



## COLEMAN'S LANTERN

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. <sup>18</sup> Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.  
(Psalm 71:17-18, KJV)

My memories of church go way back to childhood. I remember being fascinated by a Flannelgraph presentation of Elijah calling down fire from heaven when I was around three years old, and reading the Books of the Bible in church at about the same age. My parents tell me that, when I read "Deuteronomy," I said, "Now that there's a hard word to pronounce!" I have no idea how many water color paints, craft sticks, and pipe cleaners wound up being smeared, glued, or twisted by young Ray in Sunday School and VBS. I made my profession of faith in a Children's Church service...not high-pressured, but tailored to our needs.

The purpose of these reminiscences is not to look back at some "good old days," but to say that my spiritual life and growth were aided by a host of adults who gave their time and effort to train children and youth in the truths of the Bible. You never know when you might be training a future pastor or missionary, but you know you're giving a future adult a good foundation if you take seriously the calling of Psalm 71 (above). Let's join together in showing each new generation the power of the eternal God!

In His service,

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**Christmas backpacks for Appalachia will be collected between 11 and 5, October 10-12, at Eastside Baptist Church.**

**If your haven't already, please call Glennis to tell her how many to expect from your church.**

**Backpacks for the Dawson, GA distribution will be collected, Nov. 14-16 and Nov. 28-30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Eastside**



The Smyrna Baptist Association Fall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 30, at Westwood Baptist Church, with registration at 2:30 p.m. The Afternoon Session will begin at 3 p.m., we will break for supper at 6 p.m., and close with the Evening Session at 7 p.m.

Our Executive Committee will meet two weeks earlier, on Tuesday, October 16, at the Associational Office at 7 p.m.

**Associational Officers—PLEASE e-mail your reports for the Book of Reports to Bro. Ray (raycoleman@hotmail.com) NO Later than Oct. 23. Thanks!**



GBC Annual Meeting—Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins  
Nov. 12-13

No messenger cards will be mailed—online registration only.



**Around the Association  
and the Area**

**October**

Mon., Oct. 8—Monthly Ministers' Meeting at Covered Wagon Restaurant, Douglas—11 a.m.

Wed-Fri, Oct. 10-12—Backpack deadline. Call Glennis for more information.

Tue., Oct. 16—Assoc. Executive Committee Mtg. @ Associational Office, 7 p.m.

Thu-Sat., Oct. 18-20—Bro. Ray out of town, attending National Small Town Church Conf. in NC

Tue., Oct. 30—Annual (Fall) Associational Meeting @ Westwood, 3 p.m.

**November**

Mon., Nov. 6—Monthly Ministers/ Meeting @ Covered Wagon Restaurant, Douglas—11 a.m.

Mon-Tue, Nov. 12-13—Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting—Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins (All Day)



1. Every Kid has a Complete Bible (Old and New Testaments)
2. Every Kid knows the Books of the Bible
3. Every Kid reads the Book of Genesis this Winter
4. Every Kid Memorizes 10 Bible Verses. (see list at right)
5. <https://gabaptistgroups.org/kids-in-the-word->

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FBC Broxton, Burkett, Calvary, Denton, FBC Douglas, Mt. Zion, Northside, Reedy Branch St. Illa

**MINISTERIAL MOVES**

Rev. Walter James has resigned from the Patorate of St. Illa.

**The Verses:**

**Genesis 1:31—Psalm 56:3—Psalm 119:11  
Malachi 3:10—Matthew 28:19-20—Luke 2:52  
Romans 10:9—Ephesians 2:7—James 1:22  
1 John 4:21**

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