

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

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Evangelism Coaching

August - December 2012
For
Pastors of Appalachian
Association

The Evangelism Coaching experience is a twice per month gathering with Dr. Steve Parr, V.P. for Evangelism of the Georgia Baptist Convention and pastors of the Appalachian Association. Participants will interact together in a process that will enhance everyone's evangelistic leadership.

You will elevate your leadership in:

- *Motivating your congregation*
- *Moving to a more external focus*
- *Equipping members to share their faith*

- *Planning effective evangelistic projects*
- *Improving follow-up and guest friendliness*
- *Reaching children and students*

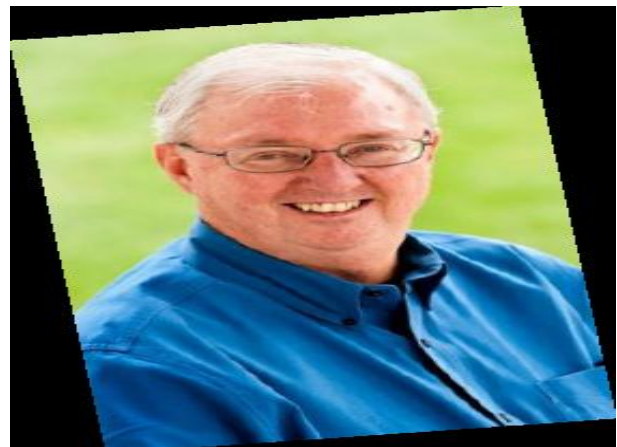
...and you will come away with a customized evangelism strategy for your congregation.

Join us from 10:00-11:00am
beginning
Tuesday, August 7th.

[Mark Your Calendar Also: 8/13, 9/4,
10/16, 10/23, 11/15, 11/26 & 12/6]

Provided by C.P. Gifts. Participants purchase two books. Attend first session to learn more.

Contact the Appalachian
Association at
770-267-8278 for further details.



*It's Time to Prepare for
Prayerwalking your
Local School!*

The following is an extended excerpt from a letter written by Nedra Jackson, our Associational WMU director, concerning Prayerwalking in our local schools. The letter was sent out by email from the Association office to our churches. I believe that its content is so important that I wanted to share this portion with you all in our newsletter. For more information & for recommended resources you can contact the Appalachian Association WMU or the Association office. Thank you for your support of this ministry effort, Eric.

“The Appalachian Baptist Association WMU is asking all the churches in our Association to join together to Prayerwalk their local schools in August. We believe by joining together in prayer we can have a great impact on the new school year for our children, school administrators, teachers, and staff.

Hardly a day goes by that we don't read or hear of some situation in our schools that causes us to have grave concern for our children's welfare and education. Cheating on CRCT tests, improper and inappropriate behavior of students, teachers and other staff, budget shortfalls, lack of parental involvement, bullying, vandalism, disrespectful students, the list goes on and on.

On the other hand, we don't hear as often about the many administrators, teachers, staff members and parents who go beyond what is required to ensure that the children in their schools are given the best of education and encouragement.

Many teachers and administrators willingly give long hours, use their own funds to make up the difference in school budgets, and really care about the future of our children. To those we say “Thank You”!

The WMU of Appalachian Baptist Association believes we should work to make sure children are provided a solid education in an environment that is safe and one that promotes learning and life skills. We believe that praying is the most important thing we can do- all of us - parents, grandparents, friends, community leaders. We also believe that no task is too great for God.

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear.
Isaiah 59:1

and that He will answer our prayers.....

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7: 14”**





2012 SSTW Workshop Descriptions

Pastors and Sunday School Directors

- **Sunday School That Really Responds: Wisdom for Confronting Your Most Common Sunday School Emergencies** – The workshop leader will customize the content of the workshop and present fresh ideas to assist pastors and Sunday School directors in addressing their needs.

Adult Class Teachers and Leaders

- **Involving My Class in Outreach** – This workshop will introduce new ideas for reaching people through Sunday School. It will also include a better understanding of how to make outreach a part of the Sunday morning experience and how to involve class members in outreach efforts.
- **Getting Ready for Sunday in an Adult Class** – This workshop will help adult teachers understand the resources available to them and how to have a systematic approach to lesson preparation as they seek to know how God can use them to teach His Word to their class.

Youth Class Teachers and Leaders

- **Trends in Youth Culture** – This workshop will help adults better understand what teenagers are doing, thinking and feeling today.
- **Reaching and Teaching Teenagers** – Being an effective teacher of teenagers is certainly different than any other age group. This conference will also guide you in

preparing and presenting a Bible study just for teenagers.

Children's Class Teacher and Leaders

- **Basics for a Healthy Children's Sunday School Class** – Great children's classes share many common practices. If you want to have an exciting children's Sunday School class, then this conference is for you.
- **A Disciple Making Children's Sunday School Class** – In this conference you will be given tools to aid you in preparing to lead the weekly Bible study and ideas in how to present the Bible study to children.

Preschool Class Teachers and Leaders

- **A Healthy Preschool Sunday School Class** – In this conference we will look at the components of a healthy preschool class shared by many effective churches. You will learn how your class can make a difference in the lives of preschoolers and their families.
- **Making Sunday Count with Preschoolers** – We get only a limited amount of time with our preschoolers each Sunday. This workshop will help you make the most of your class time so that both you and your preschoolers are growing toward Christ.

**Your Appalachian Association
is hosting the local area
Sunday School Training Workshop
At Center Hill Loganville on Aug. 25th!
The sessions start at 8:30 AM and are
will be finished at 12:00 PM.
A light breakfast and snack will be
provided at the event.
Cost: \$10 to pre-register / \$15 at door
Register at ssog.gabaptist.org
Questions: 770-936-5286**

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.”

~ Ebenezer Baptist
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~ Faith Baptist
Pastor Chris Conner
~ Fellowship Baptist
Pastor Wilburn Hill
~ Freeman Creek
Pastor Ken Jennings
~ Grace Baptist
~ Harmony Baptist
Pastor Brant Callaway

JULY 2012

- 3-4 Office Closed – 4th of July
- 14 ABA – WMU Leadership Meeting
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 2012

- 1 Prayer Walking Appalachian Area Schools
- 3-6 Missionary Kid Re-entry Retreat –Pinnacle
Conf & Retreat Center, Clayton, GA
- 7 No Minister's Meeting
- 7 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting –
10:00 a.m.
- 7 Associational Council Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
- 14 Mission Development – 2:00 p.m.
- 18 WMU/EM Regional Training, Cornelia,
GA – 8:30am – 12:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 4 Minister's Meeting – 12:00 p.m. –
Associational Office
- 14-15 Women's Prayer Retreat – Pinnacle Conf. &
Retreat Center, Clayton, GA
- 22 Worldcraft/Refugee Sewing Society Party –
TBA
- 27 WMU Meeting – 3 – 8:00 pm
Continuing Education – every Tuesday –
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.