

*The Vision*  
Of  
*The Appalachian Baptist Association*

*"A family of churches on mission"*

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***177<sup>th</sup> Fall Annual Meeting of the  
Appalachee Baptist Association***

*Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*4:00 pm to 9:00 pm*

*Hosted by*

*Center Hill Baptist Church Loganville*

***Our Theme will be Transformation***

***2 Corinthians 5:17***

*With an Emphasis on the Transformational Impact of  
Church Revitalization, Planting and International Missions.*

***A MEAL WILL BE SERVED AT 5:30 BETWEEN  
SESSIONS. PLEASE RSVP TO THE ASSOCIATION  
OFFICE WITH THE NUMBER OF MESSENGERS JOINING  
US FOR THAT MEAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.***

***Team of Appalachian Association  
Pastors and Leaders Ready to  
Journey to Haiti***

On October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:55 AM the members of our Appalachian Association Haiti Mission team will fly out of Atlanta on their way to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. The team consists of Jeff Box, Pastor of Walker Baptist, David Bland, Missions Pastor at Walker Baptist, Buster Brown, Pastor of Anne Mary Baptist and Eric Buffington, Pastor of Bishop Baptist / Associational Missionary. They will be joined by Mac Burberry, leader of Haitian Christian Outreach (HCO) and two other pastors with ties to HCO. Mac has shared with teams from Bishop Baptist, that the goal of HCO is "to do something for Haiti that will last." The Appalachian Baptist Association shares that goal, recognizing that God will open various methods in Haiti for us to share the Gospel, which is what will last the longest! As your team travels through Haiti, from October 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, please be in daily prayer for us. We ask that you pray three simple points. First, that God will open our eyes to avenues He is opening for our churches to be on mission. Second, that this will be a time of spiritual strengthening for our team members. Third, that God will be magnified in all that we do, to His glory alone. Thank you for your prayers!

***Thank You Mars Hill Baptist  
for the Invitation to your  
Wonderful Fall Mission's Conference***

A special thank you goes out to Mars Hill Baptist church for graciously inviting the churches of our Association to join them at their 2012 Fall Missions Conference. The Appalachian Association shared a table with *Baptist4Haiti*, a ministry that continues the work started by the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief teams in Leogane, Haiti following the devastating 2010 earthquake. Over twenty-two

other missions and ministries set up tables at the conference, providing ample opportunities for those in attendance to encounter a diversity of paths for making an impact on their world with the Gospel.

***The Appalachian Association  
2013 VBS Preview is set! Mark Your  
Calendars Today***

It is never too early to start planning for VBS! With that in mind, we urge you to place the *2013 VBS preview for Appalachian Association* on your church calendar today. Representatives from Lifeway Christian Resources will be with us on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Association Office to present a preview of VBS material from Lifeway, Brentwood Kids, Gospel Light, Group and Standard publishing. Your church will receive a call from Lifeway in the next couple of months providing more details about the upcoming Associational preview event.

**JUDGMENT HOUSE AT  
FAITH BAPTIST**

Judgment House is a walk through drama presentation of how individuals are affected by a tragic event. This year's presentation is about a home invasion.

***Faith Baptist Church is located  
at 1789 GA Hwy 11, Monroe, GA***

Dates for the event are October 19th to 21st & October 26th to 28th

***Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. on  
Fridays and 3:30 p.m. on  
Saturdays & Sundays***

Cost: \$5.00 donation plus a food pantry item

***RESERVATIONS: Call 770-267-  
6603 - Walk-Ins welcome***

***Athletic Impact Ministry:  
Impacting the Lives of Teens for Christ***  
Note from Brian Widmer, A.I.M.

“LET US ALSO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND SIN WHICH CLINGS SO CLOSELY, AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US,”

**HEBREWS 12:1**

I (Brian) am so thankful you have taken the time to read what God is doing in our family. We have been diligently searching for God's perfect plan and in the process have noticed an incredible need. Statistics show that the majority of teenagers are searching for purpose and identity and will make a decision to trust in Christ before their eighteenth birthday. God has called Jami and me to devote our lives full time for teenagers. Often times we meet and only see some when trouble arises. I believe with a consistent Christian role model and the message of hope found in Christ a difference can be made. We are stepping out in faith, trusting God to provide our way. Please be in prayer as we serve. Athletic Impact Ministry is a non-profit organization established to provide chaplains and mentors on every sports team in Walton County High Schools. A.I.M. is dedicated to use athletics to build relationships, encourage great sportsmanship and the importance of scholastics coupled with a relationship with Christ. We are seeing this in action as we lead weekly Bible studies with the athletes and encourage and pray with the coaches daily.



***New Day at Freeman Creek Baptist:  
God is Moving to Revitalize One of the Founding  
Churches of Our Appalachian Association***

Exciting things are happening at Freeman Creek Baptist Church as we follow God's will to revitalize our church. One of which, is a Wednesday after school program. With the help of students from the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at the UGA, we will minister to the students in the Farmington area. Tutoring, mentoring and help with school projects are among the services to be offered. We plan to minister to the students by providing them with academic as well as spiritual help. There will be time for homework, recreation, crafts and Bible study, as well as providing a meal for the students. To make this successful, we need help from other ministries. I believe that with the help and support of other churches our revitalization can be successful. Church Revitalization is one of the Five Smooth Stones that Georgia Baptists agreed upon to help in reaching the lost in Georgia. Pray for us as we still have needs for this and other programs. Together, we as Appalachian Baptists can make a difference in the lives of people in our communities. My prayer for Freeman Creek as well as all the churches in our association is found in Nehemiah 4:6" So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." God give us a mind to work!

Ken Jennings, Pastor - Freeman Creek



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

- ~ Life Springs Baptist  
Interim Pastor Joe Graham
- ~ Lighthouse Baptist  
Pastor Tom Harris
- ~ Loganville First Baptist  
Pastor Ronald Kendall
- ~ Mars Hill Baptist  
Pastor Steve Bingham

**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.

**OCTOBER 2012**

- TBA Appalachian WMU Leadership Meeting
- 2 Minister's Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
- 5 Girls Extravaganza - WMU
- 9 No Continuing Education
- 9 Fall Annual Session – 4:00 p.m. ( Executive  
Committee – 3:00 p.m.)  
Continuing Education – every Tuesday –  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.