



Bradley Baptist Beacon

March 2007



**BRADLEY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

Disaster Relief: On Call and In Action



Working Together for Victory
April 10 @ 6:30 pm
Volunteer Banquet

MINISTERING IN OUR JERUSALEM

2007 MEN'S REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SEMINARS



In a word, Wow! The 2007 Men's regional conference with Dr. Johnny Hunt was an outstanding event. Dr. Hunt challenged the 250 plus attendees to "hang in there" ; to persevere. Taking one step further from "What Ever it Takes", Dr. Hunt used the example of Job's life as a blueprint for survival in today's anxiety filled world.



As they were led through the work book, emphasis was placed on being a man of perseverance, integrity and hope.

Step by step, instruction and guidance from the book of Job was delivered to the heart of the many seeking who were attending.

Men from our all over our county, state and neighboring states were given tools to face the daily struggles



living in a fallen world brings. They were challenged to look at heart attitudes and surrender to God's vision looking to restoration. Encouragement and prayer for strength to persevere ended the sessions with a unified heart.

A big thank you for the wonderful desserts provided by the many ladies of the associational churches as well as the people of Westwood who served and hosted the event. A special thanks to Rhonda Weeks for her organizational abilities and Pastor Best for his desire to host the event.

VOLUNTEER BANQUET

Working Together for Victory

April 10th at 6:30 pm, the Bradley Baptist Association will be holding an appreciation banquet for our many volunteers who have served over the last several years: New York Mission trips, Project Helping Hands, Ocoee Outreach, Disaster Relief, MDT, Administrative Team, and manning the phones when the staff is gone. It will be held at First Baptist Church and feature special guest speakers Rick White from the 411 NY and John Morris from the Gulf Coast Association partnership. A fun time celebrating the victorious teamwork of the volunteers of BBA. The Tennessee Disaster Relief will also be there to take **New id photos and make badges** for all our Disaster relief volunteers during the banquet.

Coming on April 16th, Dr. Reggie McNeal will speak on Practicing Greatness.



Often spiritual leaders do not aspire to greatness for fear of seeming to lack humility. Yet greatness in spiritual leadership is just what we need. The question is How do good spiritual leaders become great leaders? Dr. Reggie McNeal will discuss this based on his extensive experience as coach and mentor to many thousands of Christian leaders across a broad spectrum of ministry settings. Dr. McNeal helps spiritual leaders understand they will self-select into or out of greatness. In this conference Dr. McNeal will discuss how great spiritual leaders are committed consciously and intentionally to seven spiritual disciplines as outlined in his book Practicing Greatness: 7 disciplines of extraordinary spiritual leaders. Cost of the conference is \$25 and scholarships are available upon request. Call the BBA at 476-5493 for more information.

FINANCES



Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers:

Featuring Richard Skidmore of the TBC, February 26th at 6:30 pm at the Bradley Baptist Association. Helpful information for Church Leadership, Treasurers, and Stewardship teams Call 476-5493 to register.

JERUSALEM

LADIES MINISTRY

“Ladies Spring Praise Brunch”

hosted by Ridgeview Baptist will be Saturday, April 14th from 9:00am—2:00pm.

Sylvia Harney will be the speaker and Jennifer Slack will provide the music. Sylvia is a small-town preacher’s daughter who has become a giant in the world of Christian Comedy. She possesses a ‘gentle boldness’ to share God’s truths and leave her audiences with something of lasting value that goes straight to the heart and stays there. There is no fee but an offering will be received. Please contact Dot Eslinger at 559-7991 if you have question. Please call by April 9th with an approximate number that will attend.



BBA MEDIA LIBRARY

Calendar of Events 2007

2/10 @ 9:00am Thompson Springs Winter Reading Update; Summer Reading Club Planning, shelf Reading Contest.

4/07 @ 9:00am Lifeway Bookstore Book Reviews

5/8 @ 6:30pm Waterville: Storytelling—Connecting with Children. Guest speaker Phillip Rodgers.

8/14 @ 6:30 pm Pathway Bookstore Book Review (Hamilton county library workers invited)

9/8 @ 8:30-4:00 First Baptist Cleveland Fall Regional Library Conference

10/13 @ 9:00am Golden Corral Winter Reading club Planning.

ENDS OF THE EARTH

March 10th At 6:00pm: Learn how to mobilize your church through Strategic Partnerships in International Missions

Church leaders are asking: How can we take international missions to a higher level in our church? How can we get to a point of working in a successful partnership with IMB missionaries? What is a strategy coordinator with the IMB and how are they asking local churches to help them?

Come and hear the heart of a church in dialogue with an IMB strategy Coordinator. Discussion will be held regarding the possible partnership between a local church and a team on the field. The promise of the conference is to Develop the Vision of the IMB to mobilize and equip the people of Bradley county to reach the nations and peoples of the world.

“Only as every church and every believer catches a vision for God’s purpose and is mobilized to be on mission with God can a lost world be reached and the kingdom of God extended to the ends of the earth.”
IMB president Jerry Rankin

Registration:For more information and to register contact –Dimple Cox
423-476-5493

Registration Deadline March 5, 2007

Schedule:

Saturday March 10th Bradley Baptist Association Office

6:00pm Dinner & “How did we get here?”

