

Appalachee Baptist Association
"A Family of Churches"

The Vision

"Where there is no vision, the people will perish" ~ Proverbs 29:18

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JUNE 27 IS MISSION: DIGNITY SUNDAY

Mission: Dignity, Assisting Retired Ministers and Spouses is the new name for GuideStone's former promotion to help retired ministers called "Annuitant Sunday." The nomenclature has been changed but the ministry is the same. GuideStone, with the help of individuals and churches are currently helping about 2,100 retirees from the ministry who find themselves in critical financial need. These extra funds pay for food, utilities, prescriptions and medical care. More than 60% of the 2,100 retirees assisted through these funds are widows. One of every four is a pastor's widow age 85 or older.

Lenora Day is one of those widows with nobody to call on except the Lord. After the death of her husband and each of her children a short time later, her income was a meager \$721 a month. Now at age 86, Mission: Dignity helps provide for her needs.

Throughout Scripture, we see that God has a special place in His heart for aged widows who have nowhere left to turn after their husbands have died. First Timothy 5:5 says, "the widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and ask God for help. God is answering those prayers through Mission: Dignity and our Southern Baptist churches and individuals.



Will you open your heart to them as well? Will you lead your church to do the same? You can help make life better for God's retired servants by supporting this ministry. You may make a contribution on line at www.missiondignitysb.org.

CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD DRIVE



Don Cappaport, reginal minister/coordinator of Palmetto Children's Home has announced their annual food drive opportunity. Our association family of churches has been very gracious in the past and again we are offering the mission center as a collection point. They need Canned or Boxed juices (not frozen), Breakfast Cereal, Salt and Pepper, Canned Salmon, Napkins, and Gift Certificates from Kroger, Publix, Ingles, and Wal-Mart. Collection dates are between June 21—25.



REGISTER NOW FOR THESE FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS!

This year's Sunday School Workshops provided by the Georgia Baptist Convention are a one stop training event that will allow your leaders to be challenged in all areas of Sunday School. Each workshop will offer a minimum of **6 training classes** that will include age graded training for Preschool, Children, Youth and Adult Leaders. There will also be a track for General Leaders and Outreach Directors. **Cost: \$5/person.**

AUGUST 14, 2010

ATHENS - Beech Haven Baptist Church, 2390 W. Broad Street 8:30 AM—12 noon.

Other opportunities are:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

SNELLVILLE - Snellville First Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

CONYERS - Conyers First Baptist Church

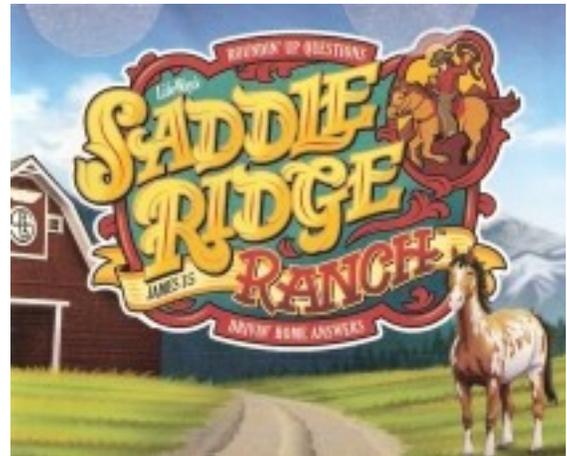
Please help us plan effectively by registering online at www.ssog.gabaptist.org. If you do not register online, you may register on site and pay the \$5 registration fee.

Music For Worship Available



In the process of reconstruction—refurbishing the Mission Center, we uncovered a rather complete but dated collection of music. Noting that for the last three years no one has requested, borrowed, or even looked at this collection, we feel it is no longer useful as a lending service to our churches. So we are offering any or all of these music scores to any church or worship leader who would like to have them. We encourage you to come and look through the collection to see if any would be useful to your church choir, youth group or praise band.

