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**A WORD FROM
YOUR DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**

This is my last newsletter article as your Director of Missions. I have struggled to find the right words to convey my feelings. We have journeyed together in our faith for eleven and a half years. Now, I feel that it is time for me to retire from this place of leadership. God is taking Maarah and me in a different direction. We have made so many friends and have worked with so many dedicated servants during our time here. It has been a journey of faith that has been showered with God's Amazing Grace. I pray that you will continue your journey of faith day by day. In doing so, I pray that you will find new and exciting ways to live out your faith and to know His grace every day.

Although we are retiring from this place of service, we will continue to look for new and exciting ways to serve the Lord. We desire your prayers for us as we embark on a journey that is unknown but that we know is in the hands of God.

Maarah and I love you all and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the privilege of serving and walking alongside each of you for the past eleven and a half years. The journey has been amazing, and we will always remember you with love, recalling the joy for having served with you, and thanking God for allowing us to walk among you. We were blessed!

In His Love,
Bro. John



Prayers to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace

and zeal to their hearts. Most of all turn their hearts in saving faith to Jesus, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:3

The Summit: For Church Leaders
August 3 @ 1:30 pm - August 4 @ 1:00 pm

Age-graded leadership training for teachers and workers in Sunday School and Discipleship, as well as training for staff members, Sunday School/Discipleship directors and general leaders. Each leader will have the opportunity to attend as many as seven conferences with multiple topics from which to choose. Complete lists of speakers, topics and schedules are posted online. Register by contacting Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center at 1-800-280-1105 or online at Shocco.org. The cost per person is based on your choice of lodging.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bethlehem Pastor/Staff Fellowship and Lunch meets each Monday at 11:30am at the Bethlehem Associational Office.

August 19—Retirement reception in honor of John and Maarah Marks; FBC Monroeville Fellowship Hall; 2:00-3:30

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Bethsaida—Rev. Don Bell, Pastor

August 11—Security (pistol) training class; Fox Hill Plantation in Furman, AL; 8:00am with lunch provided

Gulleets Bluff—Rev. Reid Nettles, Pastor

August 1-3—VBS; 6:30-8:30pm

Mineola—Rev. Jeff Kirchharr, Pastor

August 11—Men's Night; Fish Fry; 6:00pm

Mt. Olive—Rev. Dwayne Reed, pastor

August 5—Homecoming; 10:30am

August 6-8—Revival; 6:30pm

New Providence—Rev. Tommy Primm

August 5—Homecoming; 11:00am; covered dish to follow



*Celebrating Years of Faithful Ministry
and Wishes for a Happy Retirement*

The Bethlehem and Pine Barren Baptist Associations

invite you to a reception to be held in honor of

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Marks, Sr.

for over 11 years of service to

both associations.

Sunday, August 19, 2018

2:00-3:30

FBC Monroeville Fellowship Hall

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Hebrews 6:10