Rowan Southern Baptist Association Newsletter

October, 2010

Mark Your Calendars...

Very Important
Associational
Semi-Annual Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2010
Faith Baptist Church
Registration: 6:45pm
Meeting 7:00pm
Everyone Welcome

Red Boxes

This year the WMU of North Carolina will be collecting Adult size toothbrushes (I per package) to go in the ***Red Boxes*** that will be given to the women that are incarcerated in the Raleigh Prisons. Please bring the toothbrushes to the Associational Office by November 1, 2010.

Looking Ahead

North Carolina Baptist State Convention
Greensboro Coliseum
November 15-17, 2010
Office will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

Just remember, you do not have to be a delegate to attend the State Convention, just to vote. If you have never taken the time to attend the Baptist State Convention it would be well worth your time.

North Carolina Aging Ministry
Care Team Training
First Baptist, Salisbury
Tuesday, November 16, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
For more information,
call the church at 704-663-0431

Reaching the World For Jesus: A Haiti Mission Report

a group of people from the association, led by Rev. Jim Harris went to Haiti to continue their work on the Children's Home that was destroyed by the hurricane. The trip was a real blessing. They were able to work on the Home as well as see many come to know the Lord.

The team is working very hard and making great progress and almost 80% of the orphanage has been rebuilt. Another trip is scheduled for sometime in January, 2011. The final dates have not been decided but we will keep you informed of their plans.

It will take about $20,000 to complete the project. If you would like to contribute to their efforts, please make your check out to Rowan Southern Baptist Association and mark it Haiti Boys Home or if you are considering going on the next trip just call the office.

Reserve this date!

On November 4, 2010, there will be an Associational WMU Prayer Retreat/Bible Study at Trading Ford Baptist Church. Mrs. Phyllis Elliot Elvington will be the speaker. "Phyllis" as many of us know her, is a wonderful Bible teacher, speaker, and writer. She will be speaking on the theme "Unhindered" which is the national WMU theme for the next two years. The Bible teaching will be based on the scripture Hebrews 12:1-2 and focus on how we as Christians should throw off all that hinders us and live the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus. If you are not a member of WMU, you are also encouraged to attend as the study is not WMU-specific but applicable in the life of every Christian. The evening will begin with a meal at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is $5.00. Please purchase meal tickets at the RSBA office by noon on Monday, November 1.

Hope to see you there!

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October is
Pastor Appreciation Month...
Be Sure to Remember Your Pastor

Layman Revival

Sherrill's Ford Baptist Church
Wednesday, Oct. 13th - Saturday, Oct. 16th
2 Laymen will speak each evening
7:00pm nightly
Special Music Each Night
EVERYONE WELCOME!
If you have any questions, please call
The church at 704- 637-0636

Deadline for the Huneycutt Scholarship
Monday, November 5, 2010
Applicants may go to our website:
www.rowansba.org for application.

Pray for Our Christmas Store!

October Anniversaries

10 Rev. & Mrs. Harold (Alene) Hughes, Pastor, Sherrills Ford
17 Mr. & Mrs. Duane (Michelle) Herman, Minister Children & Youth, Enon
24 Rev. & Mrs. Keith (Ginger) Mason, Pastor, Community

October Birthdays

3 Mrs. Jackie Cockerham, Pastor's Wife, Calvary
7 Rev. Billy Honeycutt, Pastor, Landis
15 Mrs. Traci Utley, Pastor's wife, South China Grove
21 Mrs. Emily Sides, Pastor's wife, Emmanuel
24 Mr. Duane Herman, Minister to Children & Youth, Enon
29 Rev. George Bradshaw, Pastor, Pine Ridge

Part Time Choir Director

Milford Hills Baptist is looking for a part time Choir Director for their Sunday Morning Services. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the church at 704-633-1423.

Strategy Coordinator Association

Rowan Southern Baptist Association (RSBA) is in the process of becoming a Strategy Coordinator Association (SC Association). Basically, a SC Association assumes the responsibility and work of a career missionary among an unreached people group (UPG). A UPG is an affinity group people among whom there are no known Christians or evangelical churches. The International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) neither has the personnel nor the resources to complete the work of reaching every UPG in the world. To fulfill the command to "teach all nations," there is a great need for individual churches and/or associations to assume responsibility for reaching a UPG.

One of the first steps in becoming a SC Association is to identify a UPG. After much prayer, RSBA is pursuing the possibility of working with Turks. The primary geographical location of Turks is the country of Turkey. However, there are an estimated 5 million Turks living in Germany. During the month of September a team from RSBA traveled to Turkey and Germany. The team was led by Larry Beck (RSBA Baptist Men International Missions Leader and member of Faith Baptist Church). Other team members included Tom Kimball, Charles Cauble, and Ken Miller (all members of Faith Baptist Church), and me (Brent Barker, RSBA Missionary). The purpose of the trip was to vision visit cities and towns within Turkey and Germany for the purpose of recommending future work to reach the UPG.

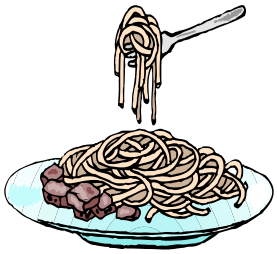
During the month of October, the RSBA Mission Development Council will be meeting with the vision team to debrief and discuss future plans among Turks. Please be in prayer for those involved. Below are a few specific requests:

1. Pray that the RSBA Mission Development Council will be led by the Holy Spirit to discern a clear direction for possible work among Turks.
2. Pray for unity among RSBA missions leadership.
3. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would call out laborers from RSBA churches for the harvest among Turks.
4. Pray for IMB field side personnel who are working among Turks (DB, SH, TS, AC, TT and their families).

To God Be the Glory,

Brent D. Barker
Associational Missionary
Rowan Southern Baptist Association

Area Wide Youth Event



Trading Ford Baptist Church
3600 Long Ferry Road Salisbury, NC
Saturday, November 6, 2010

3:00pm - Movie "To Save A Life"

5:00pm - Spaghetti Dinner & Discussion

6:00pm - Talent Time Youth Groups or Individuals are invited to sign up to share a talent

7:00pm - Special Guest: Danny Wallace
Author of Maskquerade (To Become a Movie)
From severe childhood sexual abuse, Bi-Sexuality, +HIV to forgiveness and Healing. A real life story of God at work.

RSVP to: sandym@medicalministries.org or call 704-6-5986 and leave a message.
A love offering will be taken during the event.

No One Turned Away

It Is Time For Our Annual Christmas Store... And We Need Your Help!

This Christmas will be very difficult for many of our Rowan County Residents. Our Annual Christmas Store is expecting an overwhelming amount of applications for assistance this year and **we need your help!**

The Rowan Southern Baptist Associational Christmas Store will need toys, clothes and gift s for children from birth through high school, (if a child is in high school they must be living at home and attending school full time to qualify)...so please do not forget our teenagers! In addition to the gifts, we are requesting any type of non-perishable food items as well as all types of candy for the children.

You may bring them by the associational office at any time Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 3:30pm. If you have any questions, just give me a call at 704-637-3407.

Christmas Store Applications are Ready
Just drop by the office & pick one up!

Needed...Volunteers For Our Christmas Store

This year we will be having a new Coordinator, Ms Phyllis Smith from Woodleaf Baptist Church and we will need everyone's help. We need our "old faithfuls" as well as any new volunteers. There is a lot of work that needs to be done but it is such a blessing, just ask any of the ones that have helped before...there is nothing like it! If you have always wanted to help but have never "gotten around to it", this is the year! Call the office and we will sign you up!