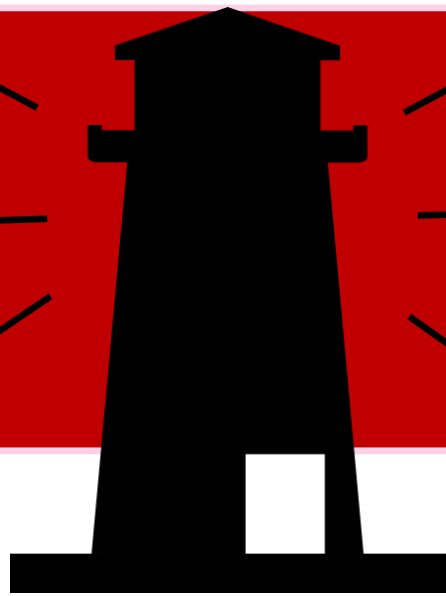




Black River Baptist Association Beacon Newsletter

Dec 2020/Jan 2021

Mission Statement:

**A Family of Churches Dedicated to
Obeying the Great Commission**

My family and I join you in celebrating the glorious birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray as we recall what He has done for us we will rejoice and we will worship Him. He is truly worthy of our worship.

*Merry Christmas,
The Carters*

O HOLY NIGHT
CHRIST IS BORN, GLORIFY HIM!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM the DOM:

I was reminded what kind of year it has been as I was preparing the newsletter. I was looking at last year's newsletter for the same time period and we had a page entitled **Coming in 2020**. That page listed 12 events /activities scheduled for the first seven months of the year; there was only one of those twelve that actually happened. That was the 'True Love Waits ' Youth Rally in February.

I was reminded how we plan, and we should plan, but often something happens to change our direction. That has certainly happened more than once this past year. It seems that pattern may continue as we approach and enter the new year. But one thing remains no matter the times or the situations or circumstances, Jesus Christ is Lord. He still rules and reigns. He is fulfilling His purpose in us as individuals and in our churches. There is nothing that can change that: not storms, violence, evil, a virus, nor the devil himself.

We once again will list certain events/activities in this newsletter that we intend to promote and have in 2021. We will trust those into the hands of our Sovereign Lord. And we will seek His will in it all. And no matter what may come we will seek to Glorify God in all things.

May God continue to work in and through you. Do not look at what you 'cannot' do, but pray and seek what you can do to Glorify Him! One thing we can all do is to pray for each other. Intercession for fellow believers and churches is always appropriate.

By His Grace, Kevin

COMING in 2021:

- ⇒ Spring Prayer Gathering—Monday, March 22
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School Clinic—Tuesday, April 6
- ⇒ Children's Day—Saturday, April 17
- ⇒ Acts 1:8 Outreach Event—Saturday, May 1
- ⇒ J.O.Y. Spring Homecoming—Saturday, May 15
- ⇒ Women's Prayer Retreat—Monday, May 17
- ⇒ Younger Girls' Camp—June 20—23
- ⇒ Younger Boy's Camp—June 27—30
- ⇒ Junior High Camp—July 4—7
- ⇒ Special Edition Camp—Saturday, July 10



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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Lunch Hour:

Monday—Thursday

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.



A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev 7:9

2020 GOAL

\$175
million

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*Your generosity sends and
Sustains missionaries.*

3,623

IMB Missionaries

*Your generosity takes the
Gospel to the unreached.*

89,325

New Believers (2019)

*Your generosity trains
nationals to multiply
disciples.*

18,598

Pastors Trained (2019)

*Your generosity meets
tangible needs.*

12,368

New Churches Started
2019

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Rev. 7:9

The Global Need for Missions is *more urgent the ever*

154,937 people are dying daily without Christ

7,070

Unreached
people groups

4.5 Billion

Unreached
people

How will you *transform lives this year through your gift?*

⇒ \$20 Provides 10 New Testaments in a local language.

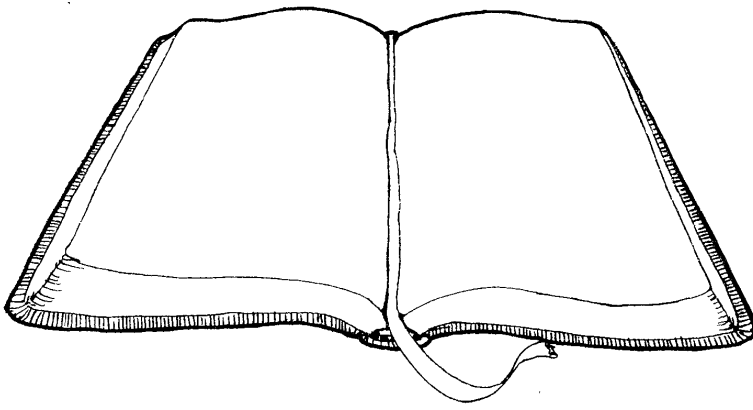
⇒ \$25 Provides discipleship and training of a national believer.

⇒ \$50 Provides language learning supplies to help prepare missionaries begin their journey well.

⇒ \$80 Buys a sewing machine for a class of nationals to learn a new skill so they can break the cycle of poverty.

⇒ \$150 Provides one month of in-country language study.

⇒ \$300 Renews a missionary doctor's professional license.



Associational/State Events

Week of Prayer for International Missions
and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
.....November 29—December 6
Christmas Holidays (Office Closed)
.....December 21-25
Executive Board Meeting.....January 7
MLK Day (Office Closed).....January 18

Pastors' Events

Pastors' Fellowship.....November 30
Pastors' Fellowship.....December 7
Pastors' Fellowship.....January 11
Pastors' Fellowship.....January 25

Spiritual Food for Thought

"But the angel said to them, 'Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people: Today in the city of David a Savior is born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you. You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth lying in a manger.'"

LUKE 2:10-12

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