

The Vision
of
The Appalachian Baptist Association
"A family of churches on mission"

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New Director of Missions
Announcement for the
Appalachee Baptist Association

Dear Appalachee Baptist Pastors and Friends

In August of 2011, we were stunned by the announcement of the retirement of our beloved Director of Missions, Dr. J. B. Graham.

As you probably know, Dr. Graham had taken the co-pastor position at Center Hill Baptist Church in Loganville, and felt it was time to retire from our DOM position where he had served so faithfully.

A Search Committee was created, and we began our work of soliciting resumes. We quickly received over 160 from all over the country. After many meetings and much prayer over several months, we narrowed the list down to six incredibly qualified men.

After interviews by phone and in person, and other types of background checks and reference checks, we narrowed the list down again. After more prayer and more background work, we became convinced that Eric Buffington was, by unanimous decision of the Search Committee, God's man to lead the Appalachee Baptist Convention.

On Thursday, January 19th, Eric was presented to the Executive Committee. After a time of discussion and prayer, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to call Eric Buffington as the Director of Missions

Eric has arranged with Bishop Baptist Church where he serves as Pastor, to work on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Association Office, and remain as Pastor of the church. Bishop Baptist has shown enthusiastic support for Eric's dual position.

Eric is young, energetic, and committed to the growth of our Association. He loves our churches and knows our pastors. He is a dear friend, and I hope everyone will embrace his leadership and commit to work together to do greater things than we have ever imagined for the glory of God.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to contact me, or Dr. Buster Brown, our Search Committee Chairman. I pray for God's blessing on your life, family and work for God's Kingdom.

Your ministry partner
Jimmy Wilson, Moderator
Appalachee Baptist Association

Counseling Services for
Georgia Baptist
Pastors and Staff.

In your church, if members need someone to talk to, they come to the Pastor. However, where does the Pastor go when he needs someone to talk to?

The Georgia Baptist Convention has set up a fund that pays for counseling for Georgia Baptist Pastors and pastoral staff. Counseling is done by counselors approved by the GBC, who are licensed, led by the Spirit of God, and counsel according to Biblical principles. Also, the counselors are bound by law to exercise strict confidentiality.

The Loganville Community Ministry Village is blessed to have two men who are certified by the GBC to offer counseling to pastors and staff. Simply call Marty Plog (678-316-9806), or Doug Duke (770-554-3599) and set up an appointment. You can schedule appointments at The Ministry Village in Loganville, or in Winder, Jefferson or Watkinsville, with one of these men.

Also, the Ministry Village has several counselors who now accept insurance, Medicaid and Peachcare, if you have any child, teen or adult in your ministry who needs professional counseling from a Christian perspective.

We are here to help, in Jesus' Name!

Jimmy Wilson, CEO
Loganville Community Ministry Village
www.lcvm4families.org

Directions to Loganville Community Ministry Village

From Snellville/Loganville

Take Highway 78 East toward Monroe. Make a right on Tom Brewer Road at the signal light. The ministry village is 200 yards on the left.

From Walnut Grove

Take Highway 81 North approximately 8 miles. Make a right onto Highway 78. Make a right on Tom Brewer at the signal light. The ministry village is 200 yards on the left.

From Monroe

Get on Highway 78 West toward Loganville. Make a left onto Tom Brewer Road at the signal light. The ministry village is 200 yards on the left.



"And He said to them 'Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while'"

Mark 6:31

Don't Forget About VBS!!
Summer is just around the corner,
it's time to get your VBS training going!!

Faith Baptist Church to Host
SIMULCAST
With Speaker
PRISCILLA SHIRER



Go to the GBC website and register for one of the following VBS clinics to learn about this year's VBS programs!

Saturday, March 10, 2012 – Tabernacle Baptist Church – Cartersville

Saturday, March 10, 2012 – First Baptist Church – Statesboro

Saturday, March 17, 2012 – Beech Haven Baptist Church – Athens

Saturday, March 17, 2012 – Northside Baptist Church – Tifton

Saturday, March 24, 2012 – Mabel White Baptist Church – Macon



Cost is \$20.00 per person

Included with Event:

Continental Breakfast-

Saturday 8:15 to 8:50 am

Portion of Ticket Proceeds will be donated to A21

(Rescuing Women Enslaved in Sex Trafficking)

Please email your request to:

lift@faithbaptistmonroe.org

Mail Checks to:

Faith Baptist Church

1789 Highway 11 NW

Monroe, Georgia 30656

ATTN: LIFT – Simulcast

Please provide:

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

of Tickets

Once your check has been received, your ticket request will be processed

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

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- ~ Walker Baptist
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- ~ Watkinsville Memorial
Pastor James Edwards
- ~ Winder FBC
Pastor John Talley
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Pastor Jerry Grey

FEBRUARY 2012

- TBA Lobby Day, Project Help: Human trafficking
- 4TH Sisters Who Care Summit
- 7th Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 7th Missions Development Team Meeting – 2:00 p.m.
- 11th Make it-Donate it Project Help – WMU
- 13-19th Focus on WMU Week
- 14th Budget & Finance Committee Meeting –10:00 a.m.
- 14th Associational Council Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
- 18th Children's Ministry Day
- 25th Retired/Bi-Vocational Minister's & Wives Banquet – 6:30 p.m.
- Continuing Education – every Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

MARCH 2012

- 4-11th Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 6th Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 9-11th ABA – WMU Mission Celebration
- 15th Evangelism Team Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 17th WMU Spring Mission
Continuing Education – every Tuesday – 7:00-9:00 p.m.