VBS Great Evangelistic Opportunity



It's vacation bible school time again in the Appalachian Baptist family of churches. Bishop Baptist Church-June 14-18. Ebenezer Baptist Church-June 6-11, Bethlehem FBC-June 13-17, Grace Baptist-July 12-16, Harmony Baptist-June 6-11, Loganville FBC-June 7-9, Mars Hill Baptist-June 21-25, Monroe FBC-June 14-18, Social Circle FBC-June 7-11, Statham FBC-June 14-18, Summit Baptist-June 14-18, Annie Mary Baptist-June 23-26, Bold Springs-June 14-17. Contact churches not listed for dates.

Through the years VBS has been one of the most productive evangelistic tools that churches have. Pray for the combined effort of all our churches as they conduct their schools.

Social Circle First Baptist Hosts Appalachee WMU Gathering

Barbara Joiner, noted author and favorite speaker from Alabama thrilled a packed house on May 11 at the Social Circle First Baptist Church. The meeting was planned by the Appalachee Baptist WMU and invitations sent out to several adjoining associations. As was expected, Barbara entertained the audience with humorous stories about her ministries through the years. More importantly she left all who attended with a challenge to pray for missions and to get involved in missions. The theme was "I Can," taken from Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*" The evening began in a typical Baptist way. It was a beautifully appointed and well planned banquet of great food. Thanks to FBCSC for being such a wonderful host.

Associational Library yields treasured Classics

As a part of the renovation process we have moved the library from what formerly appeared to be a storage room to a place where one could do serious study and research. Two important finds created excitement on the part of your associational staff. Old minutes in beautiful cursive penmanship dated as early as 1846 were discovered. (The association was constituted in 1835 at Freeman Creek Baptist Church.) The other discovery was several classic books. We found publishing dates as early as 1899. Several typical copyright dates were 1933, 1926, 1904 and later. When the renovations are complete the library will be open with a study table and reading station.

**Listen to our radio program over
WMOQ 92.3FM Saturdays at 9 AM.**



Celebrate Freedom!

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Have you ever considered how often Holy Scripture records great celebrations? These celebrations were often held in connection with feasts or feasting. Leviticus 23 enumerates many of the Old Testament feasts. There is the celebration of the Sabbath, the Passover and Unleavened Bread, The Feast of First Fruits, The Feast of Weeks, The Feast of Trumpets, The Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles to name just a few. These celebrations were to be done "Unto the Lord" and usually associated with sacrifices, gifts, worship and praise. They had national significance. Fast forward now to today



and consider our national celebrations. Memorial day is May 31, Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Patriot Day, September 11; and Veterans Day, November

11. Feasting will certainly accompany the celebration of many of these holidays. Yet many of them will yield to crass commercialism by the shopping centers, and the department stores. Could I challenge you to join me in flying "old Glory" during these special days and offer together our gifts of thanksgiving to God for the freedom we enjoy in our beloved US of A? And let us not forget the sacrifices our brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, fathers, and mothers have made to defend our own freedom and assist other nations in either keeping or winning theirs!

Mars Hill Baptist Church to Host Sesquicentennial Annual Meeting of the Appalachee Baptist Association

October 12 will be the 175th annual session of our association. The associational leadership is forming plans for an appropriate celebration of this milestone. Please mark your calendars and plan to join our family of churches as we gather at Mars Hill for this historic event! We welcome any "historic memorabilia" you might lend us for this meeting.

The Vision is published monthly except for **July & August**. The Vision's purpose is to inform, encourage and share the story of the Appalachian Baptist Association of churches. Please share your Church's noteworthy activities and news items. Information should be received by the 21st of each month. You can send information by e-mail at administration@appalachee.org or mail to Appalachian Baptist Association, P.O. Box 1064, Monroe, Ga. 30655. The Vision is mailed free by request. If you wish to receive it, simply contact us and give us your name, church and mailing address.

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I Thessalonians 5:25,
“Brethren, pray for us.”

- ~ Bishop Baptist
Pastor Eric Buffington
- ~ Bold Springs Baptist
Pastor Jim Bolton
- ~ Braswell Baptist
Pastor Allen Whitley
- ~ Briarwood Baptist
Pastor Rick Standard
- ~ Calvary Baptist
Pastor Bryan Armour

JUNE 2010

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

JULY 2010

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