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Of
The Appalachian Baptist Association
A family of churches on mission

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Spring Meeting to Feature Church Planting Artist At Bold Springs On April 28th

Kerry Jackson is a National Missionary—Cultural Creatives with the North American Mission Board. He is the lead church planter for Bezael Church in Atlanta, GA where they are reaching the Atlanta arts community for Christ. Kerry is also president of Drawing to the Rock Ministries, Inc. He travels all over



the world leading in visual worship. The Spring Meeting of the Appalachian Baptist Association will be hosted this year by the Bold Springs Baptist Church, 5018 Bold Springs Road, Monroe GA. Pre-session music will begin at 6:50 with the call to order at 7:00 p.m. The music ministry of the Bold Springs Church will be leading in worship. The Church is located approximately ¼ mile west of the intersection of GA 81 and Bold Springs Road. This meeting of the messengers of the association is designed for worship, praise, and fellowship. Reports and business will be very limited. Following the service everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy ice cream. Reverend James Bolton is the host pastor. Be sure and mark your calendar for April 28th. There will



be ample parking space for busses and vans.

ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE DRILL AT MINISTRY CENTER



Bible Drill is growing in the Appalachian Baptist Association family of churches. This year the Bible drill will be held in the Associational Ministry Center, 124 West Spring Street, Monroe, GA at 6:30 p.m. on April 11. Several age groups of drillers will compete from the participating churches. Parents and well wishers are invited to attend. The next step in competition will be a state meet later in the year.

Appalachee Baptists Lead in Percentage Giving

In a recent study of per capita giving by Baptists across the Southern Baptist Convention we have learned that the average member gives 2.5 % of his/her income to the church in the offering plate. This is generally true among Baptists in all the associations in Georgia. Revealed in the study was the surprise that Appalachee Association family of churches average 3.5% contributions. While this is commendable by the standards set by others, it falls way short of the Biblical standard of 10%. *If every member raised their giving each week by the cost of a fast food happy meal we could employ eighty new missionary couples around the world!*

A prayer for Japan

Phyllis Anderson

This is how John Wright is praying. John is an MK who ministers in Japan. He is blessed with wonderful heart and a sharp mind.

John states, "Over the last 24 hours I have had a growing sense of the need to communicate a single priority prayer request for Japan. I would really appreciate it if everyone who receives this message passes it on to their own network of people. We need to unite around this request.

Pray that the winds begin to blow eastward and stay low, out of the jet stream--toward the Pacific Ocean and away from the land mass of Japan--and continue to blow EAST until the nuclear crisis is over. This is critical. Staying low and eastward is essential for limiting the damage.

As you know, the four nuclear reactors in Fukushima are all deteriorating, and levels of radioactive emissions are rising. This has the potential to directly affect a large part of the nation, if reactors continue the meltdown process and emissions blow directly over the land. A strong, consistent, prevailing wind to the east would have a profound protective effect on future radioactive emissions. In addition, if the emissions rise to the jet stream, they will be carried as far away as Europe.

In the history of Japan a "divine wind" has played a pivotal role in the survival of the nation several times. Now is the time for Christians to arise, and lay hold of God for a powerful east wind to protect this land, and all the countries that lie to the north, west, and south. The east is the only direction without heavily populated land masses.

As you pray for physical wind, also include the request for the "wind" of the Holy Spirit to blow with great power over this land and create a spiritual revival that will remake Japan from the inside out. That spiritual wind is just as important as the physical wind--these are two aspects of one crucial prayer request for this nation.

Let us all meet at the throne of grace, and agree together for the physical/spiritual wind that will deliver and transform this nation into God's chosen vessel, prepared to reveal His glory by serving his eternal purpose of making disciples of all the nations, until He comes.



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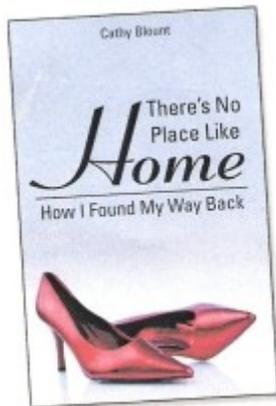
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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

FBC Monroe Plans Community Patriotic Musical Celebration.

Rick Basemore, Interim Minister of Music at First Baptist Church Monroe GA is hoping to involve as many local churches and choirs as possible to perform the patriotic musical "Sweet Land of Liberty" by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse. They plan to hire a professional, full orchestra to accompany the joint choirs. This will be a public event on Sunday the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Your choir is invited to participate Please contact Rick by phone (770-787-4890) or by e-mail mrbaze@gmail.com.





Book Signing planned

Cathy Blount will be available to sign her book, "There's No Place Like Home" On Saturday, April 16th from Noon to 4 p.m. at the Christian Art and Book Shop, 140 North

Broad Street Monroe, GA For More information call 770-267-6905. This book is an encouragement to any Christian parent who has faced disappointment and heartache because of their child's unfair suffering or unwise choices.

Three New Pastors Welcomed into our Appalachee Family



Rev. Jason Britt was called to be the new pastor of the Bethlehem First Baptist Church on Sunday, March 20th. Jason comes to us from Twelve Stone Church where

He served as Campus Pastor. **Rev. Chris Conner** returns to Faith Baptist. Brother Chris is no stranger to Faith or to our association. He will resume his duties on March 27th.

Dr. Steve Bingham has been installed as the new pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church. He began his ministry at Mars Hill on February 14th.

FAITH TO VACCINATE

Faith Baptist Church would like to invite you to a rabies clinic on Saturday, April 9th from 10 am-2 pm. Keep you and your family safe from rabies this year! Dogs and cats are \$8 each and horses are \$12 each. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go towards mission trips. This event is sponsored by Faith Baptist Church and UGA Christian Veterinary Fellowship.

Bishop to present Easter Drama, "The Passion Parallel"

On Palm Sunday evening at seven o'clock the Bishop Baptist Church will present a contemporary drama featuring seven different types of personalities and how they find forgiveness in Jesus Christ. The presentation is directed by Gene Rice and features members of the congregation in song and dialogue. Admission is free, everyone invited!

Women's Missionary Union Holds Spring Meeting



On March 19th the Appalachee Baptist Association WMU held their annual spring meeting at the Mars Hill Baptist Church of Watkinsville, GA. Beside a brief business session for the election of officers and leaders, women participated in prayer and worship. The theme of the meeting was "Unhindered." (See Acts 28:31) Esther Burroughs, author of several Christian devotional books for women and children was the featured speaker. Lunch was served in the Mars Hill Fellowship Hall where multiple mission and ministry opportunities were displayed.





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

- ~ Summit Baptist
- ~ Walker Baptist
Pastor Jeff Box
- ~ Watkinsville Memorial
Pastor James Edwards
- ~ Woodlake
Pastor Jerry Grey

APRIL 2011

- 5th Minister’s Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 12th Budget & Finance Committee Meeting –
10:00 a.m.
- 12th Associational Council Meeting – 11:00
a.m.
- 12th ABA WMU Leadership Team Meeting –
6:30 p.m.
- 14th Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 15-16th Missions Encounter (WMU)-Byne
Memorial Church, Albany, Ga.
- 22nd Good Friday – Office Closed
- 24th Easter Sunday
- 28th ABA Spring Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Continuing Education-7:00-9:00p.m-every
Tuesday

MAY 2011

- 3rd Minister’s Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 17th Missions Development Team – 10:00 a.m.