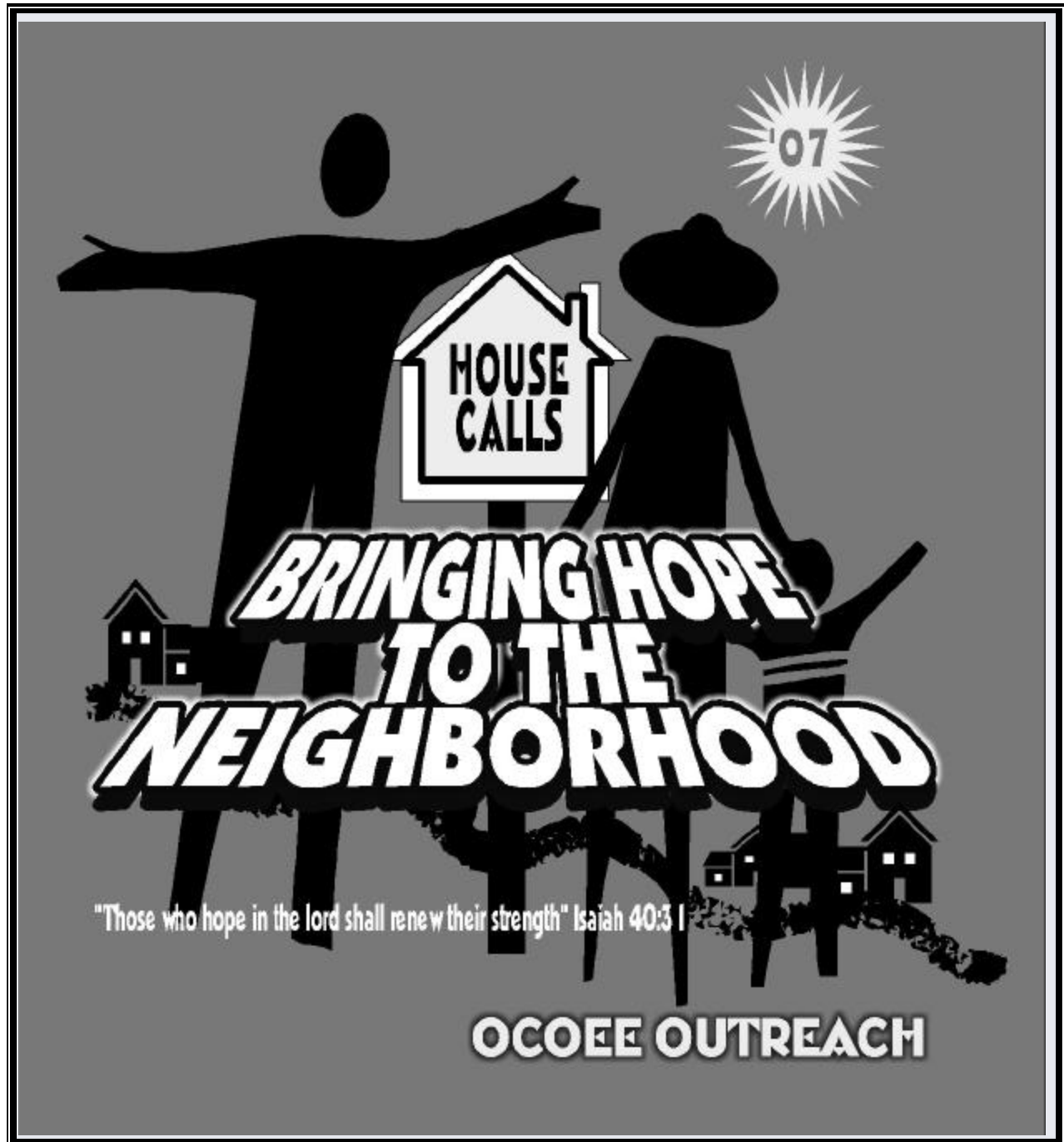




# Bradley Baptist Beacon

June—July 2007





## A LEGACY OF FUN

LateNight Basketball finished its 4th year this past April. LateNight is a coordinated effort between the Bradley Baptist Association, Cleveland Police department, and the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland. On



Friday nights from 9:00 pm until 11:30 pm teams of high schoolers and out of high school boys compete. The purpose of LateNight Basketball is to provide a positive alternative for guys to participate in on Friday nights and to receive



positive male influence from men of our churches as they demonstrate God's love. This year we had 27 teams with over 100 participants, an all time high. Five BBA churches, Cleveland FBC, Westwood, The Church at Grace Point, Elkmont, and Candies Creek had representatives helping to organize, provide food and drinks, and build relationships with the players; sharing their personal story of how they came to know Christ.



