THE CALL

“To eternally impact our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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Congratulations Graduates!

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

CLASS of 2017

Ministers’ Breakfast & Round Table

We will NOT meet in June or July

Happy Birthday!

Ministers and Wives’ June Birthdays

6/4 Richard Faucett
6/7 Mike Litchard
6/10 Neil Hosey
6/21 Patricia Smith
6/22 Wayne Woods
6/30 June Woods

Crosland 5/28-6/1
Hartsfield 5/29-6/2
Autreyville 6/4-8
Funston 6/4-8
Hopewell 6/4-8
Mt. Olive 6/4-8
Oak Dale 6/4-9
Oak Grove 6/6-9
Crestwood 6/11-15
Kingwood 6/11-16
New Bethel 6/11-16
Pine Grove 6/11-16
Southside 6/11-15
Ellenton 6/12-16
FBC Norman Park 6/12-16
Trinity 6/12-16
Calvary 6/19-23
FBC Doerun 6/19-23
Berlin 6/25-30
FBC Moultrie 6/25-29
Jesus La Roca 6/25-28
Pleasant Hill 6/25-29
Bethel 6/26-30
Rose of Sharon 7/10-13
Temple 7/10-14
New Hope 7/15

PRAY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017
Summer is here! Okay, maybe it’s not June 20, the official first day of summer, but who gets to make that call anyway? I’m guessing it’s some guy in upstate New York that is still scraping frost off his windshield in the morning. When I’m standing in the back yard watching the grass being toasted as I’m swatting gnats while feeling the sun singe what remains of the hair on top of my head I feel like summer has arrived. The folks up North can go ahead and sing about the April showers and their May flowers and count down the days until their summer arrives but around here summer is in full swing.

Summer can be a unique time in the life of the church. As the old saying goes, attendance will be up and down; up to the mountains or down to the beach so be nice to your pastor because Satan will use the lower attendance to make him feel like a failure. Send him a postcard while you’re away or better yet bring him a bulletin from the church service you attended while you were away!

Many churches use summer as a time to try something new or different. The slower pace and change of routine can make it easier to launch a new idea or branch out into a new area of ministry. It’s a great time for gathering folks together so maybe you could launch a new group in the church that starts with a cookout. There are always opportunities to reach out through a back yard Bible club or a ministry project within the local community. A church could get really radical and revamp the order of service for the summer or maybe even consider moving the start time to 10:00 instead of 11:00. (What? You mean 11:00 isn’t the ordained start time for a church service? I’m sure it’s somewhere there in the New Testament! Check the Book of Reactions 10:12.) 😁

One of the great things that churches do during the summer is Vacation Bible School. As you can see from the front of this newsletter, we have a bunch of churches here in the CCBA hosting a VBS. We’ve listed them this year by date so that those of you with kids at home can set up your summer VBS schedule. VBS is one of the best things we do in the way of outreach and ministry and it has proven over the years to be our most effective means of evangelism. If I could encourage our church members with one thing in regard to VBS I would have to say, please don’t take this opportunity for granted. This may be one of the few opportunities your church will have to make a positive impact for the Gospel. Be involved. Even if you are not teaching or leading or helping in any official capacity you can be there to greet families as they drop off their kids. You can direct someone to their class and introduce them to their teacher. You can be the light of Jesus with a warm smile and a gracious attitude. And for those of you who are teaching or leading of just wrangling kids from one station to the next, please don’t forget in the midst of all the chaos that you are doing Kingdom work! Your efforts may make an eternal difference in the life of a child during that week. Hope you have a great summer!

IHMS, dion

Have you ever wondered where & how VBS got started? Well, we did a little research and here’s is some of what we learned:

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SALM67 MINISTRIES

Attention Ministers & Missions Leaders

Join us Sunday, June 11, at 3 p.m. to learn about Salm67 Ministries. This ministry was founded by Shaun and Lien Miles who are missionaries to Vietnam. Their focus is on training pastors and leaders as well as other ministers.

Learn more about them at salm67.com or on Facebook at salm67ministries or Shaun Miles. Feel free to contact Robert McCoy at 529-5526 with any questions.

Make plans to join us and learn how you can be a part of missions in Vietnam!!

Dion Brown, Associational Missionary
Thank you for your gifts to Missions through the Budget of the Colquitt County Baptist Association

2017 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS
January-April

- Antioch: $370.00
- Autreyville: 1,918.34
- Berlin: 750.00
- Bethel: 2,000.00
- Buck Creek: 347.00
- Calvary: 327.03
- China Grove: 750.00
- Crestwood: 200.00
- Crosland: 1,300.00
- East Side: 281.07
- Ellenton: 587.04
- FBC Doerun: 1,600.00
- FBC Moultrie: 9,569.59
- FBC Norman Park: 0.00
- Funston: 2,851.77
- Grace: 52.00
- Hartsfield: 0.00
- Hopewell: 987.93
- Jesus La Roca Firme: 0.00
- Kingwood: 3,564.62
- Memorial: 0.00
- Mt. Olive: 3,000.00
- Mt. Sinai: 140.00
- Mt. Zion: 0.00
- New Bethel: 1,993.93
- New Elm: 400.00
- New Hope: 0.00
- Oak Dale: 1,293.00
- Oak Grove: 2,337.95
- Pine Grove: 5,334.00
- Pineview: 0.00
- Pleasant Hill: 400.00
- Reedy Creek: 1,279.00
- Rose Hill: 604.50
- Rose of Sharon: 286.48
- Southside: 1,000.00
- Temple: 832.00
- Trinity: 283.34

Church Total: $46,640.59

To learn more about Mission:Dignity and order free materials to share with your church, go to www.missiondignity.org

Meet our 2017 Student Summer Missionaries!!
Hannah Walden and Amber Kling.
Both girls graduated from CCHS in 2016.

