

Little River Baptist Association

Churches in Association



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From our Director of Missions -



As we journey through the Holy Season of 2009, I realize more than ever how much I love this time of year! Immanuel—God with us—calls for a special celebration. The boy King, the servant Master, the suffering Savior, the wounded Healer, the crucified Prince of Peace, the slain Lamb of God—all these manifestations of God’s almighty love are more than the mind can comprehend. His story becomes the most important story we have ever heard. His story is the example of the life we should seek to live. His story should become our story, and through his grace, it can. No wonder the angels sang, “Hallelujah!”

God was on a mission to redeem His lost creation. He still is. Our mission is to be the same. This is why Little River Baptist Association exists. It is why our churches exist. We are all about Jesus. Matthew 24:14 says the Gospel is to be preached to all nations. Ernest Nichols’ hymn put it this way: ‘We’ve a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right; a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light.

We’ve a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord; a song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword.

During these days of war, we can still have hope and joy—even peace—because the battle for our souls has already been won by the Prince of Peace! Merry Christmas!

‘For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

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Anderson Creek
Angier
Antioch
Baptist Chapel
Baptist Grove
Broadway
Buies Creek First
Calvary
Chalybeate Springs
Coats
Crestview
Crossroads
Crossroads @ Anderson Creek
Duncan
Dunn First
Dunn Second
East Erwin
Erwin First
Faith
Fellowship
Flatwoods
Friendship
Gourd Springs
GraceWay Mission
Harmony
Hillmon Grove
Holland Community Mission
Holly Springs
Kennebec
Lillington
Macedonia
Memorial
Neill’s Creek
New Hope
North Clinton Avenue
Oak Grove
Overhills Community
Piney Grove Chapel
Pleasant Memory
Rawls
South Erwin
Spout Springs
Swann Station
Trinity
Westfield

Week of Prayer & Season of Emphasis for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Who’s Missing? Whose Mission?

Think your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering won’t make a difference? Every penny given to Lottie Moon is used to help support nearly 5,600 Southern Baptist missionaries serving worldwide. Last year, those missionaries reported almost 27,000 new churches and 566,000 baptisms.

The lost are believing because you give!



Speakers and extra materials are available at LRBA office.

National Goal: \$175,000,000



LRBA Mission Groups

Brotherhood

New LRBA Brotherhood Dir: Pat Flowers has been a Disaster Relief driver for NC Bapt. Men and has gone on multiple mission trips. He plans to attend many of the local church Bapt. Men's meetings. Pat is getting to know leaders of each men's group, and will be glad to speak or visit your mtg. Please pray for him, as he seeks to mobilize our men for associational mission projects.

Operation Inasmuch 2010: Be sure to get your church signed up at LRBA and ncoperationinasmuch.org for Apr. 24 or May 1, 2010. Assoc. training Jan. 21, 7PM.

Red Springs: Help is needed for groups (men, women, or youth) for local missions. Lodging, meals & insurance is \$15 per person/per day. Go to www.ncmissions.org.

Father/Son Mini Camp: Dec.4-6 at Camp Caraway \$101 per person. Call 1-800-395-5102, ext. 5603 today!

Our LRBA Truck Stop Chapel: Is available to any Baptist Men's group for a meeting location. Call Owen Solomon @ (910) 892-4756 to schedule. We now have distributed 14,000+ New Testaments to truckers!

WMU

A Special Thanks for all the socks that were given for the women prisoners. We needed 750 pairs —you met that goal and more with 1,400+. Great job!

Children's International Missions Study ! Dec. 12th from 2:00-5:00 PM for all children grades 1-6 at Lillington Bapt. Church, 210 W. Lofton St., Lillington. Call either (910) 893-8273 or (919) 524-1131 to register.

Christmas Cards for Inmates @ Harnett Co. Cards are for both the prisoners and for them to send to others. Religious cards please, with church/group name only on inmate's cards (1/3rd of cards); no signature on those they will send (2/3rds of cards). Place cards in unsealed envelopes. We need a total of 3,000 cards. Have all cards to LRBA office by November 30th.

Care Bears for Womack Hospital: Teddy Bears 8-12 inches are requested again. Please label bears with church's name and scripture/encouragement. Pray for children receiving bears before bringing them to LRBA.

Female Military Kits: Due to LRBA by Jan. 30th All travel-size please of the following items: hard candy, blank note-cards with envelopes, hand lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, eye-wash, hand-sanitizer, disposable-razors, hand-wipes and tissues. Place items in zip or seal bags.

CARDS AND GIFTS FOR THE MILITARY



2010 MissionsFest 18 yrs+ / FamilyFest 1st grd+ Cincinnati, OH = June 19-25 / Wichita, KS = July 10-16 Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands = July 17-23 All trips are open for men & women. The 1st two are open for children. Call D. Barham (910) 893-3309 for more information.

