.

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Forget  
To  
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In your  
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This helps anyone or group in our association that wants to part in a mission trip to help spread the word of GOD.



### CBBA VBS Dates

Atwood FBC	June 6-10
Bruceston FBC	June 6-10
Camden FBC	June 6-10
Eastview	June 13-17
Eva	July 18-24
Faith	July 18-22
Huntingdon FBC	June 6-10
McKenzie FBC	June 6-10
Mt. Nebo	June 20-24
Natchez Trace	June 6-10
Trezevant FBC	June 26-30

**\*\* Directors~** Please send a report of your attendance numbers to the Mission Center. I will need to send a report into the TBC.

**Carroll-Benton Baptist Association  
has a new**

**WEBSITE**

**[www.cbba1.com](http://www.cbba1.com)**

It is still a work in progress, so please be patient with us.



**June,  
2011**

**June 12-13**, SBC Pastors' Conference,  
Phoenix, AZ

**June 14-15**, SBC Conference,  
Phoenix, AZ,

**June 19**, Father's Day & Adult Homes  
Offering

No Pastors' Conferences in June



**Approaching Dates and  
Events of Interest**

**July 4**, Independence Day

**July 9**, WMU Associational Quarterly  
Meeting, 10:30 am, Camden FBC

**July 12**, CBBA Calendar Meeting, 10 am,  
Mission Center

**July 17**, Mission Dignity Offering

No Pastors' Conferences in July



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fellowship & equip churches to  
carry out the Great Commission*

Student Leadership  
Tennessee Super Summer  
June 27-July 1, 2011



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