



Habersham Baptist Association - October 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Week of Prayer and support
Assoc missions**—Oct. 13-20

Habersham Assoc. Annual Meeting, - Oct. 20 at Level Grove BC.
Ministry fair 4:30 in lobby, dinner
at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm

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

WMU Day of Prayer - Nov. 9—at
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

**Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes** for Christmas—
collected Nov. 11-15 at Bethlehem
BC

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

Backpacks Delivered - Dec. 9-10
Chapmanville, WVa.

**Christmas Toy Shop @ Mission
Meadowbrook**, - Dec. 14, 9-12 noon
**Assoc. Minister and Wives
Christmas dinner**—Dec. 17, 6pm
@ Grays

The Association office has been re-located to Hills Crossing Baptist Church. Ministers Prayer & Share will meet at Hills Crossing every Monday at 11 am.

From The Associational Missionary - Tony Gray

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I, send me!” - Isaiah 6:8

As the Father extended this call/commission to Isaiah He also extends that same call to you and I! Will we commit to “be send” and to be “ambassadors for Christ” as we serve Him and reach others?

Our Association(s) have been busy reaching out in the following ways over the past month...

Disaster Relief Ministry - Thanks to all who are currently responding to disaster relief needs here in our area, in the state of Georgia and in surrounding states like NC and SC! The needs are great and now is the time for you and I to respond. Thanks to Doug Porter (our moderator for Habersham Association) and to Chris Webb (moderator at Liberty Association) we have some ideas of ways we can respond now. Check out this edition of the newsletter for more info about some suggestions to minister in these needs.

Our September Mountain Fair Ministry went well with many multiple church groups manning the family booth at the fair from our two associations of Habersham and Liberty. Several churches are reporting new visitors and members who they met during the Fair!

Peru Mission Teams - Just recently both our most recent teams returned from Lima, Peru having seen great results in ministering to the people with the first team seeing over 50 saved during their week and just recently the Bethlehem Medical/Children’s Ministry Team seeing 103 saved during their week there! Previously we have seen 44 saved from the team from last October (2023) and another 60-70 saved from our Liberty Baptist Association team from last July! Stay tuned for more opportunities for mission teams to go to Peru. We know that Habersham Baptist, Level Grove Baptist, Bethlehem Baptist and Hills Crossing Baptist are currently planning to take church teams down for continued missions. How about you and your church as well? Let me know if you would like to take a team down there!

These are some of the upcoming missions and ministries opportunities just around the corner!

Christmas Backpacks for Appalachian Children - Collections will be made on Nov. 4, 6-7 - and the location of the collections will be a Clarkesville Baptist on those days. The actual delivery of the backpacks will happen on December 9-10 to the elementary schools and mission centers up in Chapmanville, West Virginia. *Continued on next page...*

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Walmart Gift Cards - Let's support our own Camp Hawkins by collecting and donating Walmart Gift Cards to be collected at our Habersham Annual Meeting on October 20! The gift cards are a great way to help with the needs there at Hawkins!

Operation Christmas Child Collections will be the week of November 11-15 and will be collected at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville!

Mission Meadowbrook is hosting a Christmas Toy Shoppe with our friends from Columbus Baptist Association on December 14 there at Meadowbrook between 9am-noon! Helpers and witnesses are needed for this great event!

Truly a lot is happening over these next several months that can allow us to be used by the Lord to touch and impact lives! Our Habersham Annual Meeting (happening on October 20 at Level Grove Baptist Church) will celebrate and plan for more missions as our theme will be "Here I Am, Send Me!" with our special guest speaker Rev. Jerry Alcorta. Come and join in the celebration!

Blessings on your month!

Bro. Tony

Start ordering backpacks and filling them for children in Appalachia!

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.

Habersham Association Annual Meeting

Oct. 20 at Level Grove Baptist Church

Missions and Ministry fair will start at 4:30 in the lobby

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm

Meeting will begin at 7 pm

Save the date: November 11-12

Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting

First Baptist Church Statesboro

DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE FOR OUR ASSOCIATION

With the arrival of Hurricane Helene in our region over these past weeks our churches have been working to respond to needs here in Georgia and in our neighboring states (NC, SC and TN). Antioch Baptist (Pastor Chris Webb) took up a large load of supplies to North Carolina to help with the needs there. As folks are asking now what can we do let me share two quick opportunities: 1. Pastor Doug Porter (from Habersham Baptist Church) has talked with our GA Baptist Disaster Relief Coordinator and the requests were for immediate chainsaw supplies (Chain bar oil, and Gas Treatment Oil—50 to 1 mix). Also requested was gift cards to use with the teams coming to work (Walmart, VISA Money Cards). 2. Our associations have worked with a mission center in Mountain City, Tennessee which was hit hard by Helene. We have been asked to send supplies to their resupply area (in Morristown, TN) and then bring folks up after a few weeks to begin clean up and restoration. The needed items we can collect now would be bottled water, toilet paper, diapers, baby formula and hygiene products. Those things can be taken to Mt. Airy Baptist Church (832 Grandview Aveune, Mt. Airy, GA 30563). These will be taken to Morristown next week so please bring your items to the church quickly!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox



Collection is November 11-15

Bring them to

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Remember
Week of Prayer & Support for Associations
on Oct. 13-20

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.

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