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Merry 
 *Christmas*



From
The officers and staff
Of the
Appalachee Baptist Association

The Association Ministry Center
will be closed December 23—

January 3



Ministers Hear about Benefits

On December 7 Rev. Doug Couch from the Georgia Baptist Foundation presented information about the services of the Foundation. He stressed that it is important that every minister and every church member should have an estate plan. He emphasized that the first step in “estate planning” is to place your faith in Jesus Christ and through eternal salvation prepare for your eternal estate in heaven. Then he described further estate planning as (1) a last will and testament, (2) a living will (health care instructions), (3) a healthcare surrogate (someone appointed to make healthcare decisions when you are unable to make them), and (4) a general durable power of attorney (someone appointed to make business decisions when you are unable to make them).



Following the presentation the ministers joined in a delicious meal prepared by Areta

Graham. Nedra Jackson, and Virginia Mason joined Areta in serving the meal.

This was the first meal served following our office renovation of the new kitchen facilities.

WMU Seeks to Inform Communities About Child-Youth Exploitation

The Appalachee Baptist Association Women’s Missionary Union is taking on a giant task in the three counties where our churches are located. This critical issue is the exploitation of our children and youth. Human exploitation may be defined as the unethical, selfish use of human beings for the satisfaction of personal desire and/or profitable advantage. This includes the issues of bullying, internet bullying; gangs; domestic violence; internet pornography; and sexual exploitation.

Under the leadership of Nedra Jackson, director, several meetings have been held to make plans on “how to make the residents of our counties aware of this problem and how to demonstrate that it’s not only in Atlanta (leader in human trafficking of girls for sexual purposes ages 10-14 and third in the nation of girls 15-18) but that the problem is right here in our neighborhood.” Plans to date include an information meeting at Carver Middle School in Monroe on February 24th at 7:00 P.M. They are calling the meeting:

N-form-U-net

An effort to inform residents about the exploitation of children and youth

and the public will be invited. Parents of children and youth are urged to come. Local authorities have been invited to participate and community resources will be made available.

Merry Christmas!

Appalachee Association Churches To Hold “Better Bridges” Event March 5-6



Reverend Alan Hill, Specialist in Cooperative Program/Stewardship met with Eric Buffington and Dr. Graham to plan an upcoming event called “Better Bridges,” an emphasis on associational and Georgia Baptist Convention support. This event begins with a banquet for pastors and church leaders for all our churches on Saturday, March 5. Then on Sunday Morning guest leaders from the association and state convention are available to speak in each church. In the planning we discovered that it has been several years since an emphasis such as this has taken place. Pastors should receive invitations soon.

Ready for Christmas?

J. B. Graham

Without a doubt someone will ask you the question, “Are you ready for Christmas?” Based on whether the gift list has been completed, greeting cards sent out, and the tree, lights, and decorations have been put up will be your answer. Were Joseph, Mary, the shepherds and rabbis ready? Gal 4:4 says, “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son,…” That was the first coming. Observing the economic, cultural, and political climate of our day, I’m thinking it is the “fullness of time” for

the second coming of the Christ. Are you ready?

Bethel Church Presents Gift to Children’s Home

On November 21st, Dr. James Harper of the Georgia Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services visited Bethel Baptist Church in Good Hope, to present the morning message. He presented a very enlightening message concerning the many ministries and challenges as well as the mighty works that are taking place at the various campuses. At the conclusion of the service, he was presented a gift from the estate of Sarah D. Bagby, a long time member of Bethel, who had always been interested in the Children’s Home. Mrs. Bagby never had any children of her own, and always felt strongly about the Children’s Home many ministries.



Here, Dr. Harper is receiving a contribution from Mrs. Bagby’s estate while a few of the now grown children that were influenced so positively by Mrs. Bagby, present the check.

**Support International
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Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering**

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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The Apostle Paul put it simply in
I Thessalonians 5:25,
“Brethren, pray for us.”

- ~ First Baptist Bogart
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- ~ First Baptist Loganville
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- ~ First Baptist Monroe
Pastor Glen Money
- ~ First Baptist Social Circle
Pastor Mike Hardy

DECEMBER 2010

- 7th Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 14th Budget & Finance Committee Meeting –
10:00 a.m.
- 14th Associational Council Meeting – 11:00
a.m.
- 23/1-3 Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
Continuing Education – every Tuesday –
7-9:00 p.m.

JANUARY 2011

- 4th Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 11th WMU Associational Leadership Team
Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 18th Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 25th Evangelism Team Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Continuing Education – every Tuesday –
7-9:00 p.m.