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From the Associational Missionary

By Earnie Pirkle

Interim Associational Missionary

This is the season that the Associational staff tries to catch its wind from a hectic summer and get ready for a new year of ministry. Camps are winding down at the Assembly, the Baptist Center is recovering from an extremely busy summer, and our Churches are following up on new people discovered through Vacation Bible School

My best guess is that we had almost 1,200 volunteers to come to Savannah on mission trips this summer with World Changers, Power Plant, Collide, mission teams to the Baptist Center all summer long, and at other places. Plus we had many churches going to other cities in America and overseas to share Jesus.

I'm encouraged about the future of Savannah Baptist Association for a number of reasons:

- I get reports that baptisms are up this summer
- The Baptist Center Church has a half-dozen waiting for baptism
- The Search Committee is unified and excited about their process and hopes to bring us a recommendation soon
- I recently had a meeting with nine of our young Pastors, and their fresh spirits, pure hearts, and passion for ministry helped me conclude that if the future is in their hands, we're in good shape

Annual Fall Meeting

October 27, 6:30 PM, Sand Hill Baptist Church

Executive Committee Meeting

September 22, 2009, 7 PM
Riverside Baptist

Associational Ministries

*Annual Reports must be turned in to the
Associational Office by September 22*

Operation Balm

A Hospital Ministry Training Conference for
Ministers and Laypersons
September 1 & 2, 2009, 9:00 AM
Woodlawn Baptist Church
407 Talmadge Avenue, Garden City

This is a free conference
Pre-registration is required



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1 & 2—Operation Balm: Associational Chaplain Training, Woodlawn, 9am
September 6—SINGLE AULT SUNDAY
September 7—Labor Day Holiday (office closed)
September 10—Jubalheirs Retreat, Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island
September 11-12 & 18-19—Sunday School Leadership Conf. (Adults, General Leaders) Toccoa; (Youth, Children, Preschool) Norman Park
September 14—Retired Minister/Missionary Fellowship, Barnes on Waters, 5pm
September 16-20—State Missions Season of Prayer & Offering
September 18, 19—Sunday School Leadership Conference
September 20—ANTI-GAMBLING SUNDAY
September 21—Baptist Center Trustee Meeting, 2pm
September 21—Discipleship Rally
September 22—Executive Committee Meeting, Riverside, 7pm
September 24-25—New Minister’s Orientation, Duluth

UPCOMING DATES

October 2-3—Girls Extravaganza, Toccoa
October 3—GA Welcome Back Picnic, TBD
October 3—RA/GA World Hunger Walk & Picnic, TBA
October 4—“THE CHRISTIAN INDEX” DAY
October 4—MINISTER APPRECIATION DAY
October 4—ON MISSION TOGETHER TO SHARE THE GOSPEL
October 11—WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY
October 12—Columbus Day
October 12—Retired Minister/Missionary Fellowship, Barnes on Waters, 5pm
October 16—National Boss’ Day
October 19—Baptist Center Trustee Meeting, 2pm
October 19-20—Speechless Conference, Toccoa
October 27—Annual Fall Meeting, Sand Hill Baptist, 6:30pm
October 29—Assembly Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
November 1—Daylight Savings Time ends
November 1—ON MISSION TOGETHER: EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION
November 2-3—RA Camporee, Baptist Assembly



ACP Packets can be picked up at the Associational Office.

Due Date: **October 20, 2009**

This is the date for churches to complete and return forms to the Association. GBC deadline date is **November 15, 2009**. If you enter your form online, please call the Associational Office, 232-1033, when you have completed the form.

Speechless 2009

Prayer Conference

*Seeking to Hear
the Voice of God*

October 19-20, 2009

Georgia Baptist Conference Center—Toccoa

Scheduled speakers include: Mel Blackaby, Greg Frizzell, Gerald Harris, Elaine Helms, Jeff Renn, Fayiz Sakhini, Chris Schofield, Randy Sprinkle, Mark Sterling, Dr. J. Robert White.

For more information visit prayer.gabaptist.org



Many Lives Touched This Summer at Savannah Baptist Center

**By Pearlline Burns, Director
Savannah Baptist Center**

Thirteen mission teams (including Collide) have served at the Baptist Center since the first week of June. Six children prayed to receive Christ this Summer and have been through new believers' class.

