



# CARROLLTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

An Acts 1:8 Ministry

January 2024

From Your Associational Mission Strategist

Greetings Friends,  
I hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebrating our wonderful Savior with family and friends. It's a new year, but I am thankful for what God did in 2023. I think most of our churches were blessed to see souls saved, and new believers baptized last year. Some of our churches who had not done a Vacation Bible School in several years by faith had VBS in 2023. Many children across our community came to faith in Christ. Praise the Lord in Rogersville, Tennessee through our backpack emphasis many parents and students trusted in Christ as Savior. What an amazing Grid Iron event we had in August with over 230 professions of faith. Also, I was so excited to see what the Lord did in the Centralhatchee community where we had 70+ adults and students come to faith through our backpack giveaway for elementary school kids. We had a great time in Nicaragua where the Lord blessed with several hundred decisions for Christ. I hope you were able to attend the West Central Georgia Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Carrollton Baptist Association churches. Over 800 people attended this conference. It was a great time of challenging and equipping. It was also a blessing to host the Spark Conference with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Hundreds of church leaders were equipped in the area of discipleship. All across our community there has been a strong emphasis on evangelism and reaching our community with the

Gospel. I want to thank each of you for your prayers and support of the ministry of the Carrollton Baptist Association.

In 2024 we are expecting great things to take place for Jesus. In March and April we're asking churches to catch the Evangelism Wave focusing outwardly in the area of evangelism. Many of our churches already do evangelism outreach during the spring. We are asking our churches to do a Friend Day, Evangelistic Weekend, Revival, and Evangelistic Youth, Men's Women's and Children's events.

On April 21 we will be having our West Georgia Evangelism Conference. This conference will be sponsored by the Carrollton Baptist Association churches and will be held at Ropoville Road Baptist Church. Our guest speakers are going to be Dr. Herb Reavis and Dr. J.J. Washington. Marc Ivey will be singing with a 200 person mass choir from our area churches. We will also have breakouts to equip God's people in the area of evangelism. The National Day of Prayer for our nation is Thursday, May 2. The Carrollton Baptist Association will be hosting the West Central National Day of Prayer men's event. This event will be held at the Pavillion at Oak Mountain in Carrollton. Our guest speaker will be War Hero Tim Lee. Tim is a powerful speaker who lost both his legs in combat. We hope all men will make plans to attend and enjoy a BBQ.

Begin to pray for our Carrollton Baptist Association Children's Camp, June 24-27th at Camp Rockridge. This will be an exciting time to see kids not only have fun, but also hear the Good News of Christ and many will grow in their faith.

The Carrollton Baptist Association is going on mission in Nicaragua. The dates available are July 6 -12th and also July 13-19th. Please reach out to our office if you would like a brochure and if you are interested in going with us. This fall we will be hosting our Grid Iron event scheduled for Thursday, August 8. Football teams, cheerleaders and bands will come together for a good meal and a huge rally. We are praying again for a great harvest of students coming to faith.

Please plan to participate on Sunday, October 20, 2024 for the Carrollton Baptist Association 151th Anniversary and Annual Meeting Celebration. These are just a few things that are coming our way in 2024. The goal is to make Jesus the talk of our community. We want to see revival take place in West Central Georgia. Let's make a difference for Christ in 2024.

Happy New Year!

Because He Lives,  
Tim



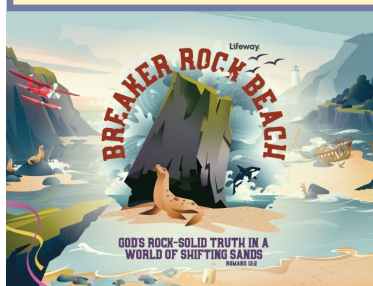
Sunday, January 21, 2024

Baby Bottle Boomerang  
benefiting the

Pregnancy Resource Center

Baby Bottles will be available at the CBA  
Office beginning Jan. 8th

**VBS Early Bird Clinic  
for VBS Directors  
and Pastors!**



**Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach  
January 25, 7:00pm  
Bowdon Baptist Church**

**Samaritan's Purse -Operation Christmas Child  
Shoebbox Collection at Tabernacle Baptist Church  
4308 Shoeboxes Collected!**



Thank you to all who filled shoeboxes for this great ministry! Each shoebox was prayed over as it was received for God's love to be known and for many people to choose to follow Christ. Thank you, Tabernacle, Ben Ervin, and all who volunteered during the collection week!

## January Pastor Spotlight—Rev. Kerry Cooke, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church



I've been blessed with parents and family who believed and practiced their faith. I was baptized into the faith at Bethel Baptist at age 14. We moved to Temple First Baptist Church at 15 and I was part of the youth group there. As an older teen, I helped lead the youth group. Later I moved to Abilene Baptist where I became the volunteer youth leader. At age 22 I felt the call into the ministry. Rev. H.T. Henderson was my Pastor. I traveled with him as he did revivals and he became one of my greatest mentors. I've had many other precious mentors and friends in the ministry including my dear brother, Fred Cooke. I was blessed to serve as Pastor

of Westview Baptist Church (Carrollton), Peachtree Baptist Church (Carrollton), and also served with West Carrollton Prison Ministry in the local jail. I have been Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Carrollton since March 2003.

This past year, 2023, in February during our "Love Jesus" Revival, I was convicted that I had not truly accepted Jesus' love for me. I prayed and asked the Lord's forgiveness and I know that He saved me. It gave me a peace I had never experienced before. May my last days be my best days serving my Lord.

