



Caroline Baptist Association NEWSLETTER

Empowering Kingdom Growth Through Cooperation

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The experience of a weeklong mission trip packaged into a single weekend!

Developed in conjunction with the ABSC's Reaching Generation Now emphasis, CONNECT 2010 is designed to...

- Connect students with God through worship, guided morning devotions, prayer time, and evangelism/ministry opportunities.
- Connect students with other Christians as they serve and work alongside students and leaders from churches around the state.
- Connect students with the community as teams work all day Saturday in different locations throughout the Helena-West Helena area doing light construction, yard work, evangelism, and various other projects.

WHO: All students in 7th-12th grades and their youth ministers/adult leaders.

WHEN: April 9-11, 2010. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

WHERE: Marvel/Helena-West Helena. The Arkansas Valley Baptist Association will serve as our host for the weekend.

HOW MUCH: **Only \$25 per person!!** Includes lodging; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast; and program expenses.

Space is limited to the first 200 youth and adults to sign up. **Registration deadline is Monday, March 29.** For questions or to register, call Charity Gardner or Travis McCormick at 800.838.2272, ext. 5137. Email us at cgardner@absc.org or tmccormick@absc.org. We hope to see you there!

Children's Ministry Day 2010: Teaching Children Through Missions Involvement

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." When teaching children the basics of the Christian faith, we need to include lessons that teach about God, Jesus, the Bible, creation, family, self, church, community, and the world. Children learn through actively engaging all of their senses (sound, touch, smell, taste, and sight). Activity Centers, where a child experiences hands on learning, do this best. Children love to learn alongside their adult teachers as the adults participate in the learning activity right along with them. As we teach children we need to remember that little eyes see us put the lessons into practice. We must lead by example.

One way to lead by example is by participating in Children's Ministry Day. This year, Children's Ministry Day will take place on February 20 (although you can chose an alternate date). On this day children across America will be involved in ministry projects in their own communities.

For ministry ideas visit www.childrensmissions.com or email Charity Gardner at cgardner@absc.org.

Announcements

Let us know of any special events at your church...revival, conference, concert, etc. We would love to help you get the word out!

Call 501.676.6558 or e-mail your event info to nburgan@sbcglobal.net

Church Growth Conference February 8 6:45 Lonoke Baptist Church

The classes offered here are focused mainly on reaching people with the gospel message through age groups, church outreach, Sunday School / small group outreach—relationships, meeting special needs, and a class that reminds us of our beliefs as Southern Baptists. Your folks will be instructed, challenged and blessed by coming to learn and be encouraged in their work as believers in the local church. We hope you will plan on coming and bringing a group from your church. It's FREE!

Missions in Guatemala / Partnership

In early January a team from our association went to serve with the Plylers in San Bernardino, Guatemala. We had several that received Christ as Savior and several homes wanting to have Bible Studies. Pastor Jaime and wife, Suzanna and their church were a joy to serve with during the week and they have a new church building that is in this community that is already growing and reaching people there with the gospel. Continue to pray for this mission church, 'Mission Bautista Mahanaim' in San Bernardino, as they continue to share the gospel and minister to the people there.

We also have a **team from Des Arc FBC** that will be leaving to serve in Guatemala February 6-13, to serve through Operation Go. So pray for this team as they go and share the gospel.

Another **team from Cabot FBC** will be going in March to work with our mission church, Torre Fuertes Iglesia Bautista at a mission site in Los Pas-toros, Guatemala. They will be conducting a VBS in this mission church just a few miles from the Torre Fuertes mission. Pray for their work in VBS/ Operation Go as they share the Gospel as well.

Pastor Prayer Meeting

Our association pastors MONTHLY prayer meeting at the association office will be on Monday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. We will pray for every church, every pastor and any special request needs within our association that are brought up. This is for ALL of our pastors and is in addition to the weekly fellowship on Thursdays.

Upcoming Mission Trips

Kansas Dates TBA

A mission trip is being planned to help a church in Cambridge, KS. We will be going to meet with Brother Justin Bates, a young pastor and some of his folks about us helping them build a 1500 sq. ft. fellowship hall/classrooms to help them continue to grow and reach more people with the gospel. Watch for more details to come.

