

Rowan Southern Baptist Association Newsletter

September, 2010

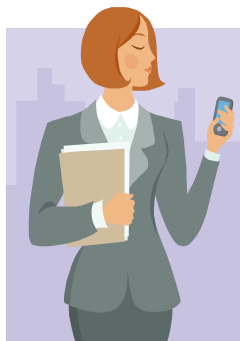


Moms In Touch International

Organized in 1984, Moms in Touch is an organization whose mission is “to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray.” Today the organization is a community of praying mothers, grandmothers, and others who are willing to pray for children, schools, teachers, and administrators in every state and in more than 140 countries around the world. Volunteers are needed to help establish more Moms in Touch groups all across Rowan County. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact

Dee Dee Moody at 704-637-3325 or
deemoo@carolina.rr.com.

The website is www.momsintouch.org.



WMU LEADERSHIP TRAINING

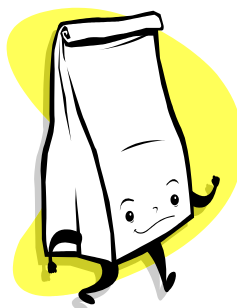
Are you one of many women who have accepted the call to leadership in Woman’s Missionary Union?

Would you like to be a leader in a WMU age-level organization, but don’t know where to begin?

As an experienced leader, do you sometimes feel like you need assistance in your area of leadership in Mission Friends, GAs, Acteens, Children in Action, Youth on Mission, Women on Mission, Adults on Mission, and other age-level organizations? Then please join us for WMU Leadership Training on *Saturday morning, September 25, 2010, at North Hills Christian School. A light continental breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m. with training from 9:00 to 11:30 in the computer lab.* UNHINDERED is the theme of the 2010 – 2012 biennium. We will be exploring this theme as well as various websites including WMU, WMU NC, IMB, NAMB, NC BSC, and others. PLEASE do not hesitate to come if you are not computer “savvy.” We want everyone to feel comfortable during the training, so handouts will be available for those who prefer them. For those who do not use the computer, someone will be available to work the computer as you observe and learn. Every leader will receive information which will help her in the coming year to minister through age level groups. Wireless Internet is available if you wish to bring your own laptop computer. Come join us for a new and innovative approach to WMU leadership training!

Service Above Self Youth Awards

Do you have children, grandchildren, or young people in your churches who selflessly give of their time to help others? Established in 1995, the Service Above Self Youth Awards recognizes young people for their service to others in our community. Rowan County United Way and Rowan Rotary Club, along with an anonymous donor, work together to make these awards possible. Last year over 1,000 individuals and groups were recognized with monetary awards and certificates for their service in our community. The nomination deadline is November 15, 2010. All nomination forms must be postmarked by this date. Further information and nomination forms may be found at the following website: www.rowanserviceaboveself.org.



Attention
All RSBA Secretaries...
Secretary’s Luncheon
Wednesday,
September 15, 2010
12:00noon

BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch)

Any questions, call Mary
at the Associational Office



National Grandparent’s Day
September 12, 2010



Grandparents play such an important role in our lives. Don’t miss this opportunity to let them know how much you appreciate them.



Fair Ministry Special Luncheon



It is County Fair time and again this year we will be preparing a meal for the Fair Workers. The meal will held **Tuesday, September 21, 2010** at the County Fair Grounds.

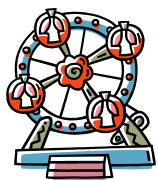
Each year this proves to be a wonderful opportunity to offer the workers something that they seldom get...a good home cooked meal! They have informed us that they look forward to coming to Rowan County because they see old friends and are treated to a "*such a special meal*". It is also an excellent opportunity to share the gospel. One of our pastors will bring a short message that day and others will share the gospel one-on-one.

Here is your opportunity to share in this ministry. First of all we will need the "fixings" to an old time "Dinner on the Grounds" or "Homecoming Style" meal. Ladies, get out those cook books and serve up some of your best dishes as only you can do! We will need all types of dishes: veggies, desserts, drinks, meat or casseroles!

You will need to bring your dishes to the Fair Grounds between 12:00noon and 12:30 on Tues. Sept. 21st. The meal will begin at 1:00pm. Please place them in disposable dishes because we will be unable to return them (unless you will be staying to help serve).

In addition to the meal, we will need volunteers to help set up, interact with the workers, help serve and clean up. Everyone has a place. If you have any questions, please call or email the office.

They need to see the love of Jesus in everything we do!



Important Announcement



Due to special circumstances, Rowan Southern Baptist Association will **NOT** be having a booth at the County Fair this year. We hope that this does not cause any inconvenience. Next year we plan to resume our regular schedule. Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome to

Rowan Southern Baptist Association

We would like to extend a very special welcome to Rev. Brian Smith and Dr. R. J. Hammond to our Associational family.

Rev. Smith is the new senior pastor at Carmel Baptist Church. This is Pastor Smith's first church and we ask that you keep him, his family, as well as the entire congregation at Carmel in your prayers.