The Baptist Nursing Fellowship sponsored a health fair at the Baptist Center August 14th and 15th. The Georgia Baptist Dental mobile unit and team were on site as well. Nurses and volunteers from all over the state participated along with many volunteers from the churches in the Association. By 7:30 Friday morning people were beginning to line up for health screenings ranging from blood pressure checks, eye tests, hearing tests, diabetic screening, dental assessments, and hair cuts.

This ministry was made possible by the hard work of many volunteers—dentists, dental assistants, Mercer Medical students from Memorial Hospital, many volunteers from Associational churches, interpreters and BNF. These volunteers greeted, registered, fed, and walked patients to where they needed to go.

One hundred seventy registered for health screenings, 30 received dental assistance, and 38 were referred to the J. C. Lewis Dental Clinic. Two hundred and thirty-eight people, plus children, had the opportunity to experience God's love through the services of these volunteers.

God is faithful and continues to bless through the work at the Savannah Baptist Center. Continue to pray for the work and staff serving inner City Savannah.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Transportation

**By Everett Tumblin
Seafarers' Minister**

I am often invited to dinner aboard ships. Only rarely am I able to accept such an invitation. My biggest constraint is time and it is also a big constraint of seafarers. When in port Savannah many Seafarers take the opportunity to contact home and International Seamen's House provides free phones and internet.

Providing transportation is an expanded part of my mission since Homeland Security has restricted walking inside Port facilities by seafarers. Our new volunteer, Herman L Smith, Jr. is providing shuttle service inside the Garden City Container Terminal two nights each week. The Lord is providing the needs of Seafarers through Seafarers' Ministry.

SBA Search Committee Report

**By Marty Youngblood
Chairman, SBA Search Committee**

Thank you for your continued prayers and support in our search for the new Associational Missionary for Savannah. We had the great joy of meeting with our top candidate and his wife on August 7-9th in Savannah. Our committee and candidate toured the SBA offices, Savannah Baptist Center, the Baptist Assemble at Pineora, and discussed at length the various other ministries of our Savannah Baptist churches within the Association. Our committee will be meeting this week seeking wisdom and assurance from God on whether or not to move forward with our current candidate. Therefore, pray earnestly for our committee to hear God clearly with complete unity concerning our next steps in this important matter and life of our Association. (Phil. 1:6)

VBS Reminder: If you have not submitted your VBS report, please send it to the Associational Office as soon as possible.

Greetings from the Assembly

**By Johnny Hathaway, Director
Savannah Baptist Assembly**

Greetings from the Assembly. Now that summer is over, our pace begins to slow as we focus on weekend retreats and church fellowships.

We just completed our insurance audit for May 25 of 08 to May 25 of 09. During this time the Assembly served 2,199 overnight guests (note each person was counted each day they spent at the Assembly) and 4,532 day only guests.

Now is the time to plan and reserve your fall retreat or activity. Please call us at 772-3368 or e-mail at jeh-sba@juno.com.

Remember the RA Camporee on Nov. 6th and 7th.

We thank you for your prayers and your continued support and encouragement. There is always much to do at the Savannah Baptist Assembly and we welcome the help of a mission or service team from your church. As always, come see us when you can.

Among the Churches

Faulkville - is looking for a part-time pianist. Audition will be required. If interested contact Richele at 912-748-7332.

North Salem - is looking for a part-time Student Minister. If interested email Pastor Philip Hudson at 912-663-7893 or nsbc@bellsouth.net.

First Baptist Garden City - Rev. Ken Sharpe has resigned as Pastor.

Windsor Forest - extends an invitation to all women to "celebrate Jesus and connect with women brought together by the Gospel" on Saturday, September 12, from 9am to noon. For more information call the church office, 912-925-8650.



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Pastor's Fellowship September

- 7 Exchange (Waters Avenue)
- 14 Fairmont (Fairmont Avenue-off Abercorn)
- 21 Golden Corral (Oglethorpe Mall)
- 28 Cancun (Twelve Oaks Shopping Center)

Meeting starts at 11:30am

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our Pastors & Wives

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 4 Marshall Ray | 15 Chip Morgan |
| 13 Irene Jones | 22 Sherry Harrelson |
| 15 Ted Kandler | |

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. —Acts 1:8 (KJV)



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September 15**