



# 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 . . .

I want to commend the churches of our association for increasing the total amount given by FCBA churches through the Cooperative Program during 2013. Our churches gave \$174,867.91 through the CP in 2012. In 2013, that total was \$180,391.74. That is a three percent increase. We say "given through" the CP because there is no "program" where this money stays. It is all channeled to ministries in a manner that provides a solid foundation for the work of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions and the Southern Baptist Convention. That includes our North American and International Mission Boards. In terms of human fitness, we are taught that we must keep our "core" muscles strong in order to provide a foundation for total health. Likewise, churches giving through the Cooperative Program maintain the core support that is needed for all other Alabama and Southern Baptist mission endeavors to flourish. I see a day coming when SBC churches will be inundated with requests from church planters, missionaries, and mission teams for direct funding. I will sympathize with these requests because they represent good people trying to reach the lost. But I do believe that our "missionary core muscles" must remain strong through Cooperative Program giving if we are to see our greatest missionary potential realized. Thank you for your increase in CP giving during the past year.

While I'm at it, let me preach a little. The money that is needed to make possible all of the missionary visions that Southern Baptists have is not in our churches, associations, state conventions, or SBC agencies. It is in the pockets of Christians who are not tithing or giving to mission offerings. Christians in America are giving about two percent of their income to church and ministry today. Since some are tithing, that means many are ignoring Christ's commands and the needs of a terribly fallen world. The great potential for Southern Baptists is to instill within the hearts of our people a love for God and the lost world that will compel them to give as God has given so richly to us. C. T. Studd said "If Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." He was also the first to write "only one life, 'twill soon be past, and only what's done for Christ will last." Jim Elliott said "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what He cannot lose." Let's encourage one another to invest in the proclaiming of the Gospel to all peoples.

## 2014 FCBA VBS Clinic

### Berry Baptist Church

### Tuesday, April 1st

### 6:00-8:00 pm



For all VBS workers, including those not using LifeWay.

*Rescheduled*

## 2014 Associational WMU Rally

### Fayette First Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, April 8th

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

Guest speaker, Candace McIntosh  
Executive Director of Alabama WMU

### CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

**Fayette First** will sponsor a Free Yard Sale on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The church will host revival services on March 16-19 with Lawrence Phipps, leader of It's Life Ministry, serving as the evangelist. Sunday's services will be held at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. Monday and Tuesday services will meet at 6:30 pm. Wednesday's service will begin at 6:00 pm.

**Unity** will sponsor a Crappie Tournament April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Banquet, featuring Dan Lanier, will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Visit [unitybcfayette.org](http://unitybcfayette.org) for details.

**The Easter Season** would be an excellent time to gather friends at church or in homes to watch the Billy Graham DVD **The Cross**. The message fits in with the events leading up to the resurrection and shares the Gospel effectively. Contact Larry Barnes by April 1 to secure a DVD.

The **Alabama Baptist Annual Training Conference at Shocco Springs** will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Training will be offered for feeding, cleanup and recovery, shower units, chainsaw, administration, communications, and chaplaincy. Visit [sbdr.org](http://sbdr.org) for further information.

The **Fayette Gideons Camp** will hold their annual **Pastors Banquet** at Bevil State on April 25<sup>th</sup>. **Rally Day** will be Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. You should be receiving mail soon concerning these events.



### January Food Closet Report

29 Families 66 Individuals

### Donations Since Last Newsletter

Unity, Macedonia, Pleasant Hill, New River, Individual, FFBC-Grimsley Circle, Fayette First, Rehobeth WOM

### January 2014 Treasurer's Report

<b>Mission Fund</b>	8520.82
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	
Property	14982.12
Food Closet	2338.12
Nursing Home Christmas Store	197.98
On Mission Celebration	2250.16
PEN Group	-681.88
Tornado Relief Fayette Co	3475.63
Adopted Missionary	1200.00
Annual Fund	402.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>32685.45</b>
Contingency Fund	2741.91

### Total Funds 35427.36

Mission Fund	Jan	YTD
Ashcraft Corner	0.00	0.00
Bankston	0.00	0.00
Beaver Creek	0.00	0.00
Belk	0.00	0.00
Berry	563.00	563.00
Bethel	368.66	368.66
Caines Ridge	0.00	0.00
Chapel Hill	0.00	0.00
Concord	667.00	667.00
Covin	0.00	0.00
Fayette First	5,602.38	5,602.38
Grace	1,642.00	1,642.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Mountain Home	0.00	0.00
New River	250.48	250.48
Oak Ridge	79.50	79.50
Oakes Chapel	141.89	141.89
Philadelphia	99.00	99.00
Pilgrim Rest	254.20	254.20
Pisgah	34.00	34.00
Pleasant Grove	132.00	132.00
Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00
Rehobeth	404.95	404.95
Salem	200.00	200.00
Sand Springs	333.13	333.13
Shady Grove	500.00	500.00
Shepherd	0.00	0.00
Southside	1,089.00	1,089.00
Spring Hill	50.00	50.00
Unity	626.00	626.00
<b>UNDESIGNATED</b>	<b>13,037.19</b>	<b>13,037.19</b>

### March 2014 Calendar

7-8	COMPLETE, Montgomery
9	Daylight Saving Time Begins
10	<b>Exec Comm Mtg- Berry</b>
24-28	AEA

### March Birthdays

3	Barbara Kitchens - Covin
5	Tracey Johnson - Chapel Hill
9	Linda Mitchell - Macedonia
11	Scott Stovall - Oakes Chapel
12	Joe Jones - Salem
17	Jerry Ray - Pleasant Hill
20	Alexis Clark - Unity
28	John Creitz-Concord

### March Wedding Anniversaries

19	Larry/Jane Barnes - FCBA
20	Ray/Tracey Johnson - Chapel Hill

### March Pastor Church Anniversary

2006	Dawson Morrison - Mt Home
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Our next  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
will be held at **Berry Baptist**  
on March 10, 2014, 6:00 pm