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"Under the authority of Christ, the purpose of the Pulaski-Bleckley Baptist Association is to equip and assist its churches in fulfilling the Great Commission."

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"God only wants for us what we would want for ourselves
if we were smart enough to want it"
Adrian Rogers

"Global Explosion 2012!" Have you heard that phrase before? If you were in attendance at the Annual Meeting in October of 2011 then you have. I hope that you also recognize the phrase as our theme for this year. The leadership and special teams of the Association are working hard to help us make a global impact this year for the Kingdom. The plans for the On Mission Celebration are complete and will be shared with the churches on January 24th at 7:00 PM, Broad Street BC. We need representatives from every church to be present at this informative event. Churches will get the list of speakers and all other important details to ensure a successful and fruitful week. Please mark your calendars.

The North American Mission Board has strategically constructed a guide for evangelism challenging all believers to share their faith by the year 2020. The focus of this strategy is: "EVERY BELIEVER SHARING, EVERY PERSON HEARING BY 2020." By the year 2020 each church has been asked to engage in six evangelistic campaigns (these occurring in even numbered years: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020). In 2010, simultaneous revivals were the suggested event. In 2012, churches are encouraged to conduct community/mass evangelistic events to reach their lost community. This may include: Revivals, Friend Day, Area Crusades, Block Parties, Felt Needs Conferences, Servant Evangelism Projects, Sporting Events, or any other activity that is evangelistic in nature. I trust that you hear and see the key concept in this strategy: CONDUCT AN EVANGELISTIC EVENT, NOT A SOCIAL EVENT. This initiative is a grassroots movement with no planned program or witnessing technique being promoted. Do what is best for you in your context. No church is too large or too small to participate in these events. Remember your resources and utilize them: team with another church in your area, call Tracey Deavers at the Middle Georgia College Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center to see if and how the college students can partner with your church, call on your associational leadership/teams, etc.

The Impacting Lostness Team has mailed each Pastor a letter concerning this initiative and the Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Team has developed a Prayer Guide that I trust will be utilized leading up to these events. (The Prayer Guide will focus on the time between late January and early March: OMC and the Answers in Genesis Conference.) A suggested timeline:

February and March (Pray and Equip),
March and April (Sow, Harvest, Assimilate), and
May (Celebrate the Harvest that God has given).

I exhort you to pray and ask God how He can use you and your church in reaching the lost in your community. Commit this time to Him. Make sure that you share your God stories with us so that we can share with our churches through the Spotlight.

Have you adopted your unreached people group yet? The International Mission Board called our attention to the 3,800 people groups that have no witness in their language; asking us to adopt a group for which we would commit to pray for daily. You may go to the IMB website for more information and to identify these unengaged/unreached peoples. While there will you register your church to engage one of these unreached people groups?

Global Explosion can ONLY occur we possess a Kingdom focus.
God bless in 2012 as we serve Him

Remember" Spotlight items need to be submitted by the 15th of the month.

"but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 1:8 NASB

9 January 2012: 10:00 am – Pastor’s Meeting, First Baptist Church, Cochran

15 January 2012: Santity of Human Life Sunday

29 January 2012: Day of Prayer for the Southern Baptist Convention

24 January 2012: 7:00 p.m. - On Mission Celebration (OMC) Church Information Meeting at Broad Street Baptist Church, Hawkinsville, GA

3, 4, & 5 March 2012: Answers In Genesis Conference: Registration is open. Tickets are free, but are necessary. Go to our website(www.pulaskibleckleybaptistassociation.com) for information and to register.

Associational Mission Trip to Kenya

The team slots are now full and we are preparing to make our way to Limuru, Kenya. The Limuru Tea Church is excited about our arrival and has been praying for the team for nearly a month now. Pastor Shadrack has made a couple of requests after our original plans were set and we could use your help in meeting these needs. First he has asked if we could provide some Swahili Bibles for the people. The Bibles are \$8 each and we had not built this into our budget. Secondly, we have been invited to minister to some of the 1,000 orphans whose parents have died of AIDS. This opportunity was not budgeted either. If you would like to help with either of these opportunities we would greatly appreciate it. Checks may be sent to PBBA, Kenya Mission, POB 187, Cochran, GA 31014. Individual donors will receive a tax deductible letter in the mail if you provide a return address. Thank you for your help and please be praying for us.

A Reminder from Hal Slade

Affordable Retreat Center

Do you have an interest in putting together a retreat? Does your church group or family need a location to refresh and renew? You don’t know where to start? Need something affordable? Consider the Retreat at Slade Pond in Cordele, GA. Many groups have used this facility with great satisfaction. The retreat is located on a 15 acre pond in a quiet and peaceful setting. Go to www.sladepond.com for further details or call...

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