

**BETHLEHEM-PINE BARREN ASSOCIATIONS: WE ARE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTISTS <> SEPTEMBER 2020**

Dear Beloved,

In Dr. Jerry Rankin's book, *To the Ends of the Earth* he says:

*"Prayer support is so important that approval for missionary appointment is contingent upon each missionary candidate enlisting at least [a hundred] intercessors who will covenant to pray for them every day...Just as it would be unthinkable to send missionaries to the field and not assure them of financial support, it is irresponsible to allow them to go overseas into Satan's territory without assurance of prayer support. That is even more critical."*

I now believe Dr. Rankin's strategy of a hundred intercessors for daily prayer is urgently needed here in Monroe and Wilcox as well. I'm asking for you to pray for me each day and if you'll call, email or text your prayer requests I'll pray for you. (Call or Text Steve at 251-282-7132; Email: [sddunn@frontiernet.net](mailto:sddunn@frontiernet.net))

During the pandemic, you will be blessed to know our association churches are continuing to encourage one another and reach out to their communities. Many members of our churches volunteered to distribute food at county schools each day. Steve Lancaster, Monroe Food Coordinator, asked me to thank all our volunteers...THANKS TO ALL OF YOU! Ramah Baptist recently gave out 85 bags of school supplies. Poplar Springs, Mineola, and Uriah First partnered for a prayer drive through the J.U. Blacksher campus. Patsy and Tommy Bradley on behalf of our associational WMU's delivered to Louisiana 67 buckets of supplies which helped the victims of Hurricane Laura. Mineola baptized someone on a Monday afternoon and Eastwood baptized someone in a nearby creek. Our Associational Ministry Field Students-Adam Primm and Dylan Gary are assisting associational churches regularly. The list of associational faithfulness would be exceptionally long. We are richly blessed to have associations with a Great Commitment to The Great Commission.

Our Associational Executive Boards have not met since the pandemic. Our associational financial reports are available. We are presently planning to abbreviate our annual meetings to one hour for business and one for worship (3 p.m. -5 p.m.). More details later. Call if you have questions. Let us pray one for another...

Steve