In addition, we would like to extend a special welcome to Dr. R. J. Hammond. He is the new Interim Pastor at Dunn's Mountain Baptist Church. Dr. Hammond recently retired as Senior Pastor of Charity Baptist Church, Kannapolis.

We are very excited to add both of these pastors to our associational family.

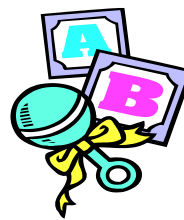
Important Dates for Christmas Store Applications:

Applications will be sent to R.S.B.A. Churches
Week of September 27th.

Applications will be available at the
Associational Office on Friday, October 1, 2010

Deadline

ALL applications must be in the office by:
Friday, November 5, 2010



It's A Boy!

We would like to congratulate Dr. Dale and his wife, Claudia Robertson on the birth of their new grandson. Dr. Dale is the pastor of North Main Baptist.

Jasper Brody Robertson was born to Jason & Jennifer Weaver Robertson on July 29, 2010 at 3:21pm. He weighed 9lbs 13ozs and was 21" long. He has a brother Jaden Matthew, 5 years old. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this very exciting time.

Mark Your Calendars...

Next Semi-Annual Meeting Rowan Southern Baptist Association

Monday, October 25, 2010

Faith Baptist Church

6:45: Registration

7:00: Meeting

Everyone Welcome



Confidence in Christ



Philippians 1:6 – *“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”*

The believers in Philippi were struggling with maintaining their confidence in Christ. The news of Paul’s afflictions (1:12) and the reality of being terrified by their adversaries (1:28) created a foothold of doubt.

Paul begins his letter to the saints at Philippi with a call of confidence that “He (Jesus) who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” The word translated “confident” means to be persuaded concerning an action completed in the past, once for all, not needing to be repeated. Paul was convinced beyond any doubt that God’s initial plan for the church at Philippi would be accomplished.

It seems likely that Paul was thinking back to the beginning of the church at Philippi. He remembered the night he received the vision of a man from Macedonia calling out for Luke (a Macedonian), Paul, and Silas to “come over and help.” The Bible records that they immediately departed for Macedonia. Upon their arrival in Philippi, they met a certain woman named Lydia. The Lord “opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us . . . ‘come to my house and stay.’ And she constrained them” (Acts 16:14-15). This was the beginning of the church at Philippi. Later the Philippian jailer and all his family were baptized (Acts 16:33). Paul was reassuring the saints at Philippi that God had not abandoned them and that they must have confidence in Christ to finish the work He started.

In addition to Paul’s reassurance of God’s continued work in the life of the saints at Philippi, he offered a prayer asking the Lord for three specific things: (1) that their love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, (2) that they may approve the things that are excellent, and (3) that they may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.

Has your confidence in Christ slipped? Have you become discouraged with the cascading moral decline of society? Has someone you held in high esteem let you down? Take time to reflect back on the Lord’s initial work in your life, and remember He is faithful to finish what He started even if current circumstances seem to indicate otherwise. Intercede for yourself. Ask the Lord to increase your love, give you discernment concerning your current circumstances, and help your faith to increase so as not to cause another to stumble.

Steve Green captured the essence of Philippians 1:6 with the following words, “If the struggle you’re facing is slowly replacing your hope with despair. Or the process is long and you’re losing your song in the night. You can be sure that the Lord has His hand on you safe and secure. He will never abandon you. You are His treasure and He finds His pleasure in you. He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it in you.”

To God Be the Glory,

Brent D. Barker,
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September Anniversaries

- 22 Dr. & Mrs. Rick (Jackie) Cockerham,
Pastor, Calvary
- 23 Rev. & Mrs. Sy (Jo) Ponds, Pastor, Providence

September Birthdays

- 2 Mrs. Delores Bitner, retired pastor's wife
- 5 Mrs. Laura Barker, wife, R.S.B.A.
Associational Missionary
- 5 Rev. Ed Bitner, retired pastor
- 12 Rev. David Smith, Associate Pastor,
Sherrill's Ford
- 14 Mrs. Lucy Wilson, Pastor's Wife, China Grove First
- 15 Rev. Gene Sides, Pastor, Emmanuel
- 23 Mrs. Ruby Myers, Pastor's Wife, Spencer First
- 27 Mrs. Karen Suttles, wife, Pastor West Corinth



Labor Day
Monday, September 6, 2010
Office will be closed

Attention Ladies....



*A Invitation to a
Special Women's Conference
Saturday, October 16, 2010
Centerview Baptist Church
Albemarle, NC*

*For more information or tickets,
See Mary at the Associational office*

Mission Trips

There will be two international mission trips this month involving members of the Rowan Southern Baptist Association.

First Team

Rev. Jim Harris will be leading a team to Haiti September 16 through September 22, 2010.

Second Team

Rev. Brent Barker our Associational Missionary will be leading a team to Turkey and Germany, September 13 through September 27, 2010

**Please keep BOTH of these teams
in your prayers.**