LRBA News

We do everything from local mission projects to international partnerships that facilitate our churches accomplishing the Great Commission. "Local Touch" and "Global Reach"

Prayer for our Churches:

We welcome new pastors: Rev. Robert O' Quinn of Calvary and Dr. Larry Pittman of Broadway.

Churches seeking pastors: Hillmon Grove and Neill's Creek Baptist Churches.

Baptist Missions: Continue to pray for Crossroads @ Anderson Creek, Gavar, Graceway and New Life.

Pray for "ours" serving away: Morrisons—W.Africa, M.Rhodes—S.Africa, J.Blackburn—Greece, J & B—SE Asia, H. Austin—S. Asia, C. Martin—S. America, K & K—Asia, Melanie, (Buies Creek Young Lady leaving in Nov...call...)

Big THANKS to ALL who donated, made, collected and delivered shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child '09!

Blue Ridge Christmas: Dec. 1-4 at Ridgecrest ! Go to www.lifeway.com for detailed information on registration.

Find It Here Evangelistic Emphasis: NC Baptists are joining together for outreach Easter, 2010! The first 2,000 churches to register get a free outdoor banner! Go to <finditherenc.org> today to register and get more info!

Harnett Family Life Center: 401 Denim Dr., Erwin. No one is turned away due to donations for client aid. Call (910) 897-8930 for an appointment or for donating.

NC Baptist Foundation: Handles scholarships and loans for NC students who are attending Baptist schools and are members of BSCNC churches. Applications due by Jan. 15, 2010. Visit www.ncbaptistfoundation.org, click on "Library", and scroll to "Student Loans and Scholarships" for applications...or you may call toll free to 877-634-4103.

Spiritual Leadership Conference: Jan. 25-26 at Englewood BC, Rocky Mt. with Henry & Richard Blackaby. Details and registration at www.blackabyconferences.org.

Convergence2010.org: Prayer, Evangelism & Church Growth event Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2010 at Hickory Grove BC, Charlotte. Reg. at www.convergence2010.org by Feb. 15th.

Journeyman Opps with IMB: 2 yr. commitment overseas. Email isc-jman@imb.org or go to www.going.imb.org.

Ministry Opportunities: - 5 Part-Time Positions

†Antioch BC, 6670 Old Hwy. 421, Mamers needs a Music Director. Phone (910) 893-5984.

†Chalybeate Springs BC, 238 Chalybeate Rd, Fuquay-Varina needs children's Minister. Phone (919) 552-2856.

†Neill's Creek BC, 4200 Neill's Creek Road, Angier 27501 needs an energetic Children's Director and an enthusiastic Youth Director. Please send resume to address above or fax to (919) 639-0799 if interested.

†Pleasant Memory BC, 579 Old Stage Road N., Coats needs a pianist or organist Sunday mornings only. (919) 880-4233



