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2023

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Oakdale Homecoming 	2	3	4	5  Gideons Banquet 7 PM at FBC	6	7
8 Rock Springs Homecoming  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING @ 2:00 @ THE LBA	9 Transitional Pastoral Training 	10	11	12	13  The Turquoise Table	14
15 Annual Meeting 	16	17	18	19  Pastor's Evangelism Training	20  WMU Salad Supper	21  Montrose Family Fall Festival Mt Zion Family Fall Festival
22	23	24	25	26	27	28  Rentz Family Fall Festival
29	30  TEEN CHALLENGE Teen Challenge Gala	31  Olivet Family Fall Festival				

ANNUAL MEETING

October 15, 2023

Registration starts at 4PM

Olivet Baptist Church

Speaker: Emir Caner



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 8

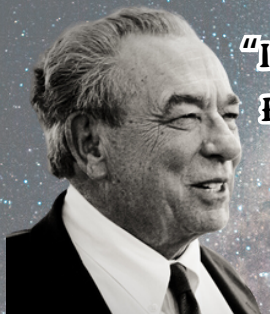
@ 2:00 PM

LBA Office

THE LBA IS NO LONGER PARTNERED WITH FAMILIES FOR FAMILIES NOR ARE WE PROVIDING COUNSELING AT THIS TIME. IF YOU WISH TO DONATE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO GO OVER OPTIONS.

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL OUR PASTORS, MINISTERS, AND CHURCH STAFF, AND ALL THEY DO TO SERVE LAURENS COUNTY!

"I DON'T ALWAYS FEEL HIS PRESENCE, BUT GOD'S PROMISES DO NOT DEPEND UPON MY FEELINGS: THEY REST IN HIS INTEGRITY."
- R.C. SPROUL



FREE FAMILY FALL FESTIVALS:

MONTROSE: OCTOBER 21 | 5-8PM

MT ZION: OCTOBER 21 | 3-6 PM

RENTZ: OCTOBER 28, | 10 AM - 12 PM

OLIVET: OCTOBER 31 | 6-8PM

GAMES, TREATS, AND MORE!!!



CHURCH NEWS

Bethlehem Baptist:

Part Time Youth Pastor. Paid position.
Send resumes to youth@bbced.org

Cadwell Baptist Church:

Seeking to hire a custodian.
Part Time.

Must be able to keep church tidy after all activities, be able to lift 50 lbs, and address simple maintenance.

Contact: Wendy Upshaw
(478)-290-0431

Dexter Baptist Church:

Part-time Student Director.
(up to 20hrs/week)

Submit resumes to:

dexterbaptist@progressivetel.com

or mail to P.O. Box 35, Dexter, GA 31019

Dudley Baptist Church

Bi-vocational Senior Adult Pastor.

Send resumes to

Matt Greene

mgpacker45@gmail.com

Grace Baptist Church:

Full-time Senior Pastor.

Contact Brett Ragan at

brettraganbc@gmail.com

or (478) 279-1381.

Minter Baptist Church:

Pianist

Contact:

James Allen (478) 304-2418

New Bethel:

Part Time Secretary

Send resumes to:

klcollins964@gmail.com

Pleasant Hill:

Part Time Youth Pastor.

Please send a resume with three references to

shradar@yahoo.com.

A background check will be required.

Pleasant Springs:

is accepting resumes for a new pastor.

Poplar Springs North Baptist Church:

Part-time Children's Director/Minister.

Paid position.

Send resumes to

wespinkley@gmail.com

Rentz Baptist Church:

Part time Music/Worship Leader.

For more info: (478) 984-4657 or

rentzbaptist@gmail.com

Rock Springs Baptist Church:

Part-time Student Pastor.

Contact Ricky Graham at

(478) 984-8580

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

Fall is in the air, and thankfully, the weather is beginning to cool off slowly but surely!

Here at the LBA, we are gearing up for our Annual Meeting on October 15th at Olivet. We hope that all of our churches are making plans to be represented at our annual meeting. There will be a brief moment for business items and then we will worship and receive a message from Dr. Emir Caner, President of Truett McConnell University. I am looking forward to the message that God has for us, as well as our time of corporate worship.

