

The Voice

Information and Inspiration for the Welsh Neck Baptist Association
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September 7: Labor Day, Associational Office Closed.

September 8: Ministers Meeting, Central Baptist Church, 10:30am.

October 18: WNBA Annual Meeting, Hartsville First, 6:00pm.

November 20: Annual Church Profiles Due.



Sunday, October 18, 2020
First Baptist Church, Hartsville
6:00pm



**Season of Prayer for
State Missions
September 13-20, 2020**

**Janie Chapman Offering for
State Missions**
State Goal: \$1,800,000.00



Our Top Gun leadership training class for men will resume on Monday, September 14. We look forward to 10 months of spiritual growth, discipleship, and character development that will help our men become better leaders in the home, the work place, and the church. Please be praying for all of our class participants.



Christmas Prisoner Packet Packing List

ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
ONE writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x8" (no wire bound books, composition books, or post-it notes)
ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
THREE first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office)
NO regular stamps, no other size envelope
ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted).

ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY.

DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, floss, toothbrush holders, or combs.

Packets Due to the Mission Center by November 23rd.

Online Giving Now Available

You can find our online giving portal on the Home Page and under the Donate Tab of our website at www.welshneckba.com.



Because of NASCAR guidelines all Raceway Ministry events and ministries have been cancelled. See you in 2021!

A Word from the Associational Director

What's in a name or title? Sometimes a lot, sometimes not much, sometimes we just simply don't care. I'm not sure where we'll land between these three in what follows, but here goes.

As you may have noticed, the heading for my article this month is different than before. In the past it was, "A Word from the DOM." Director of Missions (or DOM) has been a title for associational leaders in Southern Baptist life for many years. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the title had some negative connotations associated with it in certain places across the country. Therefore, the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL), in 2018, formed a Study Team to examine various areas about the work of the local association. Part of that study was to recommend a title for the associational leader that would reflect his work and ministry. As a study from an autonomous Baptist organization the final recommendations, while possibly helpful, are not binding upon any other autonomous Baptist organization or entity.

The name chosen by the Study Team was, "Associational Missions Strategist" (or AMS). Ironically, the survey they conducted across the Southern Baptist Convention did not yield this title in the top five recommendations. Those were as follows: (1) Associational Missionary, (2) Director of Missions, (3) Executive Director, (4) Associational Director, and (5) Missional Strategist. Again, none of these are binding, and the titles of associational leaders across our state vary.

In working with our Bylaws Team I requested that we employ the title "Associational Director" for the WNBA. "Associational" points to the fact that we are an association of churches voluntarily cooperating together for the furtherance of God's kingdom on earth. So, even though The Association and each affiliating church is autonomous, we still choose to work together to advance the gospel and make disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ. "Director" is a term that allows for the broad spectrum of work in which the associational leader is engaged. Some of the other titles and terms were, in my estimation, too limited to represent the full scope of work that is carried out by the associational leader.

This title change was approved with our Bylaw revisions at our recent Executive Committee Meeting. I hope it will effectively represent the work of the associational leader and also serve as a more current title to fit the ministry needs of our day. Therefore, I am glad to be your Associational Director. I guess that makes me the new AD!

Your fellow servant,

Joe Willard

Ministers Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 10:30am
Central Baptist Church