



# Pulaski - Bleckley Baptist Association

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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

2010 has been a good year for the Pulaski-Bleckley Baptist Association. While we are still compiling the data for the year, it is easy to see that the benevolence centers have worked this year. The food brought in from the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank has exceeded 41 tons. This figure does not include the food that has been donated by churches or other entities. Many volunteer hours have been logged and financial resources have been strained from time to time. The benevolence ministry of our association will be the central theme of our February Executive Committee meeting. Please **NOTE** the date for this meeting has been changed. We will meet on February 15 at 7PM at Limestone Baptist Church.

The Missions and Ministry Team are working on a missions celebration for our association. I believe this event is targeted for late Spring to early Summer. Churches and mission teams will be asked to showcase their work and to share some of the work they have been engaged in during 2010. While this event is still in the planning stages, I know it will be an encouragement to all that attend. In the last three years our Association has made some great strides in missions. People participating in missions has increased by 34.7% in this time period. Cooperative Program giving has increased by 11%. Associational giving has increased by 39%. This news is exciting and I pray that we continue we see these advancements for the Kingdom.

We are beginning our preparation for the next On Missions Celebration which is scheduled for February 18-23, 2012. I know this seems early to mention this event; however, our associational team will have their first training session on January 17, 2011. Afterwards, we will be recruiting other individuals to assist in the year long planning process to help secure the lodging, transportation, and meals for this week long event. Please begin now to pray for this event — for the missionaries that will travel to us, for those that will be attending the various services and activities, and for the planning stages. The last OMC, which was in 2007, proved to be a time of inspiration and encouragement for our churches. I trust that we will have great participation, as before, and that God will use this time to challenge us.

I would like to ask that you join me in prayer for several events that are forthcoming in our Association. The first is the health fair that is scheduled for March 30-Apr 2. (As you will note the number of days has been extended due to the number of clients that have been turned away for lack of available time.) The recruiting of the professional volunteers is underway now. Please pray for those who will volunteer their time, as well as those who will come for services. The health fair is a powerful means of expressing the love of God to our community. The fair will be conducted on the campus of Broad Street Baptist Church in Hawkinsville. Secondly, I have an opportunity to travel to Moshi, Tanzania (near Kilimanjaro) this May to teach in the International Bible Institute. Please ask God to open or close doors as He would deem beneficial to His will. I am excited about the opportunity to serve in this country - even though the plans are not yet complete.

Finally, be in prayer for our churches that are seeking pastors or staff members. Antioch (John McClung serving as Interim) and Union Hill (Jay Moore serving as Interim) are seeking pastors. Micah Emery will be leaving Westview and Billie Dantzler will be leaving Broad Street Baptist Church. Remember these men in their future ministry endeavors and the churches as they seek to fill these positions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your missionary. I continue to be blessed by the relationships that we have built and look forward to the building of new relationships in the days to come. May we be found faithful when He returns.

Dennis

## Empowering Teams Training Tuesday, January 18, 2011

This will be an important training for all those who are serving on the Associational Teams. The workshop will be conducted at FBC, C and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to be in attendance.

### Church Pew Cushions Available

Evergreen Baptist Church has pew seat cushions available for any church that can use them. Sizes are: 1 that is 53"; 1 that is 57"; 2 that are 75"; 6 that are 93"; and 10 that are 105". These cushions are of medium brown fabric with cloth zippers.

Evergreen Baptist Church is inviting the entire association to attend a special presentation by Ray Newman of the Georgia Baptist Convention on Sunday evening, January 9, 2011, at 6 p.m., on the new legislation that is being proposed by the Georgia General Assembly on Para-Mutual Betting, and other gambling legislation. We as Christians must become informed in order to impact our community for Christ. Please make plans to attend this important information session. For more information, contact John Cadwell, Pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, 478-374-3377 or 478-285-0187.

#### Christian Social Ministries

**Willing Hands Center - Cochran** (478) 934-1044

Hours of Business: Monday 3p.m.—6p.m.

Wednesday 9a.m.—1p.m.

Friday 9a.m.—12p.m. for donations only.

**Christian H.O.P.E. Center - Hawkinsville** (478) 783-4673

Hours of Business: Tuesday 3p.m.—6p.m.

Wednesday 9a.m.—1p.m.

### Georgia Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Training

#### Phase 1

Phase I Training will be held on February 5, 2011, at First Baptist Church, Americus. Deadline for registration is January 28, 2011. Applications are available at [pficarra@gabaptist.org](mailto:pficarra@gabaptist.org). Cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch. For transportation information, contact Ken Brooks at First Baptist, Cochran.

### Pastors' Meeting

There is a change in our time and format for the monthly pastors' meeting. The Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Team have asked that we meet 30 minutes early to pray. Beginning with this meeting, we will begin our prayer time at 10AM and the meeting will begin at 10:30AM. As usual we will have lunch after our meeting in Hawkinsville. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend both the prayer time and the pastors' fellowship.

### Team Meetings

Please remember that team meetings will resume on February 7, 2011 at First Baptist, Cochran. The Executive Committee, those who were elected to serve at the 2010 Annual Meeting, will be February 15, 7PM.

### Bible Story Telling Workshop

PBBA will be hosting a Bible storying workshop in March 2011. Jack Day and his wife will be our facilitators, demonstrating and teaching both study and retelling skills equipping attendees to use the Bible stories even more evangelistically. The pastors' training will be March 17 and 18. Training for laypeople will be March 19. All sessions will be held at FBC, C. There will be a cost recovery fee for the meals and workbooks. Additional resources will be available for purchase. Training sessions for laity are age divided for adults and youth and a separate class for children. Excellent training for mission teams and Sunday School teachers. Registration will open January 10, 2011.

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“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

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