

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

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*Thanking God For A
Wonderful Appalachian Association
Spring Meeting*

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Appalachian Baptist Association was held on April 26th at 7:00 pm at Bishop Baptist Church. The event was blessed with excellent music, ministry reports and speakers. It was also well attended, with seventeen pastors present and twenty churches represented. In addition, there were representatives from six of the ministries supported by our churches and the association.

The program for the evening included music by Junior Morrow, Music Minister at Annie Mary and a concert by the group Georgia. As the night progressed a representative from each of the ministries in attendance presented a brief report on what God is accomplishing through their work. The evening was concluded by a powerful message from Dr. Emir Caner, President of Truett McConnell College.



*A Vision For Where Our
Association Will Be
On December 31, 2014*

As part of the Spring Meeting a vision was presented of the goals our Association will be striving to reach by December 31st, 2014. The vision was presented by our Associational Missionary and focus on four key areas that can always be made stronger in even the best Christ bodies.

The four areas are relationships, expansion, witness and missions. Relationships concerns building stronger bonds among our association churches and the larger Christian community. Expansion looks improving our focus on church multiplication and church renewal. Witness is about expanding our ministry outside the walls of our churches and into the community. Missions will focus on state and international mission trips involving the churches of our association.

In each of these areas, long term goals and specific steps for achieving those goals, were provided. To learn more about this plan, please call or stop by the Association Office and look for a special addition of the

*Introducing "The River," a new church
plant in the Appalachian Association*

*Have you checked out the free video
teaching resources at [www.noba.e-
quip.net](http://www.noba.equip.net)? If not, then give them a look.*

If you were at the Annual Spring Meeting of our Association, then you have already heard of "The River." The leaders of this new church plant had a display booth set-up with all kinds of information. For those that were not able to attend, here is a brief description from the church's Face Book page:

"We are a local contemporary church start with the mission to encounter God, reach the community and change the world. Our vision is to reach people where they are - no matter what their back ground, history, knowledge, or walk of life. The services and events are come as you are - it is a casual atmosphere. It is our desire to grow and become fully devoted followers of Christ. Come join us at our next service!!!"

I have had the opportunity to worship with the church on a couple of occasions and to preach & share with them what it means to be part of the Appalachian Association. Please join me in praying for the leaders of this church plant as they look for a permanent place to meet in the Monroe area, attend GBC church planter training and continue to reach out to our community!



***The Radical Expansion
of Our
Mobile Home Park Ministry***

Imagine for a moment, that a community existed within 15 miles of your home where 90% of the residents did not know Jesus as their Savior and Lord. How

would you respond? Would you be satisfied with knowing that at least 10% of the people in that community knew Jesus?

The truth is, this is not a situation that has to be imagined. It is all too real. If you live in the Winder/Monroe area you live within 15 miles of one of the 39 Mobile Home parks found in our community. By the numbers, 90% of the over 10,000 residents of those communities do not have a personal, saving relationship with Jesus. However, your Appalachian Baptist Association has a radical plan to reverse those numbers and we need your help.

We are working with Rev. Joe Brock to start a new ministry that has, as its goal, the presence of an active ministry in each of those 39 parks. Over the next few months you will be learning more about how you can be a vital part of this plan. Joe will be visiting our pastors and leaders as will I (Eric). Please be praying about how you and your church can help advance this ministry opportunity for God's glory and the expansion of His Kingdom.

