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Supporting Member Churches as They Come Together in the Common Bond of Serving Christ



Time to Register for WBA's Youth Camp! July 6- 11th

Located at the AH Stephens Park in Crawfordville
Deadline for youth registration is June 13th.
Go to www.washingtonbaptistchurch.org and
click on the Youth link to get the application.

THE PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE:
Thursday, May 21, 2020
Friendship W Baptist Church
4339 County Line Road
Sandersville, GA
10:00 a.m.

Lunch arrangements will be decided at the meeting.

Vacation Bible Schools' Schedules

1. *First Baptist Church Sandersville: July 12-16*

Please send Your church's schedule for the Next Newsletter

WBA Calendar

May 21	Pastor Roundtable
May 25	Memorial Day (WBA office closed)
June 21	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 6-11	WBA Youth Camp, Crawfordville
August 11	Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm, Black Springs Baptist

Reach Out Service

On May 4, 2020, we received a telephone call from a father in desperate need of finding his son in Louisiana. He knew that he was a pastor of a church near or in Slidell, Louisiana. I contacted the First Baptist Church in Slidell and they were able to put me in contact with Ms. Kathy Cason at the Northshore Baptist Association in Covington, Louisiana. She reached out to the Pastors and churches in that area and we found the church where the son was a Pastor at Magnolia Mission Baptist Church of Covington, Louisiana. I passed the information to his father on Monday night, 5/5/2020 with addresses and telephone numbers. He notified the Association on May 6, 2020 that he had telephoned his son and was able to talk to him. Praises to the Lord for this reunion. A special THANK YOU to Ms. Kathy Cason for your help.

Facemasks

We were able to acquire 200 facemasks at the Association. One hundred of them have already been delivered to the Sandersville medical community. We have 100 to be used for individual or small group needs. Please contact us if you are in need of some.



Backpacks for Appalachia Planning

The Association will be ordering backpacks this month. They should be available in June for \$5.00 each. As you begin to reopen and planning begins again, please put this need on your list. The children in the mountain areas are always happy when these are passed out around Christmas time.

Missionary Moment
David Self, Director of Missions

Everyone wants to know when the spiritual community can resume normal worship. The best advice I heard from pastors and leaders in our denomination is to use wisdom. Such wisdom will produce different outcomes as every church is different. The triangle model may help you move forward.



The medical community still recommends social distancing. If you have people who are prone to illness or in their senior years, listen to the medical advice. If you are ill, stay home. Your church may have an abundance of children or an abundance of seniors. Parents who have to hold their crying children, may wish to be at home. Some of your people want personal engagement while others would rather watch you on Facebook or hear you over the phone. Listen to their concerns; don't rush them. Sometimes you seek God's will and you conclude that it is relatively safe for your people to meet. If you are looking for the "all clear," you may never hear it. No one can absolutely know the future and living is never completely safe. Although Lifeway features a Ministry Grid tool that will help you get started. <https://ministrygrid.com/coronavirus>

When watching every news report about COVID -19 and social distancing, people may feel anxious about resuming normal living. Such feelings can paralyze people and keep them locked in their homes for much longer than needed. There is a fear of shaking hands, sitting in crowds, going to the grocery store, etc. The search for safety could make one live in a perpetual quarantine. Life is not safe, nor was it ever. I could cite statistical data that would easily make the danger of viruses seem much smaller. Why do we not panic over car accidents, violent crime, or a fatal heart attack? It's mostly because we have become accustomed to these dangers. We simply try to manage the risks and move on with our lives. The self-quarantine cannot last without creating a greater disaster than the virus itself. I have received calls from adults who say that they have no food in their homes. And, if you are like most people, your diet has changed from what is "good" to what is "tasty." Some start smoking and drinking again. A man received a deep cut on his hand and refused medical care. Others have shared issues regarding loneliness and anger. Many people can cite over thirty unpleasant changes in lifestyle. To manage your life in this time, consider these coping skills

- Admit that absolute safety is impossible. To live is to risk.
- Talk to people about the unpleasant issues surrounding you.
- Make yourself get out of the house. Your social media is not the real world.
- Drive around town to remind yourself that the world is okay.
- Do something meaningful. Call to check on a neighbor, start a new hobby, give to your church, pray for your community, and find a mission.

Woman's Missionary Union
Harriett Amerson, Director

Dealing With Life's Storms

COVID-19 or Coronavirus are two words we continue to hear and wish we had never heard. As we work through this pandemic, we, as Christians, continue to put our hope and truth in the Lord that he will carry us through. We have placed crosses at our homes that represent Faith over Fear. Many of the crosses also display some type of red symbol that represents the blood of Christ. We realize we are not immune to this virus, but we will not let it affect our belief that Jesus is who he says he is and that he has this. As a 4 time cancer survivor, I am now dealing with cancer again. I put my HOPE and FAITH in the Lord. On October 2, 2019, I was given the diagnosis of colon cancer again, and then on October 7 that it had metastasized to the liver and was classified as Stage 4. At that time, I gave this storm to my Lord. I told him it was bigger than any of the other cancer storms I had gone through. I tell everyone that my lifeguard walks on water and that I am just treading water along side of him. My prayer warriors continue to lift me up to the Lord for healing. Since October, I have continued to work 2 days a week at the WBA and do most of my regular house duties. My husband, Lou, has been my care giver and support. He is always with me when I have chemo and/or other tests. He said we were in this together. My family and church family have given me support and are always willing to do anything if I ask. Due to the fact that I don't "act" sick and continue to do my usual routines, they forget that I do have stage 4 liver cancer... I also forget that sometimes too. We all have storms that we must go through in our lives, just remember Jesus wins in the end. Our Lord and Savior died on the cross for our sins. He who believes in him will have eternal life. I pray that YOU know him and put your Faith, Hope, and Trust in him as you continue to deal with life's storms.

Love in Christ,
 Dianne Popp

COVID-19 THANK YOU NOTES

The Association purchased 700 facemasks and were given 200 by GEMA . The 700 were sent to Albany and 100 were sent to the Sandersville area. Thanks to Danny Gore for acquiring the 200 and giving them to the Association for distribution. The Association received Thank You Letters and notes from the following:

- Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, GA
- Sandersville Family Practice, Sandersville, GA
- Dr. Wentzelle Kitchens, Sandersville, GA

Budget Receipts from Churches
October 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

Bethel	250.00	Hardwick	4,200.00	Olive Hill	
Bethlehem	1,200.00	Harmony	1050.00	PI Grove	806.55
Black Spr	3,500.00	Is.Creek	5,835.00	Powelton	
Church Ctl		Jewell	620.84	Ridge Hgt	1,757.62
Community	552.64	Lakeside	7,182.65	Riverside	100.00
Word Comm	300.00	Lighthouse		S'ville 1 st	7,000.00
Culverton		Long Cr	525.00	Sinclair	750.00
Darien	500.00	M'vill 1 st	4,520.88	Sisters	2,677.41
Davisboro		Min Sprgs	1,750.00	Smyrna	2,100.00
Devereux	600.00	Mitchell	200.00	Sparta 1 st	525.00
Fairmount		Mosleyville	875.00	Tennille	1,022.02
FriendshipG	515.00	Mt Steph.		Union	1,050.00
FriendshipW	2,317.00	Northside	7,823.75	Victory	
Grace		Ohoopee	1,023.00	Westview	1,950.90