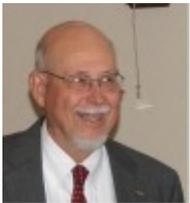


## PARDON OUR DUST!

J. B. Graham



The acidic odor of alkyd paint and the grinding noise of power drills accented by staccato hammer blows are accompanied by good natured kidding among volunteer workers as they ply their skills of craftsmanship. Yes, the redecorating/refurbishing of the Associational Mission Center is well underway. Admittedly, we've just begun and there is much to complete.

We need more volunteers from more churches to step forward. The more we have the faster the work will be completed. A few of the skills needed are painters, helpers to move appliances, and other furnishings, people to plant flowers in window boxes. We even need some demolition people to take out a wall. There will need to be some electric outlets and computer cables moved. We also need materials such as mirrors in restrooms, 2X4 foot ceiling tile to replace soiled and damaged tiles. We will need a couple of tempered window panes and a new door or two.



When the painting's all done and the floor laid, we will invite Bible study groups, WMU/WEM groups, Men's ministry groups, Youth groups, even churches to sponsor a room with draperies and furnishings.

## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OFFERS INSPIRATION AND CHALLENGE

Inspiring and worshipful music filled the air at Walker Baptist Church on Thursday Evening April 29<sup>th</sup>. Choirs from Walker and First Baptist Church Social Circle presented concerts of praise. Congregational music was led by Dan Blankenship, worship leader



from Woodlake Baptist Church. Testimonies from Doug Brekke from First Baptist Church Loganville and Nick Chambers, member at Grace, Monroe affirmed the life changing power of Jesus Christ and the importance of patient witness by family and friends. The entire program was built around the theme from Ezekiel 33:7 ... "You shall hear a word from My Mouth and warn them for Me". Mike Hardy, Pastor Social Circle First Baptist Church brought a theme interpretation titled "A Faithful Witness." Our college ministry was accented by Vaughn Calcutt and Chad Ellis, campus ministers.



Associational Missionary, J. B. Graham presented awards to graduating seniors from two

(Semi-annual Meeting Offers Inspiration and Challenge - Continued)

high schools who had successfully completed Bible courses in the Christian Learning Centers.

Our featured speaker was Dr. Gerald Harris, Editor *The Christian Index*. He challenged our messengers to be like Jesus and attract others to Him.

Vice Moderator, Jimmy Wilson led messengers and visitors to respond with a season of prayer. The altar was filled as people made



personal re-commitments to hear God's Voice and cry out as watchmen to a needy world.

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**APPALACHEE ASSOCIATIONAL WMU/WEM HOLDS MISSIONS RALLY, ADOPTS BY-LAWS**

(April 3, 2010, Monroe Georgia) – The fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church Monroe, took on a festive appearance for an otherwise cold and rainy Saturday when the

WMU/WEM met in one of two missions celebration meetings they hold each year. Displays of



various ministries were set up around the perimeter of the hall. Guest missionary speakers were George and Elizabeth Failes, serving in Africa. Other speakers were Sarah Burnett serving in Nova Scotia, Janet Hill from Georgia WMU and Vaughn Calcutt, student ministry intern.

Formal by-laws were presented and adopted following long and arduous work by a selected by-law team. To our



knowledge this is the first formal statement of by-laws to be adopted. The business meeting and missionary challenge was followed by a delicious salad luncheon, prepared by various church WMU groups.

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**BISHOP BAPTIST ANNOUNCES JUNE DATE FOR VBS**

Bishop Baptist Church will hold VBS on June 14-18th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Ages Pre-K through Grade 8 are welcome to enroll, saddle up and hit the trail at "Saddle Ridge VBS." There will also be sessions for adults led by Bill Stauff. Doris Cater is in charge of adult crafts. Sorry, no nursery provided. VBS kickoff and pre-registration, refreshments and games will be held on Sunday, June 13th starting at 5:00. Tina Hale and Kay Kittrell are co-directors. For more information call the church office at 706-769-6509.

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**

Rev. Hoyt Johnson announces Tuesday, September 14, 2010 as the beginning of the fall semester of the Association's Continuing Education Classes. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. Donald Brett will teach the minor prophet, Micah in the early class and Rev. Ted Tedders will teach 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel. Classes meet at the Association Mission Center, 124 W. Spring Street, Monroe GA. Plan now to enroll. Mrs. Carolyn Malcom is the registrar. Call the office at 770-267-8278 for more information.

**Memorial Offering  
For Associational  
Missions  
Sunday, May 16-20**



Reverend Claud Helan served the Appalachian Baptist Association from January 15, 1983 through February 1, 1997. Most of that time, he worked out of his vehicle without a central office. In addition to our association, he had responsibility for Morgan County and

Mulberry Associations where he started churches and various ministries. Claud was loved by all who knew him and was an inspiration to pastor and layperson alike. Claud was a man of great faith and led others to exercise their faith. He was a happy person full of life and caused others to enjoy living as he did. His life and ministry on this earth was interrupted by a massive heart attack which was a great loss, but was heaven's gain.

It is fitting that the associational emphasis week is built around Claud's memory. His ministry was untiringly given to starting and building up churches and establishing ministry units. The offering is not directed toward the general budget of the association, but designated to church starting and missions' ministry.

You are encouraged to give generously to carry on the work of the Appalachian Baptist Association in Claud's memory and for the purpose toward which he dedicated his ministry.

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**FACT!**

**A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor!**



As a family of churches on mission we are committed to one another in accordance with our common oneness in Christ, a common experience of salvation, a common understanding that God's Word is the guide for our lives, and a common purpose given to all believers—to carry out the great commission. Together as a family, we can do more as we use the resources of the association. May 16-23 is associational emphasis week. As we observe the week in our churches let's celebrate the ministries and services made possible by your church's associational missions support. You have done remarkably well during these economic hard times! Many of our churches will consider new budgets for the coming year in a few days. Please consider increasing your associational gifts to 2% or above beginning the next budget year.

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“Brethren, pray for us.”

- ~ Alcovy Baptist  
Pastor John King
- ~ Annie Mary Baptist  
Pastor James K. (Buster) Brown
- ~ Bethabara Baptist  
Pastor Rob Bray
- ~ Bethel Baptist  
Pastor Aaron Arledge

**MAY 2010**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Youth On Mission Ministry Day – TBA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hearts Called to Pray Celebration – TBA
- 4<sup>th</sup> Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Associational Emphasis & Claud Healan  
Memorial Offering

**JUNE 2010**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prayerwalk in ABA Association – TBA
- 17<sup>th</sup> Budget & Finance Committee Meeting – 10:00  
a.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Associational Council Meeting – 11:00 a.m.

**JULY 2010**

- 2 & 5<sup>th</sup> Office Closed for the 4<sup>th</sup>
- 6<sup>th</sup> No Minister's Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Associational WMU Leadership Team – TBA
- 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 16-17<sup>th</sup> Leaderlife Training – Toccoa Conference Center