



Habersham Baptist Association - October 2023

Important Dates:

Oct. 15-22—Week of Prayer/Support for Associational Missions

Oct. 22—Habersham Annual Meeting. Mt. Carmel Baptist
5pm—Missions fair & dinner,
6.45pm—Annual session.

Nov. 1, 3, 4—Christmas Backpacks-drop offs from 9-1 at Clarkesville Baptist

Nov. 4 - Women's Day of Prayer at First Baptist Cornelia. 10:30 am

Nov. 13-14 - Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, FBC Snellville, GA

Nov. 13-17—Operation Christmas Child to be collected at Bethlehem Baptist

Dec. 3-10—Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon

Dec. 12—Minister and Wives Christmas Fellowship at the Grays, 6pm

From The Associational Missionary - Tony Gray

Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

In looking back over the past associational year (October thru today) and celebrating the highlights and evaluating our growth needs I am reminded of this verse in Ephesians 2:10. You and I are intended by God Himself to work for Him. We are called to those works (not saved by them!). He wants us in our churches and this association to display His Glory ("let your light so shine that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" - Matt. 5:16) Here are some of the highlights.....

Highlights of Ministry From This Year....

Christmas Backpacks - Again, this was a great year with our area combining with Habersham and Rabun Associations to collect well over a thousand backpacks that blessed the school children of West Virginia and Sevierville, Tennessee. We are again packing those bags for this year.

Evangelism Conference (Cummings) - We had several churches participated in the GBMB Evangelism Conference this past year with great fellowship and teaching. We look forward to the next one.

Executive Committee Meetings - were held at several locations through the past year with a low numbers of members present. Remember that your church can send representatives to this meeting to help with planning and evaluating what is happening in the association.

LBA/HBA VBS Training @ Antioch - In April we conducted an excellent VBS preparation training event led by four of our leaders from both associations! They did an excellent job and then many churches reported having active VBS events this past summer!

Mission Judea w/ Columbus Baptist - Starting the last week of June going through the third week of July multiple teams of missionaries from various Columbus Area Baptist churches came into our area helping to carry out vacation bible schools, church planting, backyard bible clubs, revivals and outreach. They also worked out at Camp Hawkins. These groups did an excellent job with over 40 persons receiving Christ! Since that partnership has been happening over 130 persons have come to Christ and a new Hispanic church start is soon to happen!

GBMB Ministries - Several GBMB events took place in our region with Disaster Relief Training happening in Toccoa (30 persons certified), Mobile Dental Clinics happening in Clarkesville (three days of great ministry) and SPARK Training happening in Athens at Beech Haven BC. **Continued on next page....**

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Chattahoochee Mountain Fair Ministry - This event was led and organized by several of our LBA associational leaders (thanks Ashley Sharp and Chris Webb) and touched many lives and many families. This is a long event happening over 8 days and our teams from both associations did great!

Peru Missions Team -- The last event happening just a few days ago was the sending of a team of 8 missionaries from our two associations to minister in Lima, Peru. These individuals did an incredible job of not only laying the groundwork for future ministry in Peru but also in leading 44 persons to Christ while there! Rev. Keith Ivey, Rev. Doug Porter, Rev. Craig Ward, Rev. Graham Parris and Rev. Matthew Butler were strong participants on that trip!

Week of Prayer & Support for Associational Missions - October 15-22 - With all that has happened over the past year and in the anticipation of great ministry that will happen here in the days ahead won't you and your church please participate with us this year in this upcoming week dedicated to supporting what is happening in our "Jerusalem". How can you do that? Please take time on the 15th or the 22nd for sharing of some of the mentioned highlights and have a special prayer for our Association and it's leaders. Consider taking a special offering to support the ongoing missions and ministries of the association. Ask for volunteers to attend upcoming Executive Committee meetings where plans are made for ministries!

It is an honor to serve you! I look forward to the upcoming year together! "for we are His Workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works..." God bless the days ahead! Bro. Tony 706-332-9119 Tgray81968@outlook.com



Backpacks for Appalachia

Collection dates are Nov. 1, 3 and 4 at
Clarkesville Baptist Church

Introducing...



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CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Christian Counseling has come to Habersham County! This agency is a tremendous resource to individuals and churches! Birthed out of Helen FBC in 2020 and overseen by a 7-member board, we provide affordable professional counseling with Christian values and affordable rates based on income.

For appointments: call 762-230-2247 or visit our web site at www.negachristiancounseling.com/about

To make a donation: make checks out to NE GA Christian Counseling and mail to P.O. Box 2505, Cleveland, GA 30528



Pastor Wives Coffees

All Pastor wives are invited to join other Pastor wives to a time of coffee. Held each time at Farmhouse Coffee Shop in Demorest. Text Laura Gray at 706-332-8119 to be added to the contact list or stop by the booth at the annual meeting at Mt. Carmel Baptist on October 22.

Habersham Annual Meeting & Missions Fair, Oct. 22!

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church (5pm-8pm—childcare provided!)

Come out to the ministry fair, dinner and meeting!

If you want a booth, contact Tony at 706-332-9119

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to each church in our association. We would like for you to join our choir on Sunday night, October 22, 2023 where we at Mt. Carmel will be hosting our Annual Habersham Baptist Associational Meeting. If any representatives from your choir would like to join up with our choir, we will be having a choir practice on Friday evening, October 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm. We are planning 6 songs throughout the service. If you would please call or email our church at mcbcdemorest@yahoo.com or 706-754-1407 so we can keep you updated as that day draws closer.

Yours In Christ, Ricky Ward, Minister of Music, MCBC



Women's Day of Prayer

Saturday, Nov. 4 at First Baptist Cornelia at 10:30 a.m.

Get Real Ministries is a local ministry in

Baldwin, GA. We are located at 102 Hwy 441 Baldwin. Our mission is to love God and love people and fulfill that by meeting needs of our community. Ministry opportunities are available monthly. Visit our website www.getrealnow.org. Send us an email getreal@getrealnow.org Or call us at 706-776-7491 for ways to be involved.

Needs for Families:

**Paper Towels, Toilet Paper and
Laundry Detergent**

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