

TALLAPOOSA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Equipping Churches to Expand God's Kingdom

JAMES SMITH, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Church News

CALVARY HEIGHTS had at least 200 people attend their Fall Festival. Their children will present a Christmas play at 6pm on Dec 10. Their Christmas Cantata will be at 11am on Dec 17, and that evening they will hold a Candlelight Service at 7pm.

CAMP HILL is having "Senior Adult Sunday" on Dec 3rd. Sunday School is at 10 am and Worship is at 11. A meal will follow in the fellowship hall. Ashley Smith, a woman from their church, is on a 3 month long Mission Trip to India, working with Dr. Abhi Sethia. Pray for the Lord to do a mighty work and that she will return safely with awesome testimonies to share.

DADEVILLE FIRST sent a 4 member mission team to Kenya for a week in November to investigate possible partnership opportunities. Their children's Christmas musical will be Sun evening, Dec 3 at 5:30. The Adult Choir's musical will be Sun, Dec 10 at 10am, and the Handbell's Christmas program will be Sun, Dec 17 at 5:30 pm.

LAKE POINTE hosted community veterans and their families for a Veterans' Appreciation Lunch and brief recognition program on Sat, Nov 11. They will dedicate their new buildings in a special service beginning at 10 am on Sun, Nov26. In addition to the dedication and thanksgiving activities, they will host a special music concert featuring Wes Hampton of the Gaither Vocal Band. The church will celebrate the Christmas story with a musical entitled "A Miracle in a Manger" featuring the Lake Pointe Spirit and Truth Singers at 10am on Dec10. They will also celebrate believer's baptism with 5 candidates for baptism ready to go! Everyone is welcome.

ROCKY CREEK celebrated paying off the note for their new sanctuary with a note burning service Nov 19. Having that debt paid off allowed them to buy land next to their church. They baptized 5 people in October!

TBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>OCT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Gen Budget Needs	\$12,675.00	126,750.00
Gen Budget Receipts	13,491.49	123,945.39
Gen Budget Expenses	12,062.46	116,704.88

The checkbook balance on 10/31/2017 was \$31,319.74 (including general funds & designated funds).

KIDZ & MISSIONS

2:00 - 3:30 pm on Sunday, Dec 3
@ the TBA Office

Kidz Grades 1-6 are invited for an afternoon of fun, with stories, games, cookies & activities to learn a little about Lottie & about our missionaries who serve in other countries today.



Help us know how many to prepare for, by calling Jerilyn (304-669-0993) & signing up by Dec 1.

DECEMBER MINISTERS CONFERENCES

- **Monday Morning Group:**
Dec 4 @ 11am - Gerald Hallmark will share about the Holy Land (Lunch will be provided)
- **Marketplace Ministers: Nov 11 @ 6pm**
Dinner will be provided

The Tallapoosa Christian Crisis Center still needs your help!

DONATE
nonperishable goods
to help stock their pantry.

"Do not forget to do good & to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
Hebrews 13:16

MISSION STRATEGIST is a term not in my job description, but yet with the title Director of Missions, it can be implied. I look at Acts 1:8 and the Great Commission (not Omission) to pray and seek where we should go as an association of churches to be salt and light to touch our world. We must start at home.



We have 49 churches, a total of 6,487 resident members in our churches and had only 151 reported baptisms last year. Currently five of our churches are involved in Evangelism Renewal to help Kingdom growth, but that is not sufficient. Our county has a population of about 42,000. According to RADA, we have roughly 21,000 not in any church. We have a large lost population in Tallapoosa County. We must see the people around us as lost and share Jesus with them. **Never assume someone is a Christian.** In addition, we have many churches that have "plateaued," some of whom are hanging on to life by a thread. They need to be revitalized, and we need to find ways and means to help.

Looking beyond our "Jerusalem," we are ministering with the Bruce Outreach Center in Westernport, MD and are looking at possible places to form partnerships internationally. We are also awaiting information about a request for AL Baptists to partner with churches in Puerto Rico.

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the needs all around us. But the old saying is, "How do you eat an elephant? The answer is "one bite at a time." We see one person changed by the Lord, and then another, and another. That is exciting! **We are to be on mission for the Lord from the time we wake up till we go to bed at night. It is our calling as a follower of Jesus Christ.** I am a follower of Jesus that wants to see people come to Jesus, see churches changed and minister in other places as well. There are people in our churches with these same concerns. If you want to see changes and help in any of the areas above, call me so we can mobilize and become a movement that would see changes in our churches and see the Kingdom of God enlarged. May we march forward as the army of the Lord to impact our society for the Lord Jesus Christ and to see people changed by Him one by one.

Until all the nets are full,
James Smith

The next newsletter will come out January 4, so have a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

PATHWAYS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

A Family Ministry of AL Baptist Children's Homes
We are blessed to have Scott Estes, a Licensed Professional Counselor, at our office each Thursday.
For Appointments, call Scott at 334-451-0804

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