We have already begun to make plans for mission trips next year, which I hope you will plan to participate. It is so exciting to think that we, as well as the churches of our association, are making plans to reach out to their communities and possibly around the world in 2024 with The Gospel-- the only thing that has the power to change lives. My prayer is that God will bless the efforts of His people as they go forth with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a reminder, you don't have to go very far in order to share the gospel. Many of our churches are already involved in serving and sharing with people through the ministries of the LBA.

Society today is full of unrest, confusion, and strife. It is obvious that the world has traded in the one true God for substitutionary "little g" gods. Those gods that allow worshippers to do as they please. With no standards, except their own, it is easy to see where we are lining up our priorities as a society. As much as some would like to flee the task ahead of us, we must remember the days of old; days where people turned away from God and made their own idols to worship. Friends that is where the world is today, full of people that have replaced the one true God for "little g" gods that appease their own selfish desires.

Therefore, just as Jesus made His way to the woman at the well in Samaria, and shared with her and ultimately the people in Samaria that He was the Savior, so we also must make it our purpose to share the good news with those around us. The disciples even wondered why that place and why Jesus was wasting time there, but friends our joy comes when we are obedient to share the Gospel where and when we are given the opportunity! Instead of our focus being on the sinful place in which people live, let us, as Jesus did, focus on the ripe harvest that is ready to receive the Gospel. My prayer is that we focus on the souls that God has placed within our reach to share the Gospel with so they may become a part of the harvest!

Last but not least, as churches are making plans for the coming year, remember that we are working to get our pond and the facilities here at the Associational Office ready for use. Give us a call if you would like to utilize the facilities that God has blessed us with!

By His Grace,

Kenny Rowland

Lead Missions Strategist &
Director of Missions



THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

25 The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

26 Jesus *said to her, "I am He, the One speaking to you."

27 And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What are You seeking?" or, "Why are You speaking with her?"

28 So the woman left her waterpot and went into the city, and *said to the people, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is He?"

30 They left the city and were coming to Him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat something."

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"

34 Jesus *said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.

John 4:25-34 (NASB)

LBA Financials YTD

YTD Totals
(January 1 2023 -
August 31 2023)

<u>Associations</u>	<u>\$163,940.23</u>
<u>Ministry Center</u>	<u>\$21,196.49</u>
<u>JOY Clinic</u>	<u>\$97,997.32</u>

Please call the office, if you need a
more detailed report.



J.O.Y. HEALTH CLINIC

J.O.Y. Medical, Dental, and Eye Clinic:
Medical & Administrative Office:

410 Academy Ave
(478) 272-4071

Dental Office:

112 Rowe St

(Please note all visitors by appointment only!)

Rita Green, BSN, RN J.O.Y. Clinic Director

Dr. Robert D Shuman, Jr, MD, Medical Director

**Rev Kenny Rowland Missions Strategist/
Director of Missions**

Patients seen for the month of August:

Dental: 11
Medical: 46
Gospel Shared: 26
Rededication: 5
New Salvation:
Attended Church: 29
Prayed With: 39
Counseled: 38



J.O.Y. FOODS

501 Bellvue Ave.
(478) 279-5727

Tuesdays-Thursdays 10am - 2pm
(Call for appointment only during these hours.)

Kim Rowland, Director

Families Served
August 2023= 336



Please note we will be changing back to a six month rotation for donations. (Changes will be made in January and July). Please, make sure you are making contributions monthly as we try to end food insecurity throughout the community.