Special Services During this Christmas Season

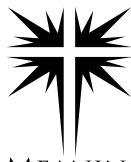


Anderson Creek			Holly Springs Baptist		
Wed., Dec. 22	7 PM	Christmas Song Service	Sun., Nov. 29	7 PM	Hanging of the Greens
Angier Baptist			Dec. 13	11AM, 7 PM	Christmas Cantata
Sun., Nov. 29	7 PM	Hanging of the Greens	Sun., Dec. 20	6 PM	Children's Christmas Program
Sun., Dec. 6	7 PM	Youth Christmas Musical	Lillington Baptist		
Sun., Dec. 13	7 PM	Adult Cantata, and fellowship	Sun., Nov. 29	6:30PM	Hanging of the Greens
Sun., Dec. 20	7 PM	Children's Christmas Musical	Dec. 20, 21	7 PM	Christmas Cantata
Thurs., Dec. 24	5 PM	Candlelight & Communion Service	Thurs. Dec. 24	8 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Baptist Chapel			Memorial Baptist		
Sun., Nov. 29	6 PM	Hanging of the Greens	Sun., Dec. 13	7 PM	"One of Us: The Christmas Story"
Sat., Dec. 12	7 PM	Christmas Play	Thurs., Dec.24	5:30PM	Christmas Eve Communion
Sun., Dec. 13	11 AM	Christmas Play	New Hope Baptist		
Buies Creek First			Sun., Dec. 13	6 PM	Children's Christmas Program
Sun., Dec. 6	7 PM	Adult Christmas Cantata	Sun., Dec. 20	6 PM	Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
Thurs., Dec. 24	7 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Wed., Dec. 23	7 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Coats Baptist			Overhills Community		
Sun., Nov. 29	6 PM	Hanging of the Greens	Sun., Dec. 13	6 PM	Children's Christmas Cantata
Dec. 10-12	7-9 PM	Outdoor Nativity	Sun., Dec. 20	6 PM	Adult Christmas Cantata
Sun., Dec. 13	6 PM	Adult Christmas Cantata	Piney Grove Chapel		
Sun., Dec. 20	6 PM	Children's Christmas Musical	Sun., Nov. 29	6 PM	Hanging of the Greens
Dunn First Baptist			Dec. 20	8:30, 11 AM	Christmas Cantata
Sun., Dec. 6	11 AM	The Stocks—Hungarian Missionaries		6 PM	Christmas Play
Sun., Dec. 6	6:30 PM	Hanging of the Greens	Spout Springs		
Sun., Dec. 13	6:30 PM	Moravian Love Feast	Thurs., Dec. 24	10 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Sun., Dec. 20	6:30 PM	Adult Cantata	Swann Station Baptist		
Erwin First Baptist			Dec. 19, 20	6 PM	Choir & Drama, "Seasons Greetings"
Sun., Dec. 13	11:00 AM	Christmas Cantata	Sun., Dec. 20	11 AM	Children's Christmas Program
GraceWay			Trinity Baptist		
Sun., Dec. 20	9:30 AM	Meet & Greet Fellowship	Sun., Dec. 13	11 AM	Adult Christmas Cantata
	10 AM	Worship, Communion & Dinner	Sun., Dec. 20	6 PM	"Christmas Celebration for All Ages"
Gourd Springs Baptist			Thurs., Dec. 24	9 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
Sun., Dec. 20	11 AM	Christmas Cantata	Westfield Baptist		
Wed., Dec. 23	7:30 PM	Christmas Service	Sun., Nov. 29	5 PM	Hanging of the Greens
			Thurs., Dec.24	5:30PM	Christmas Eve Service

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPECIAL! Christmas Gift-Non-breakable-Dust-proof-Tax Deductible

Set up an endowment in his/her/their honor in the LRB A Growth Endowment. It will grow annually and serve missions until the end of time. May be added to on birthdays or anniversaries. Watch the fund and smiles grow from year to year. One thousand \$\$ over 10 years will create a permanent endowment and may be given by several people, a family or a church group. **LRBA office at 910-893-4282 or Dr. Bruce Blackmon, LRBA Growth Endowment Trustee 910-893-3543**

LRBA Calendar



THE MEANING OF
CHRISTMAS

December

- 8 Pastors' Christmas Banquet
- 15 Executive Meeting @ LRBA, 7 PM
- 24-31 Christmas, LRBA office closed

January

- 1 New Year's Day, LRBA office closed
- 18 WMU Leadership Mtg., LRBA office, 7 PM
- 19 Associational Council Mtg., LRBA office, 7 PM
- 20 Senior Adult Council Mtg., LRBA office, 11:30 AM
- 21 LRBA OIAM Training, LRBA office, 7 PM
- 27-28 Associational Missions Staff @ Caraway

State Opportunities

December

- 1-5, 8-10 Christmas by the Sea @ Caraway for
Senior Adults: 800-395-5102, ext. 402 or 409
- 1-6 International Missions Week of Prayer
- 5-6 Mighty Men Conf. @ Southside BC, Greensboro
Promise Keepers VP speaker / \$35—BSCNC
[www.ncmission.org/men's ministries](http://www.ncmission.org/men's_ministries) by Nov. 21
- 25 Christmas Day

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 15 Scholarship Applications due @ B.Foundation
- 22 Youth Leader Training @ Greensboro / 6-9 PM
reg @ www.bedotell.com or (919)459-5566
- 24 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches

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**Deadline for all articles is the
fifteenth of each month.**



Birthdays		Ministry Anniversaries	
December			
3 Ken Dalton	Crossroads Duncan	28 James Taylor	Fellowship '86
3 Sharon McLaurin			
4 Cathy Keever	Dunn First	 A Child is Born!	
5 Danny Jarmon	Macedonia		
5 Patsy Parsons	Holly Springs		
6 Leonard Keever	Dunn First		
22 Jane O'Quinn	Calvary		
24 Billy Stines	N. Clinton Ave.		
January			
9 Timmy Blair	Piney Grove Chapel	1 Clay Burgess	Explore '02
		1 Danny Jarmon	Macedonia '84
		1 Roy McLamb	Overhills '02
11 Renee Pearce	Baptist Grove	15 Alex Smith	Baptist Chapel '06
17 Dorothy McLamb	Overhills Comm.	18 Alex Poindexter	GraceWay '08
23 Katheleen Davis	Crestview	28 Martin Groover	Antioch '80
24 Wayne Schlink	Gourd Springs	29 Wayne Schlink	Gourd Springs '01
31 Robert O'Quinn	Calvary		