

## Habersham Baptist Association - November 2024

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Backpacks for Appalachia children**—drop off Nov.4,6,7th at
Clarkesville BC.

WMU Day of Prayer—Nov. 9

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for Christmas**,- collected Nov. 11-15 at Bethlehem BC

Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting
Nov. 10-12 at FBC Statesboro

**Backpacks Delivered** - Dec. 16-17 Chapmanville, WVa.

**Christmas Toy Shop @** Mission Meadowbrook, Dec. 14, 9-12 noon

Assoc. Minister and Wives
Christmas dinner—Dec. 19, 6pm
@ Grays

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The <u>Association office</u> has been relocated to <u>Hills Crossing Baptist</u> <u>Church. Ministers prayer times</u> (11am) will be there except first Monday of month as it will be at <u>Farmhouse Coffee</u> (Demorest).

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!

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#### From The Associational Missionary - Tony Gray

Matthew 9:36-38 KJV – "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

How important is the ministry of going to share the Gospel! We preach and teach constantly to our people that they should be witnesses. But how important is it that we pray for the "Lord of the harvest" to help us in a sending ministry! As we see the Father raising up workers and witnesses within our fellowships how awesome it is that you and I help them go out! We celebrate ministry that has been taking place recently in the association.

\*Christmas Backpacks - a good collection has taken place over at Clarkesville Baptist with backpacks completed. They are due to be picked up on December 13<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and then delivered on December 16-17 up in Chapmanville, West Virginia.

Some upcoming opportunities right around the corner that you can take advantage of:

\*Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Collection Week) - is happening next week (Nov. 18-25) over at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

\*Week Of Prayer For International Mission (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week) – is happening this year on December 1-8! If you haven't received materials to observe this in your church you can find information online at <a href="www.imb.org">www.imb.org</a>. Please consider collecting an offering to help toward international missions.

\*Disaster Relief to Eastern Tennessee - On December 10 we have a convoy of cold weather gear that is headed north to help in the region around Mountain City, Tennessee. If you have donations you would like to send please email me at (tgray81968@outlook.com) or drop your materials off at Hills Crossing Baptist Church and they will be included in the delivery. Remember we are delivering on the 10<sup>th</sup> so your materials need to be dropped off by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>!

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We have had a change in the date of our <u>Minister and Wives Christmas Fellowship</u> over to Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm. This is an informal gathering celebrating Christmas together so come hungry and causal. This will be at my home - 404 Rolling Hills Lane, Clarkesville, GA 30523 Blessings....

**Bro Tony** 

#### Backpacks for Appalachia children drop off Nov.4,6,7th

at Clarkesville Baptist Church. These will be driven and delivered Dec. 10 to Appalachian schools. For a list of what to fill them with, contact Tony Gray at 706-332-8119. Be sure to include a Bible and the Christmas Story sheet.

## Christmas at the Grays! New date!

Thursday, December 19 at 6pm. 404 Rolling Hills Lane, Clarkesville



**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

Save the date: November 11-12

## Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting

First Baptist Church Statesboro

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox**



# Collection is November 18-25 Bring them to

## **Bethlehem Baptist Church**

### New Church Plant in Hillsborough, NC



Our own Jacob and Macey Griffin, formerly serving here in Habersham County, has located in Hillsborough to found the new Crosslink Community Church. This church is linked to their sponsoring church (Crosslink Community Church of Mebane, NC) as well as NAMB and The Carolina Movement (partnership with Carolina churches in planting churches).

They are settling in and getting to know the area. Jacob has even had the privilege of preaching in the sponsoring church. To get their newsletter, send an email to <a href="mailto:info@crosslinkcares.org">info@crosslinkcares.org</a> on behalf of Jacob Griffin.

If you and your church would like to support that new work there in Hillsborough you can write to the Griffins @ 513 Pine Grove Road, Cornelia, GA 30531. (a new address will be sent in the days ahead...). If you wish to donate you can send donations to that address or can VENMO (user @MaceyGriffin2 - use code 7815) or can PayPal them (user - @MaceyGriffin2).

## Happy Thanksgiving!



The Association office has a new location– Hills Crossing Baptist Church. The Pastor Prayer & Share times will happen at Hills Crossing Baptist every Monday morning at 11 am.

#### Administration Team Information:

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Rev. Doug Porter — Moderator

Rev. Michael Justus- Assist Moderator

Mrs. Sue Smith—Clerk

<u>Debbie Lee</u> - Treasurer

Rev. Jon Huebner— Mission & Ministries
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<u>Rev. David Stancil - Leadership Development Team Leader (LDT)</u>

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