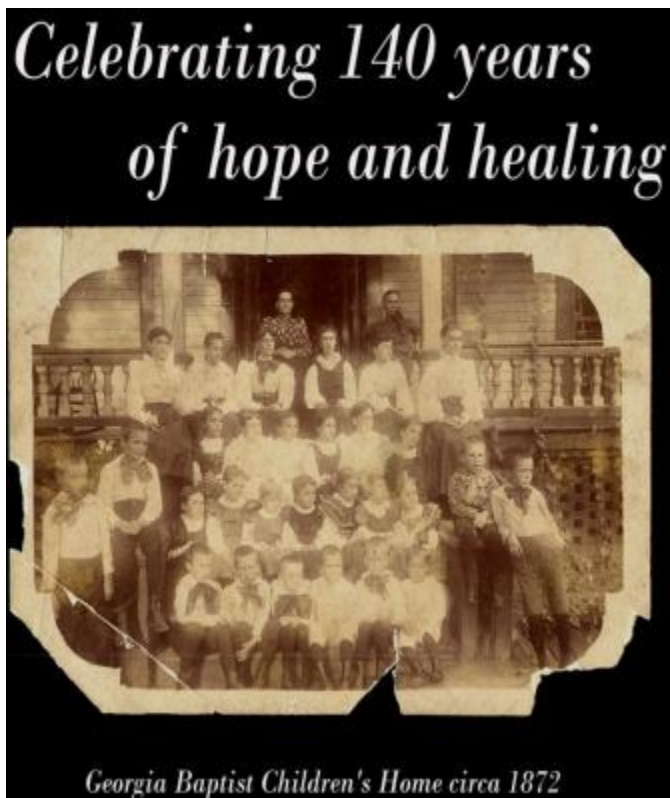
***Appalachee Association
Vision Trip to Haiti
Set for this October***

This October a group of pastors and leaders from the Appalachian Association will be journeying to Haiti for a Mission Vision trip. The trip will take place over five days, from October 8th to October 12th. Thus far, five ministers from three of our churches have signed up.

Upon our arrival in Haiti the team will begin a tour of the country, guided by Haitian Christian Outreach, looking at various mission opportunities available to all of our association churches. This will be the first of many such journeys to various places over the next several years. Please join me in praying for God's blessing on this trip.

Appalachee Association Collecting Wal-Mart Gift Cards for the GA Baptist Children's Home

Every year the churches of the Appalachee Association reach out with unparalleled generosity to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. This year we will once again be collecting Wal-Mart gift cards. The cards our churches donated last year were a tremendous help to this vital ministry. According to the staff of the Children's Home, the gift cards allowed them to purchase the specific items needed when new children arrived and to purchase items that were in short supply. Let's keep up the good work this year as well!



WMU Members From Our Churches Attend the WMU Spring Event at Callaway Gardens



A number of members from the churches of the Appalachee Baptist Association recently attended the Georgia WMU Spring Event at Callaway Gardens. The theme of the event was *One* ...that the world will know. Messages by Anne Graham Lotz, Tom & Kim Blackaby and Shaun Pillay inspired women from all over Georgia to be united as *One* with a renewed commitment to show the world that Jesus loves them. The WMU Spring Event is a conference held annually by the Georgia Baptist WMU/WEM to inspire and encourage women to be involved in missions and ministry.

*Continuing Education News
Fall Semester 2012 Update*

The Continuing Education program of the Appalachee Baptist Association will begin a new semester on September 4th, 2012. Classes for the upcoming semester are Ezekiel, to be taught by Dr. Donald Brett and I Kings, to be taught by Rev. Fred (Ted) Tedders. The classes meet once a week on Tuesday night, at 7:00pm, at the Association Office. Anyone interested in more information should contact the Association at 770-267-8278.

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.”

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Pastor Zane Danny Her
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- ~ Center Hill Baptist
Pastor Marion Prather
- ~ Connecting Point
Pastor Tim Hunter
- ~ Eastside Baptist
Pastor Darrell Gilmer

MAY 2012

- 1 Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 15 Missions Development Team Meeting –
2:00 p.m.

JUNE 2012

- 5 Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
- 12 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting –
10:00 a.m.
- 12 Associational Council Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
- 18-20 SBC Meeting – New Orleans
- 19 Evangelism Team Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

JULY 2012

- 3-4 Office Closed – 4th of July
- 14 ABA – WMU Leadership Meeting
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Associational WMU Leadership Training –
Warner Robins, GA