Hannah is a student at Georgia Southern University where she is majoring in Spanish. She is the daughter of Edward & Susie Walden and a member of Mt. Olive.

Amber is a student at Valdosta State University where she is majoring in Speech Pathology. She is the daughter of James & Angie Kling and a member of First Baptist Church Moultrie.

We are excited to have both of these young ladies working with us this summer!

Register by May 31 for the Early Bird rate of $25!

What is GO Georgia?
LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, GO Georgia is a 2-day church leadership training event that includes 100+ topics, top national speakers, affinity and specialized training.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Over 100 breakout sessions related to various church leadership roles will be offered. Whether you work with kids, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, lead the youth group, coordinate the children's worship, direct the women's ministry or serve on the church finance team, there will be something for you!

SPEAKERS: GO Georgia will feature a phenomenal array of both nationally recognized speakers and leading practitioners in Georgia. Anyone serving in church ministry roles will gain meaningful, practical information on a wide-range of ministry-oriented topics, while networking with like-minded people.

The GO GEORGIA! event will help your church change lives, reduce lostness and make disciples.

For more information including schedule, sessions, cost and registration, visit their website at gogeorgia.net.

HOPE HOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Hope House Pregnancy Care Center is in need of volunteers to lead our parenting classes on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons. We also need volunteers to help in the child watch room while parents are in class. Contact Donna Collum at 890-5244 or email donna@hopehousecares.org if interested.

The Pregnancy Care Center is located at 716 5th Ave. SE.
The Thrift Store is located next door at 704 5th Ave. SE.

Veteran’s Bus Drivers needed!!

The South Georgia Veterans Activities Committee is seeking volunteer drivers for the veterans bus from Moultrie to Lake City, Fla., on Thursdays. Drivers must have a Commercial Driver’s License. If interested, contact Jimmy Revell at (229) 526-8140.
CCBA CALENDAR

MAY 2017
21-28  Associational Missions Emphasis Week  
29  Memorial Day, Missions Center closed

JUNE 2017
13-14  SBC Annual Convention; Phoenix, AZ  
18  Fathers’ Day/Baptist Men’s Emphasis  
20  ATeam, 1:00 p.m. @ MC (note date change)  
25  Mission: Dignity Sunday

JULY 2017
2  Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday  
4  Independence Day  
10  Men’s Ministries Mtg., 6:30 p.m., place to be announced
10  MFT Mtg. - 10:00 a.m. & PFT Mtg. - 12:30 p.m., MC
11  CFT Mtg. - 11:00 a.m. & ATeam Mtg. - 1:00 p.m., MC
16  Senior Adult Ministries Day Offering  
23  Love Loud Sunday
20-24  Honduras Missions Trip, National Men’s Conference

AUGUST 2017
6  Prayer Walk of the Schools (Tentative Date)  
8  MFT Mtg. - 10:00 a.m. & PFT Mtg. - 12:30 p.m., MC
9  CFT Mtg. - 11:00 a.m. & ATeam Mtg. - 1:00 p.m., MC
13  National Student Evangelism Day
16  Senior Adult Ministries Day Offering
17  Ministers’ Breakfast & Round Table, 8:00 @ MC

MFT: Missions Focus Team; PFT: Prayer Focus Team;  
CFT: Church Focus Team; ATeam: Administrative Team; MC: Missions Center

JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

BETHEL:  Dr. Howard Burke, pastor, announced his retirement the end of April effective May 7. Bro Howard has pastored at Bethel for 24 years.

ELLENTON:  We want to invite you to join us on a trip to Gatlinburg/ Pigeon Forge, TN, Aug. 15-20, for the Gatlinburg Gathering - a weekend of great Gospel Music and preaching with some top Gospel Music artists and world renowned speakers! We have room for about 20 more folks to join us. For more information and costs, please contact Pastor Wayne Smith at 921-3660.

FBC NORMAN PARK:  We are planning a Colquitt County Fall Festival and we would like to invite one or two representatives from every church to join the planning team. The Fall Festival will be held on October 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. and will feature food trucks, grills, live music, inflatables, a golf kart parade, a haunted house, carnival games, ice cream, cotton candy, costume contests, and trunk-r-treat. It will be a great time to connect with your neighbors in the community on the one night a year that the mission field hits the streets. If you would like to join the planning team please contact pastor Jon Leighton at jon@fbcnormanpark.com.

TRINITY:  Join us at Trinity Baptist Church for Moultrie’s first VBS Music Camp, combining the fun of VBS (crafts, games, snacks, Bible stories and fun trips) with the music and drama of Music Camp. Camp will be held June 12-16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for 1st-6th Grades. During the morning students will rehearse, learn Bible stories, play games and do crafts. After lunch we’ll take a field trip for fun activities. Then on Sunday, June 18, we will have lunch at noon and performance at 1:30 p.m. Cost is $20 for one child or $15 for two or more children in one family. To register, email us at: vbs@trinityofmoultrie.org OR call 985-3660.

Several of our churches are seeking pastors, please keep them in your prayers:
FBC Norman Park (Jon Leighton-Interim); Grace; Memorial;  
Mt. Sinai (Brian Blackburn-Interim); Mt. Zion; New Bethel (Ed Green-Interim); New Elm;  
Pleasant Hill (Ty Greene-Interim); Rose of Sharon (Loren Hildebrant-Interim)