Piedras Negras, Mexico July 9-16, 2010

This is a partnership mission trip with Bro. Ken Overturf, Pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Ft. Smith. The team will be doing VBS and construction. The cost is \$175 per person. For more information you may contact Bro. Ken at 479.782.5041 or e-mail him at keno@ssbconline.org or Bro. Jerry at 501.259.8026 or cbajerry@yahoo.com

"SummerLIVE" 2010

Association Youth/Children Summer Camp June 28-July 2, 2010

Youth Speaker—Michael Treat, Central Baptist, Conway
Youth Worship—InnerState

Children's Pastor—Bro. Frank Thurmon, Calvary Baptist, Benton
Children's Worship—Michael Berry, England FBC

We had a great camp last year with over 320 total campers and several salvations. We hope to have another great camp for the glory of God again this year and anticipate what He will do!

Missionary Kids Birthdays...

remember to pray for them
on their special day or send a card!

*Ouachita Baptist University,
OBU—Their box number
Arkadelphia 71998*



*Williams Baptist College,
WBC—Their box number
Walnut Ridge 72476*

February

12-Carlos Owens-Hughes / WBC 3506 / Colombia
19-Whitney Hicks / WBC 3022 / Middle East
25-Joshua Fischer / OBU 3309 / Senior / Ecuador

March

8-Anthony Ridgway / OBU 3171 / Junior / Bulgaria
9-Reece Franklin / OBU 3874 / Freshman / Japan
11-Melanie Williams / OBU 3147 / Sophomore / Thailand
15-Byron Dickard / OBU 3525 / Senior / Zambia
20-Elizabeth Baker / OBU 3204 / Senior / Central Asia
24-Joseph Caudill / OBU 3091 / Freshman / Honduras

Haiti Relief

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention has been actively engaged in a response effort to assist the people of Haiti who experienced the horrific 7.3 earthquake on January 12, 2010. The ABSC has been in contact with the Florida Baptist State Convention which has been spearheading the SBC's response to the tremendous needs of the people. Florida has been doing missions work in Haiti for the past 15 years and have some logistical support in the country.

Your church can help in the disaster response to Haiti by praying for the victims and the response teams.

One of the biggest needs right now is donations of money. Due to the fluidity of the crisis, financial donations get needed materials to the affected area much faster. One hundred percent of the money given through the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will go to the Haiti relief effort.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

Credit cards gifts can be given by calling the Missions Ministries Team of the Convention at 1.800.838.2272, or you can make credit card donations online by going to absc.org.

Checks should be made out to ABSC and designated to Haiti relief.

Send checks to:
Arkansas Baptist State Convention
Missions Ministries Team
10 Remington Drive
Little Rock AR 72204



2010 Disaster Relief Training Schedule 8:30-3:00

March 13, 2010
Forrest City FBC
Contact Ray Oswalt 870.261.3284

March 27, 2010
Dallas Avenue Baptist Church, Mena, AR
Contact Ouachita Baptist Association 479.394.3534

April 10, 2010
Batesville FBC
Contact Rooney Toon 870.793.7162

April 17, 2010
Arkadelphia FBC
Contact Joe Burt 870.246.9524

April 24, 2010
Union Valley Baptist, Beebe
Contact Ledell Bailey 501.729.3101

May 1, 2010
Geyer Springs FBC, Little Rock
Contact Missions Ministry Team 800.838.2272

May 15, 2010
Eagle Heights Baptist, Harrison
Contact Royce Sweatman 870.741.3806

August 21, 2010
Gentry FBC
Contact R.E. Clark 479.273.5442

September 25, 2010
Second Baptist, Russellville
Contact Howard Kisor 479.967.1792

October 2, 2010
Corning FBC
Contact Don Settles 870.857.6319

October 16, 2010
Warren FBC
Contact David Mitchell 870.226.7533

This schedule is subject to change so please call before you go. New volunteers must be an active member of a local Southern Baptist Church. Each training event is for new and update volunteers. New Id cards will be made for all update volunteers.

Schedule of Events

February

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| 8 | Association Church Growth Conference | 6:45 | Lonoke Baptist |
| 13 | Youth Leader Meeting | 2:00 | CBA Office |
| 15 | Camp Committee Meeting | 6:00 | CBA Office |
| 22 | Children's Teachers for Camp Meeting | 6:00 | CBA Office |
| 23 | VBS Committee Meeting | 10:00 | CBA Office |

March

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| 7-14 | Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions | | |
| 30 | Association VBS Training Clinic | 6:00-9:00 | Cabot FBC |

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