

# Carrollton Baptist Association

From Your Associational Missionary

Two letters we recently received:

Dear Dan and Carrollton Baptist Association,

I want to express my sincere appreciation to you for partnering with us in serving our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. Hurricane Florence was devastating to our community. In fact, over 100 homes were flooded in the North Chase Subdivision where our family lives and where our church has been ministering. Only two of the homeowners in our subdivision had flood insurance. In addition, hundreds of trees fell causing roof damage to some homes. And this was just one of the subdivisions that was hit. While FEMA has provided some funds, it is the faith community that has been tearing out sheetrock, removing material to the curb, cutting and removing trees, and loving on and ministering to the homeowners.

We have been blessed to have churches come in and serve alongside us and also make donations, like Carrollton Baptist Association. We appreciate the donation of 10 gallons of Shockwave and the

check for \$4,209. Your financial gift will help provide gift cards and other items for homeowners who are desperately trying to recover and rebuild.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing as we serve our community by being the hands and feet of Jesus. We have been receiving thank you notes from our community and a recent note brought tears to my eyes because the homeowner wrote, "When I think of you, I think of Matthew 25:35-40. I was a total stranger and you took me in." This is one example of the difference you are making here in Wilmington, NC! Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you!

Grace and peace, Robert E. Keatts, Senior Pastor

Dear Dan and Carrollton Baptist Association,

Thank you for providing 1,120 backpacks to the children in the Holston Valley Baptist Association through Of One Accord Ministry, your Appalachia Regional Ministry. We first want to thank each of you who helped purchase these bags and placed items in them with the love of Jesus. **Thank you** on behalf of

each and every child that will receive one. Yes, we do see many salvations in these 32 parties because we try to incorporate the opportunity in every program possible to receive the "BEST" gift of the season, and that is God's son, Jesus.

Jennifer Kinsler interviews every single family in the 1,100+ children we will provide for this year. There are 4 additional parties being planned in Hancock County, Tennessee's lowest income county. She quickly picks up and learns these families and their situations. She hears some really sad stories. When I learn of many of these situations, it is heartbreaking. But we come during this time of year and offer hope and life to these families along with a nice meal, a program, and gifts they can take home and place under the tree.

Your backpacks are given at the time gifts are distributed and we place the child's name on each one, personal just for them. Their little eyes open wide with excitement as they open it. They forget all about their parents getting large bags filled with gifts for their family. We love & cherish each and every one of you.

Sincerely yours,  
Sheldon Livesay

December 2018

*Continuing to be  
an Acts 1:8  
Association*

## Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 2-9

### "Every Church. Every Nation."

It's more than a catch phrase. It's at the core of what we do. We believe every church — and every church member — has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your church is a key part of that.

Because you and your church give, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar given makes a difference because **100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation.**



### NEWS FROM CHURCHES...

**Antioch:** called Rev. Jamie Beam as Pastor. He began on Sunday, November 11th.

**Centralhatchee:** is seeking a part time Children and Youth Minister. Please send your resume to Rev. Mark Williams at [redmarkwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:redmarkwilliams@gmail.com)

**Oak Grove:** is seeking a part-time Music/Worship Pastor requiring up to 20 hours per week. We are seeking a man of God to lead a contemporary blended worship service on Sunday mornings and special events. The skills for this position would include reading music, ability to play an instrument, ability to lead a praise band, computer skills, creativity and flexibility. If interested please call Corey Parker at 678-673-4710 or email at [og-bcmct@gmail.com](mailto:og-bcmct@gmail.com).

**Association:** We are looking to send chain saw teams of 5 to 6 to South GA to help in the cleanup following the devastation caused by Hurricane Michael. Recently a team from Oak Grove went down on a Thursday morning and came back Saturday afternoon, cleaning up four yards. Let me know of your interest.

### Note to Pastors...

We will meet December 5th and 12th for our weekly Ministers' Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria. There will be no meeting on the 19th, or 26th.

### Thank you to all the churches who have supported the CBA financially since September 1st, 2018, the beginning of our financial year....

Antioch, Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, FBC Carrollton, FBC Centralhatchee, Concord, Consolation, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Mars Hill, Midway, Midway West, Mt. Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Rocky Mount, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, FBC Temple, Trinity, Veal, FBC, Villa Rica and Whitesburg

### Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Merry Christmas to all! I hope you have a blessed and merry Christmas season! This is the best time of the year, but so often it is so busy that we barely have time to reflect on the reason for the season. In the weeks to come during the office parties, family gatherings, and blessed Church events don't forget to take a moment to focus on a baby that was sent as a gift to us over 2000 years ago! Please stop as a family on Christmas day and read the Christmas story. Pray for all of the people who will be miserably lonely this Christmas, and especially those who will pass yet another Christmas without realizing the true meaning of the season! Pray that God will pour out His Spirit on our nation that we might repent and begin to live out the true meaning of Christmas!

God Bless,  
Bill

### On Mission...

Association	Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Rogersville, TN
Association	Dec. 7-8	Rogersville, TN
Mt. Pleasant	Dec. 9-10	Appalachia

### December Meeting Schedule

- 12/03 **Mission Development Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 12/06 **Community Ministries Team Meeting**—8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A
- 12/12 **Administrative Team Meeting**—At American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers' Luncheon
- 12/13 **Leadership Development Team Meeting**—8:15a.m. at the CBA.