Rev. Kerry Cooke

### From the WMU

A new year; a good time to start a plan to read through the Bible in a year and pray for missionaries each day on their birthdays. I have put some reading plans on our website, [www.carrolltonwmu.com](http://www.carrolltonwmu.com). I also added a link to order a subscription to Mission Mosaic. This monthly magazine has wonderful mission stories, a prayer article, and a Bible study article. Daily devotions and prayer requests are also included.

January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Human trafficking is a very hard topic. But we need to keep it in front of us. Proverbs 31:8-9 reminds us to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

I will put links on our website for resources to learn more about human trafficking. Georgia Baptists recognize this as a very important issue. It is one of the initiatives under Mission Georgia. Please find information for action, prayer and resources at: [missiongeorgia.org/humantrafficking/](http://missiongeorgia.org/humantrafficking/).

### Looking Ahead

**February 18**, Focus on WMU Sunday—Share with your church how God uses WMU missions discipleship to make His Gospel known around the world.

**February 22**, Selah—Training retreat for Women's Ministry leaders at Pinnacle Retreat Center, Clayton, GA

**February 24**, Camper & Family Open House—Campers and families are invited to Pinnacle Retreat Center (Clayton, GA) to tour the campus, meet staff and learn about Camp Pinnacle, Georgia's only summer missions camp for girls.

**March 1**, Camp Pinnacle Mom & Me Weekend—For girls who have completed grades K5-3rd grade and their mom or an adult woman who is investing in their lives. Register at: [cappinnacle.net/mom-me/](http://cappinnacle.net/mom-me/).

Thanks for all you do,

Keri Perkins

### Church News & Events

**Bowdon** : Rev. Justin Richards celebrates 25th Anniversary in ministry as a Pastor. 17 Years at Tyus and 8 Years at Bowdon as Pastor.

**Calvary**: The church is beginning the new year by starting a choir!

**Centralhatchee**: will be hosting a Health Screening at the Church on January 25. More Information coming soon.

**Note**: Please have all announcements for the February Newsletter into the CBA office NO later than January 15.

*Ministry Assistants!  
You may be interested in  
this conference!  
Great training!*

Georgia Baptist Association of  
Ministry Assistants' Conference  
**March 13-15, 2024**  
Operation Mobilization  
Tyrone, Georgia  
Registration will open in about a month

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence  
there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore." -Psalm 16:11 ESV

*Thanks to all the churches who have  
supported the CBA financially since  
September 1, the beginning of our  
financial year....*

Bethesda, Beulah, Bowdon, Calvary, Centralhatchee FBC, Concord, Ephesus, Flat Rock, Fullerville, Glenloch, Harmony, Indian Creek, Kansas, Midway, Midway West, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion Community, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant View, Rocky Mount, Roopville Road, Salem, Shady Grove, Tabernacle, Temple FBC, Trinity, Tyus, Veal, Villa Rica FBC, Whitesburg



## Backpacks for Appalachia

### Carrollton Baptist Association Christmas Parties with "Of One Accord Ministries" Rogersville, Tennessee

**Thank you Lord for 61 decisions  
for Christ!**



### Centralhatchee FBC Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Christmas Parties



The need in Rogersville was 1184 Backpacks!  
The Carrollton Baptist Association filled 1208+ Backpacks. God is Good! The need was met!  
Thank you each and everyone who filled a backpack for these children and families. The love of Christ is shown through your gifts and many have come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.



### Harmony & Pleasant Ridge Dec. 8-9 Christmas Parties







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Monday—Thursday 8:00am-Noon  
1:00pm-4:00pm  
Closed on Friday

**Dr. Stephen Peeples, Moderator  
Rev. Scott Estes, Vice-Moderator  
Rev. Tim Williams  
Associational Mission Strategist  
Mrs. Angie Presnal  
Ministry Assistant**

**January**

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| <b>1</b>     | <b>Happy New Year!</b>   | <b>21</b>     | <b>Sanctity of Life Sunday</b>   |
| <b>1-7</b>   | <b>Pray for Fullerville, Pastor Steve Swafford</b>             |               | <b>Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins</b>  |
| <b>2</b>     | <b>CBA Office Reopens</b>                                      | <b>21-28</b>  | <b>Pray for Indian Creek, Pastor Joe Driver</b>  |
| <b>7-14</b>  | <b>Pray for Glenloch, Pastor Neil Awbrey</b>                   | <b>22</b>     | <b>Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00pm</b>   |
| <b>10</b>    | <b>Minister’s Luncheon, 11:30 am, American Pie Pizzeria</b>    |               | <b>CBA Office</b>  |
| <b>11</b>    | <b>Next Generation Team Meeting, 11:30am , The Lazy Donkey</b> | <b>24</b>     | <b>Minister’s Luncheon, 11:30 am, American Pie Pizzeria</b>                                |
| <b>15</b>    | <b>MLK Day—CBA Office Closed</b>                               | <b>25</b>     | <b>VBS Early Bird Clinic, Lifeway’s “Breaker Rock Beach” 7:00pm, Bowdon Baptist Church</b> |
| <b>15-21</b> | <b>Pray for Harmony, Pastor Anthony Puckett</b>                |               | <b>Health Screening at Centralhatchee FBC</b>  |
| <b>17</b>    | <b>Minister’s Luncheon, 11:30am, American Pie</b>              | <b>28-2/4</b> | <b>Pray for Local Ministries</b>   |
|              | <b>Administrative Team Meeting to follow</b>                   | <b>31</b>     | <b>Minister’s Luncheon, 11:30am, American Pie</b>  |
|              | <b>Minister’s Luncheon</b>                                     |               | <b>Pizza</b>   |