## Global Day of Prayer

May 27— North Cleveland  
Church of God 6:00 pm

## 90 Days of Blessing

The 90 Days of Blessing follows the Global Day of Prayer as an opportunity for Christians to not only continue in persistent prayer, but to become actively involved in serving and reaching out. This is a time of being creative in the Spirit, a time of becoming the hands and feet of Jesus in broken communities. There are over 10,000 people in Bradley County who experience hunger on a regular basis.

### **How can you help?**

Bring *non-perishable* food items to the Campbell Center on Keith Street . May 17, 2007  
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**WMBW** will be broadcasting live from this location.

**WHAT:** Community-Wide Food Drive

**WHO:** Sponsored by the Global Day of Prayer – 90 Days of Blessing

**BRING:** Non-perishable food items. Volunteers will be available to assist.

**WHERE:** Drop-off at Life Care's Campbell Center on Keith Street.

WMBW will be broadcasting live for the marathon food collection!

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 17, 2007  
6AM – 6PM

## WHO BENEFITS:

The following local faith-based organizations that distribute food to the disadvantaged in Bradley County:

**Faith Memorial**

**First Baptist Church – Manna Ministry**

**Mt. Olive – East**

**New Life Community Kitchen**

**The Caring Place**

**Valley View Baptist Storehouse**

## FUTURE DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR FOOD

### DRIVE:

**June 27, 2007** – WCLE will be broadcasting live from Cooke's Food Store on Keith Street.

**July 27, 2007** – WBAC will be broadcasting live from Cleveland High School on Raider Drive

**August 24, 2007** – J103 will be broadcasting live from Pathway Bookstore on 25<sup>th</sup> Street.



# RESTORING HOMES AND RENEWING HOPE

## HOUSE CALLS:

### BRINGING HOPE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

In a word Busy! That is what this summer's Ocoee Outreach will be. Busy organizing 19 different Church Mission groups as we work on 30 different home sites. This year we have groups from South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Texas and Tennessee. All together approximately 560 volunteers from 10 states with an additional 100 BBA Church volunteers assisting. We



also will have 7-8 summer missionary interns to help with the day to day site organization. Seven local churches have stepped up to provide an evening meal and lunches to our volunteers. As a ministry we do home repair to the outsides of homes in South Cleveland. This mostly consists of roofing, painting, minor carpentry, wheelchair ramps and is a tool we use to show Christ's love with others. Also during this year's Ocoee Outreach we have scheduled 7 Backyard Bible Clubs, one Vacation Bible School, and one Sports Clinic. There are also 7 block



parties on the schedule with an emphasis, as always, on evangelism and outreach. If you are interested in helping with Ocoee Outreach please contact the BBA offices at:

423-476-5493.



## 2007 Ocoee Outreach Schedule

*June*

*July*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
							5 repair sites: LaFayette (NC), and FBC Wilson (NC)						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5 Repair Sites: Hagood Baptist & FBC Lyman (SC)							5 Repair Sites: Pioneer & Kingley Lake (FL), FBC Perrysburg (OH)						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4 Repair Sites: Clingan Ridge, Grove Hill(AL), FBC (GA), Towaliga (GA)							5 Repair Sites: FBC Thomasville (GA), Cherry Mound (TN), FBC Carthage (TX)						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
							4 Repair Sites: Jessups Grove (NC), FBC Saint Bethlehem (TN), Mt. View Baptist (TN)						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				
3 Repair Sites: Thompsontown (PA), Kingsland (VA)													

## JERUSALEM: SEMINARS

### Risk Management Seminar

Hamilton County Association is sponsoring a Risk Management Meeting with Len Webb of Church Mutual. It will be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$7.50 each and includes a dinner. The Seminar will be at Ridgedale Baptist Church: 1831 Hickory Valley Road. Reservations need to be made by June 14. Call 267-3794 or email [hcba@baptistassociation.com](mailto:hcba@baptistassociation.com) to reserve your spot.