**Note:** Please have all announcements for the January Newsletter into the CBA office **no later than** December 10. (Note the early date, due to the office closing down at noon on the 20th for the Christmas holidays).



From the WMU

December 2-9 is the Week of Prayer for International Missions. You can find resources for this year's theme "Every Church. Every Nation." at [https:// www.imb.org](https://www.imb.org). The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports our IMB missionaries. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected supports our missionaries and goes to the work of reaching every nation.

Over 140 years ago while serving as a missionary in China, Lottie Moon wrote letters to the women where she had lived in America. She told them how she needed more missionaries to come and help her tell the Chinese people about Jesus. The women listened to Lottie and liked her idea. They saved their money and soon they had enough money to send three more missionaries to China. In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) named the annual Christmas offering for International Missions after the woman who had urged them to start it. (There is a lot

more to Lottie Moon's life. Read more about her on the IMB's website. There are also some good resources at [wmustore.com](http://wmustore.com).)

If you're looking for some interesting ways to build your Lottie Moon offering gifts I found some different ideas on a couple of websites. The first two ideas were posted on our Georgia Baptist Mission Board website

(<https://gabaptist.org>). Put a bank on your kitchen/dining table and insert all extra change for the month. Be creative in how you save money. Consider what your family is spending on Christmas gifts. "Buy" Jesus a Christmas Gift by giving the amount to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that your family is spending on its most expensive gift for Christmas.

I also found some interesting ideas from a 2016 Missouri Baptist Convention post from their journal, The Pathway. Create a tax on a common item, building upon

the scripture Luke 2:3, "And all went to be taxed, everyone to his own city." (KJV). Example: church members are challenged to pay \$1 for each pair of shoes they own.

This next idea has been around a while—set up a post office for handling Christmas cards among church members, with the cost savings from postage going to the Lottie Moon offering. One way to show your church's progression in meeting your offering goal is by enlarging a missionary photograph and cutting it into puzzle pieces, using each piece to represent monetary increments. Place one piece on the wall each time you receive a certain amount. You can find a few more ideas on our website at [www.carrolltonwmu.com](http://www.carrolltonwmu.com).

Here's how your prayers and gifts transformed lives in the last year: 811 people groups engaged by IMB, 12,005 churches planted, and 46,495 people baptized. (IMB) Thanks for all you do, Keri Perkins



**Sunday School Mentoring Program**  
December 18  
6:30 p.m.  
Pleasant View Baptist Church

**Christmas Holidays Hours...**  
The CBA Office will close at Noon on Thursday, December 20, and reopen Wednesday, January 2nd.



*Minister/Mate  
After Christmas Fellowship*

*Tuesday, January 15  
7:00 p.m.  
FBC, Carrollton*

*All ministers in your church are invited.*

*Menu to be announced  
Please R.S.V.P. by January 8th*





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**CBA Office Hours:**

Monday-Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-Noon  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-Noon  
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Closed on Fridays

Return Service Requested



**Rev. Tony McManus: Moderator**  
**Rev. Mark Williams: Vice Moderator**  
**Rev. Dan Dockery:**  
**Associational Missionary**  
**Mrs. Teresa Britt:**  
**Ministry Assistant**



*December*



*Merry Christmas!*

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| Nov. 26-Dec. 2—Pray for FBC, Carrollton—<br><b>Dr. Steve Davis, Pastor</b>                  |           | <b>Administrative Team Meeting</b> —At American Pie Pizzeria following the Ministers’ Luncheon    |
| Nov. 30– Dec. 1 <b>Associational Mission Trip to Rogersville, TN</b>                        | 13        | <b>Leadership Development Team Meeting</b> —8:15 a.m. at the CBA.                                 |
| 2-9 <b>Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</b> | 17-23     | <b>Pray for Consolation, Rev. Mike Powers, Pastor</b>   |
| 3 <b>Mission Development Team Meeting</b> —8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A                         | 18        | <b>Sunday School Mentoring</b> —6:30 p.m. at Pleasant View  |
| 3-9 <b>Pray for Centralhatchee First</b> —Rev. Mark Williams, Pastor                        | 20        | <b>The CBA Office will close at noon for the Christmas Holidays. We will reopen on January 2.</b> |
| 5 <b>Ministers’ Luncheon</b> —11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria                           | 24        | <b>Christmas Eve</b>  |
| 6 <b>Community Ministries Team Meeting</b> —8:15 a.m. at Chick-fil-A                        | 24-30     | <b>Pray for Concord</b> —Rev. Joey Dedman, Pastor   |
| 7-8 <b>Associational Mission Trip to Rogersville, TN</b>                                    | 25        | <b>Merry Christmas!</b>   |
| 10-16 <b>Pray for Christ The King</b> —Rev. Kirk Richeson, Pastor                           | 31        | <b>New Years’ Eve</b>   |
| 12 <b>Ministers’ Luncheon</b> —11:30 a.m. at American Pie Pizzeria                          | 31-Jan. 6 | <b>Pray for Discovery</b> —Rev. Alan Trippe, Pastor   |