OCTOBER - DECEMBER DONATION LIST

- Antioch:** Instant Potatoes
- Baker:** Grits
- Bethlehem:** Soup
- Bethesda:** Peanut Butter
- Bethsaida:** Baked Beans
- Bluesprings:** Jelly (8 oz or squeeze)
- Bluewater:** Paper Tissue/Towels
- Brewton:** Vienna Sausages
- Cadwell:** Spam
- Centerville:** Canned Beef Stew
- Central Drive:** Saltines
- Charity:** Mac and Cheese
- Dexter:** Canned Meat
- Dudley:** Canned Pasta
- East Dublin Dayspring:** Instant Potatoes
- Eastside:** Grits
- First Baptist:** Soup
- Grace:** Peanut Butter
- Image of God:** Baked Beans
- Jefferson Street:** Jelly (8oz or squeeze)
- Journey:** Paper Tissue/Towel
- Liberty:** Vienna Sausages
- Living Faith:** Spam
- Living Hope:** Canned Beef Stew
- Marie:** Saltines
- Minter:** Mac and Cheese
- Montrose:** Canned Meat
- Mt. Carmel:** Canned Pasta
- Mt. Zion:** Instant Potatoes
- New Bethel:** Grits
- New Direction:** Soup
- Oakdale:** Peanut Butter
- Oconee:** Baked Beans
- Olivet:** Jelly (8oz or squeeze)
- Orianna:** Paper Tissue/Towel
- Pleasant Hill:** Vienna Sausages
- Pleasant Springs:** Spam
- Poplar Springs North:** Canned Beef Stew
- Poplar Springs South:** Saltine Crackers
- Rentz:** Mac and Cheese
- Rock Springs:** Canned Meat
- Shady Grove:** Canned Pasta
- Snow Hill:** Instant Potatoes
- Union:** Grits
- Union Springs:** Soup
- Wellspring:** Peanut Butter
- White Springs:** Baked Beans
- Dublin Bible:** Jelly (8oz or squeeze)
- First Independent Methodist:** Paper Tissue/Towel
- First Methodist:** Vienna Sausages
- Immaculate:** Conception: Spam
- Pine Forest:** Canned Beef Stew
- Pinehurst Drive:** Saltines



J.O.Y. CLOTHES

**East Dublin Dayspring
Worship Center**

204 Hawkins St.
E. Dublin, GA
(478) 353-9077

**Closed for restructuring until
further notice.
Please call for emergencies only!**



Seeds of Hope Soup Kitchen

Hot meals served August 2023 =
1423



IN SYMPATHY

Bethlehem
Lynda Watson

Centerville
Martha Renfroe

Grace
Michael Spivey
Susan Drew

Snow Hill
James Fordham

First Baptist
Travis Davis



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Associational Events

ROCK SPRINGS 173rd HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 8, 2023 @11 AM
ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Speaker: Rev. Bobby Jones
Music: Kenny Croft and the Mercy Road Band



Transitional Pastoral Training

Monday, October 9, 2023
8:00AM-5:00PM | Dudley Baptist



WMU SALAD SUPPER

Thursday, October 19, 2023
6:00PM - 8:15pm | Marie Baptist



Pastor's Strategic Evangelism Planning

Thursday, October 19, 2023
10:30AM and 6:00PM | LBA Office



OAKDALE HOMECOMING

October 1st
Small Groups 9:30, Service 10:30,
Fellowship 11:30



Gideons Banquet

Thursday, October 5, 7PM
First Baptist



Teen Challenge Gala

Monday October 30, 2023 6-8PM
Tickets: \$75, Table: \$500 (seats 8)
Please contact Forest at
478-353-6700 or email
forest.pettis@teenchallenge.cc
for more information.



GOOD GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays @ 10 AM at the LBA
For more information
or questions contact:
Rev. Pinkley (478) 353-1461
or Joan Brantley (478) 272-7771



Every third Saturday of the month
Cadwell Baptist visits
the Baxley Children's Home.
If interested in serving, please contact
Cadwell Baptist 478-689-4322



THE TURQUOISE TABLE

OCTOBER 12-14, 2023
PINNACLE RETREAT CENTER
CLAYTON, GA

Brenda Woodard
3963 Soperton Hwy,
Chauncey, GA 31011
Cell: 478-279-1688,

Rebecca Sapp
200 Pete Sapp Rd,
Eastman, GA 31023
Cell: 478-461-4935

JUDGEMENT HOUSE

Where:

Plainfield Baptist Church Eastman, GA
271 Plainfield Rd, Eastman, GA 31023

When:

Saturday October 21 and 28, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Sunday October 22 and 29, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Reservations start September 1st
Call: 478-231-9026



State Events



Worship and Next Gen

Ministry Couples Marriage Retreat

October 13-15 | Callaway Gardens Resort and Spa
For more info or to register:

https://gabaptist.org/events/?_paged=2