### Included Subjects are:

- Volunteer Screening
- Theft embezzlement by personnel (5 reported in this region this year)
- Sexual misconduct or harassment
- Safe place for all ages to worship and grow
- Church sponsored events (on/off premises)
- Catastrophic occurrence (such as Katrina and loss of income to the church).

## SAMARIA: THE 411 NY UPDATE

The **411 NYC** has recently undergone format changes in their Sunday morning worship. They are now creating a dialogue sermon format where conversation and interaction is encouraged. They have experienced positive reactions from their congregation.

A Disaster Relief team is also being developed to serve as first responders to the helpless and hurting in the aftermath of disaster. They began training in May. High-Riser ministry is transitioning into Life Transformation Groups. They are currently training in how to stay connected during the summer and how to be involved in ministering to the less fortunate in their community.



KidStudio has begun a drop-in art studio on the 2nd Wednesday each month Sept—June. This is geared for kids ages 3-8 years old and involves all types of materials. They have also started Open Play on Mondays and Fridays. Their indoor play area is a perfect place for kids to burn off energy. Parents can meet and socialize with other parents with coffee

and hot chocolate in the lounge.



The **411 NYC Artery Event** planning is underway. They are anticipating multiple plays, dance performances, expanded art gallery and concert kick off. Artery is one of the largest outreach events in the art community by the **411 NYC**.

Vicki Cline has joined the **411 NYC** by raising her own financial support. She will be taking on the role of Office Administrator as well as Partnerships and Missions.

Memorial Day will be a missions focused week as the **411 NYC** works alongside a partner church from Mississippi. They will be feeding the homeless, visiting the sick and shut-in, and offering a ministering touch to people who have been traumatized by life's circumstances. The **411 NYC** is also planning a mission trip to Peru in South America November 9-17th. For more information about the 411 NYC you can speak to Scott Rourk at 212-594-0140 or visit their web site at [www.the411nyc.com](http://www.the411nyc.com).

## SAMARIA: DISASTER RELIEF REBUILD UPDATE

### **The Gulf Coast Rebuild goes on.....**

This past month there were three different teams assisting with Disaster Rebuild that went to the Gulf Coast. Westwood's Jeff Davis led a group of 7 volunteers, Kathy Moore of Waterville led a group of 14 volunteers, and Fred Murphey of Gum Springs led a group of 8 volunteers. As each group goes and comes back they share unique experiences. Jeff Davis of Westwood has been going about every six weeks for a year. After his first trip he felt overwhelmed by the devastation but realized that they were able to help one house at a time. Jeff has seen the fruit of that faithfulness. On this last trip down, one family, whose home had been 27 feet underwater, passed the electrical and plumbing requirements.

Waterville's 14 volunteers worked on two job sites and were blessed to see two salvations and a reconciliation. "We are at the point where we are not only rebuilding lives but also restoring faith. God is at work in everything we do. He is using each person that travels to Mississippi in amazing ways - no matter what age or physical condition" reported Kathy Moore. If you or your church is interested in going, contact the office at 423-476-5493.



We live in a day when we try to explain life in terms of quips. Some of my favorites are:

“everything rises and falls on leadership;”

“a leader is a dealer in hope;”

“the new leader is a facilitator, not an order-giver;”

“the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing;”

“success is always inside out;”

“anything can be done – but not everything;”

“the best way to predict your future is to create it;”

“today’s innovations are tomorrow’s traditions;”

“don’t put out more tomato plants than you can carry water to;”

“a minority of input produces the majority of results (80-20 rule);”

“we get what we inspect, not what we expect;”

“today’s problems come from yesterday’s solutions;”

“all leadership is risk, but not all risk is leadership;”

“the water level in a barrel drops to the lowest hole;”

“glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever;”

“people support what they create;”

“success is never final – failure is never fatal;”

“you can’t discover new lands without losing sight of shore.”

Quips are catchy, but are any universally true? Are there any of these quips that can always be used to explain why or how leaders are effective?

