

FAYETTE BAPTIST INFORMER

A fellowship of Southern Baptist churches on mission for Christ *locally and around the world*

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LARRY'S LINES . . .

GPS (God's Plan for Sharing) is a ministry of the North American Mission Board that seeks to saturate the United States and Canada with the Gospel. GPS aims toward *Every Believer Sharing and Every Lost Person Hearing the Gospel* in North America by 2020. Every two years throughout this decade there is a special encouragement to share the message of salvation through suggested ministries. That does not mean to neglect ways through which you are sharing the Gospel already, but to consider new opportunities related to the current emphasis. In 2010, door to door witnessing and the distribution of tracts and invitations to Easter services were encouraged. In 2012, sharing the Gospel through special evangelistic events was encouraged. **In 2014, we will encourage sharing the Word of Christ as we minister to the needs of people in our communities who do not yet know our Lord.**

You will be hearing and reading the phrases **Serving Across North America** and **Serving Across Alabama** often. For our association, we will encourage **Serving Across Fayette County and Beyond**. By that phrase we mean several things. First, we have two churches in our fellowship that are **located beyond** the borders of Fayette County. New Lexington and Crossville are, of course, as much upon our hearts as Fayette, Berry, Hubbertville, Belk, Bankston, Covin, and all of the additional communities where FCBA churches are located. Second, many people in our churches **work beyond** Fayette County. Members of our churches work from Tupelo to Tuscaloosa to Mercedes to Birmingham...and beyond. The work place provides a prime opportunity for sharing the Gospel because we build relationships there, and the Gospel is shared from one person to another. Third, individuals and churches will **travel beyond** our church and associational ministry fields to other parts of our state, nation, and world. They will be going on short term mission trips to share the Gospel, often through serving the needs of the lost. Fayette County Baptist Association will partner with the **Mississippi River Ministry** as we sponsor an Associational Mission Trip to the Mississippi Delta and encourage churches to prayerfully consider additional opportunities.

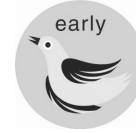
Serving Across Fayette County and Beyond holds promise of being the framework in which **two years of fruitful evangelism and missions** takes place. Please begin praying now about the participation of your church in this effort. Training materials, specific ministry possibilities, and partnership opportunities are on their way to you through the FCBA Associational Office. If the Lord does not return before, I pray that we will look back upon 2014-2015 as years when we embraced wholeheartedly the example of Jesus Christ, as He admonished His disciples to do, when He said, **"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"** (Matt. 20:28).

FCBA VBS Clinic

Grace Baptist

Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 pm

For all Pastors and VBS Directors/ Meal Included

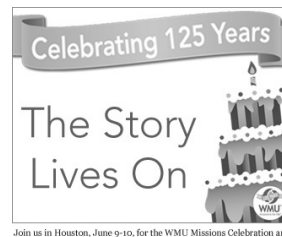


2014 Associational WMU Rally

Fayette First Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 11

Meal-6:15 pm ~ Program-7:00 pm



Guest speaker,
Candace McIntosh, Executive Director of Alabama WMU

The program will be based upon the book, *The Story Lives On*, which celebrates the 125th Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Union. Every church represented will receive a copy of this book. A nursery will be provided.

ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES . . .

Serving Across Alabama Training for Pastors, Staff, and Church Leaders. This will be held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL on Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. You may make reservations by calling 1-800-264-1225.

An introduction to the **2014 Doctrinal Study, Subversive Kingdom** by Ed Stetzer, will be held at the FCBA Office on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 pm and repeated Wednesday, January 29th at 8:30 am.

Children's Ministry Day for students in Grades 1-6 will be held on February 15th.

February is Disaster Relief Preparedness Month for Alabama Baptist churches. An offering with a suggested goal of \$1.00 per member is being received from churches to enable the State DR team to purchase equipment that is needed for large operations. You can obtain video, posters, and envelopes by calling 1-800-264-1225, ext. 273. **DR training** will be offered for our district at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Northport February 6-8. See details at sbdr.org.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

Unity ordained Josh Musgrove to the Gospel Ministry on Sunday, November 10th.

Grace is now offering MasterLife in home settings as an outreach/discipleship ministry.

December Food Closet Report

21 Families 41 Individuals

Donations Since Last Newsletter

Rehobeth WOM, Macedonia, New River, Southside, Pleasant Hill, Beville Staff, Beville School of Nursing, Grace

December 2013 Treasurer's Report

Mission Fund	3050.97
Designated Funds:	
Property	14591.00
Food Closet	2849.68
Nursing Home Christmas Store	197.98
On Mission Celebration	2200.16
PEN Group	-681.88
Tornado Relief Fayette Co	3475.63
Total	25683.54
Contingency Fund	2741.91
Total Funds	28425.45

Mission Fund	Dec	YTD
Ashcraft Corner	0.00	0.00
Bankston	31.00	231.00
Beaver Creek	50.00	375.00
Belk	0.00	0.00
Berry	517.00	5,978.00
Bethel	0.00	1,494.16
Caines Ridge	0.00	150.00
Chapel Hill	753.67	2,883.58
Concord	0.00	1,760.70
Covin	296.85	1,570.95
Fayette First	2,435.99	24,828.65
Grace	0.00	6,624.00
Macedonia	143.20	2,075.20
Mountain Home	0.00	67.50
New River	199.28	2,228.47
Oak Ridge	81.03	927.14
Oakes Chapel	102.58	1,400.04
Philadelphia	76.40	1,355.25
Pilgrim Rest	144.24	2,703.64
Pisgah	39.00	447.00
Pleasant Grove	67.00	1,175.00
Pleasant Hill	194.32	2,672.08
Rehobeth	323.89	4,410.30
Salem	300.00	2,300.00
Sand Springs	197.76	3,503.28
Shady Grove	0.00	1,200.00
Shepherd	114.36	606.74
Southside	1,033.00	13,853.00
Spring Hill	0.00	120.00
Union Grove	0.00	143.83
Unity	0.00	5,816.36
UNDESIGNATED	7,100.57	92,900.87

February 2014 Calendar

4	FCBA VBS Early Bird Clinic-office
7-8	Bi-voc Minister/Spouse Retreat,
11	FCBA WMU Rally
15	Children's Ministry Day
24-25	State Evang. Rally, Montgomery

February Birthdays

2	Brianna (Stovall) - Oakes Chapel
10	Jesse Boggan - Philadelphia
12	Tommy Clements-Shady Grove
16	Beverly Jones - Salem
26	Regan Rye - Sand Springs

February Wedding Anniversaries

11	Robert/Debbie Parrish - Southside
25	Marshall/Faye Sutton - Ashcraft



Our next
Executive Committee Meeting
will be held at **Berry Baptist**
on March 10, 2014, 6:00 pm