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Brother Brad's Box...

Hi Friends!

God is good. But hopefully you already knew that!

In the month of May, we had a great turn out for the annual Pastor/Deacon/Spouse dinner and program, hosted by Cuba Baptist Church. Bro. Mike Jackson from the State Board of Missions shared some wonderful information with us and then surprised several in attendance with some door prizes. The meal was exceptional as usual. Much appreciation goes to our Associational Deacon Coordinator Mr. Allen Rickles.

Later in May, we enjoyed a much larger than usual crowd for the annual Senior Adult Rally and lunch, hosted by Siloam Baptist Church. Bro. Jamie Baldwin and Ms. Eileen Mitchell, both from the State Board of Missions, provided an inspiring message and beautiful acapella music, respectively. Many thanks to our Associational Senior Adult Director Mrs. Fran Sessions and her students from W.A.R. school who shared a great skit with us.

It is a great encouragement, not just to your Associational Office, but to your pastors, to see so many of our own congregations attending and participating in the events and activities that we provide. Corporate worship is one of God's great blessings among his churches, I believe.

As I write this, Vacation Bible School season is underway, and we look forward to hearing from you about what God does through what is the greatest evangelical tool we as Christians have! More children, and as a result their families, are reached each year through VBS and related events than at any other time of the year. In order for us to continue to make an impact here in Sumter and Greene Counties, we must reach our children, first of all, and then keep them in church. We are praying with you for great things to come this summer!

Pastors, please know that you are prayed for each and every day. May God continue to use you and your churches to accomplish His will and way for our Association and all who make it up.

Good things are in store as we make plans for various events this fall. Please watch these bi-monthly newsletters, your emails, and the Association's Facebook and webpages for updated information along the way.

In the mean time, it's very easy during the cold winter months to become discouraged and be tempted to stay in out of the weather. Then, as hot weather approaches, it sometimes is easy to stay in out of the heat and humidity. While those with certain physical issues must take care in those circumstances, the vast majority of us have no excuses. My earnest plea for each and every family of our two-county Association is that God will once again make church a priority in our lives. We need it. As your vacation plans are being made, thank the Lord that He doesn't take a vacation from us!

May He bless your summer months ahead.

Yours,
Brad

Calendar of Events

July 2	Pastors Conference, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
July 4	<i>Independence Day</i>
July 15	Executive Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., BBA Office
August 6	Pastors Conference, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
September 10	Pastors Conference, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
September 30	PraiSing & M-Night, 5:30 p.m., Livingston First
October 1	Pastors Conference, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
October 16	167th Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., York

PraiSing & M-Night Service

September 30, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Livingston First
Sandwich supper afterward!

Vacation Bible School Dates....

July 8-12—Cuba
July 12-14—Christian Valley

Revivals...

August 12-15
Cuba Baptist
Rev. Trent Moak, preaching
Mrs. Mitzi Gates, music

August 19-22
York Baptist
Rev. Joe McKeever, preaching
Rev. Buddy McElroy, music



Celebrate
Independence Day
With your family and
friends!