## Rekindle the Fire

I have discovered that leaders come in all shapes and sizes. There is nothing that is common in terms of personality, style, or approach to ministry.

I have the privilege to work with smart, creative, innovative pastors/church planters. These are the guys who are shaping the future of the church. I have tried to figure out the keys to their effectiveness, hoping that if we identified the common characteristic(s), we could be more intentional in enlisting/training future pastors.

I observe that some are very personable and charismatic. They can motivate people to do the impossible – *but not all are!* Some of the effective pastors are really more introverted. They expend a lot of personal energy in building personal relationships, but they are very effective.

I notice that some are highly organized in their personal and professional lives. They keep detailed calendars and “work the plan” – *but not all do!* In fact, some of the most effective pastors seem to live in disarray. They are so visionary, and their thoughts are so far out there, that they seem to miss the attention of the moment.

I see that some are very skilled pulpiteers. They can preach like Adrian Rogers – *but not all can!* In fact, most of them use a more conversational style of preaching that effectively engages the hearer. They reach as many, if not more, people than the orators.

Some are highly educated and very knowledgeable. They have advanced degrees and are well-read – *but not all are!* Many have struggled to complete their education and have had difficulty coping with the academic world. They have the information, but they are oral-type learners. They tend to

learn by observing and doing, rather than by reading and studying. Yet they are often some of the more creative and effective leaders.

However, I have observed one common characteristic to the variety of effective leaders. That common characteristic is the passion that has emerged from a clear call of God upon their lives. Without that passion, all other attributes are irrelevant.

For the past several years I have had the opportunity to assess potential church planters for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The assessment is based upon a comprehensive process that attempts to discover the probable effectiveness of the church planter candidate. We discover his spiritual giftedness, his personality profile, his leadership style, his ministry preference, and his past history of ministry. Sometimes this information will indicate that the candidate has a lower probability for effectiveness as a church planter. However, even if he knocks the top off in every category, without that passion derived from God’s call upon his life, he will not be effective. Passion trumps every other quality and can be used by God to compensate for any apparent weaknesses that an individual may have.

Pray for your pastors and leaders that God might rekindle the fervor, the passion, which was there when God called them and set them apart to His ministry. The Apostle Paul declared that he was “compelled by the Spirit” (Acts 20:22-24). May we all serve under God’s divine compulsion!

***The quip – passion precedes and promises power!***

***In His Service,***

***Phil Taylor***

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## WMU Corner

Greetings ladies! Spring has finally arrived! I hope you're looking forward to spending some time outdoors in the coming weeks and months. No doubt, you'll be planning activities with family and friends. Let me encourage you to make every outing a "mission" outing. Look for ways to serve others as you enjoy your get-togethers. Encourage the children in your community to get involved in a mission project for the summer. Our children long for things to do in the summer and I bet you can think of some ways they can use their time helping others who need help. Let's be an example as well and look for ways to help those in need; a single mom, an elderly person, a shut-in, or a nursing home patient. I truly believe that we can be an example of Christ by reaching out in love to others who need to know that Jesus loves them.

In Christ,  
Jan Proffit Kyle



### *Among Our Churches*

**Tasso Baptist Church** is looking for a Pianist. If you are interested please contact Rev. Michael Cawood at 472-1025

**Valley View Baptist Church** has called a youth minister Adam Donegan who is the son of music minister Ricky Donegan.

**New Horizons Baptist church** has 18 padded oak church pews and a pulpit free to any church that is in need. Please contact Pastor Wally Varnell at 478-5132.



## June

- **6th** MDT Meeting 10:00 am
- **3rd-8th** Ocoee Outreach ; 5 project sites: Mt Carmel Providing meals
- **10th-15th** Ocoee Outreach 4 home sites: Clingan Ridge providing meals
- **24th –29th** Ocoee Outreach 3 home sites: Phillippi providing meals
- **27th** Monthly Pastor's Luncheon at Antonio's
- **27th** Community Wide Food Drive, **WCLE** broadcasting from Cooke's on Keith

## July

- **11th** MDT meeting **Cancelled**
- **25th** monthly Pastors Luncheon **Cancelled**
- **27th** Community Wide Food Drive, **WBAC** will be broadcasting live from Cleveland High on Raider Drive.