6:30 pm “The role of the local church, The role of the IMB...”

7:30pm “Partner Assessment and Selection”

ISLAM

In an attempt to assist you with understanding the difference between Islam and Christianity, we thought an information column comparing key core beliefs would be beneficial. For the next three months we will look at the differences regarding God, Jesus, Salvation, the Bible, Sin, Heaven and Hell.

Part Two

Salvation:

Christianity: Christ’ death at Calvary completely paid our sin debt so that salvation comes by grace alone through faith in the person and work of Jesus (John 3:16, 5:24; Romans 4:4-5; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Eph. 2:8-9; titus 3:5; 1 John 1:7).

Islam: The Koran teaches, “The true religion with God is Islam.” This means salvation is achieved only through submission to the teachings of Islam. Forgiveness is based on good works and Allah’s choice of mercy. The Muslim’s chances for heaven are good if he 1)accepts the Muslim god Allah and his apostle Muhammad; 2) does good works and all that is required of him by Allah; and 3) is predestined to Allah’s favor.

The Bible

Christianity: The Bible is the inerrant, infallible, inspired Word of God, and is His sole written authority for all people (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

Islam: Corrupted and untrustworthy. Islam claims the Koran is the literal Word of God, received supernaturally by Muhammad from the angel Gabriel. It supersedes the Bible, which also was given by Allah.

...to be continued next month.

SAMARIA: DISASTER RELIEF NEWS



Nixa, Missouri: 11 hours and 650 miles from Bradley County Tennessee, yet many there will not soon forget the impact of our volunteers. On January 19 through the 24th 13 disaster relief team members were on the field ministering with their chainsaws. The Baptist press reported the Missouri and Okalahoma ice storms being a level four disaster (out of five). It has even been compared to the damage Katrina did only with ice. Originally 260,000 people were without



power and there are at this time about 30,000 still without power. A disaster relief team filled with volunteers from Waterville, Georgetown, Candies Creek, Clingan Ridge, and North Etowah Baptist, filled vans and trucks with willing hearts and chainsaws. The trip was long and the work hard and cold but the Lord was glorified. Since the storms the North American Mission Boards Disaster Relief arm reports more than 1000 volunteers have gone working more than 4,399



volunteer days. 103,089 meals have been prepared and 1,855 jobs have been completed. But there is still more. The freezing temperatures and the enormity of the area blanketed by ice have worked to create a great need. The Tri County Association in Nixa reports about two more



months recovery work and at least 200 more applications for chainsaw jobs. Another team from the association will be leaving on February 7th and returning on the 11th. Please continue to pray for the people in Missouri and our faithful volunteers.



Buffalo, NY: During the month of November, 2 teams comprised of 24 BBA Disaster Relief Volunteers responded to the early winter storm damage suffered in Buffalo, NY Charley Scoggins (Clingan Ridge), Ron Chastain and Lou Sadowski (Waterville) served as Team Leaders/blue caps. The teams worked over 20 sites by cutting trees off cars, homes, driveways, and sidewalks. They shared the Gospel with every family they encountered and had incredible experiences.

Hurricane Katrina Rebuild :

During the months of January and February, approx. 14 volunteers formed 2 teams from Clingan Ridge to perform assessments on homes in the Gulfport area in need of repair from Hurricane Katrina.

BBA Shower Trailer update:

The Association is getting closer to completion of it's 3rd Disaster Relief unit, a 22ft shower trailer with 4 individual shower units, a laundry section with washer and dryer, and a double sink and mirror section. As you can tell by the



pictures, the shell of the unit is completed and volunteers are now finishing the inside.

New ID badges for BBA Disaster Relief Volunteers:

For the many volunteers that went through Disaster Relief Training but never received their ID badges—we've got good news! On Tuesday, April 10th starting at 6pm, personnel from TBC will be at FBC Cleveland taking pictures and making ID badges during our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

And now a word from our director.....



Yes!!! We are blessed as an association with good churches and good people! We are blessed with g r e a t

ministries and great opportunities for evangelism, missions, and ministry! Someone asked me recently to explain why our association has such positive work and blessings. After I thought for a few moments, I realized that I could not even begin to describe all of the many ways that the Lord is blessing our cooperative efforts. I responded, "You, know, it's really a God-thing and I can't describe it all. I do know one thing though; it's all about God and not about any one of us. I'm just trying to be the best coach and cheerleader that I can be." I thank the Lord every day for the opportunity to work with people and churches that have a heart for kingdom building.

We have been tremendously blessed this past year with so many who have served in the Gulf Coast Partnership. Lives have been changed on the field, and lives of those who served have been changed also. One of the exciting new changes has been the addition of John Morris, who is serving as our on-site coordinator and church planter. His first church is already averaging 60 people just a few weeks from start-up. The church

meets in a barn that was barely saved after Katrina. I asked John how I could pray for him and what his greatest need was. His reply, "We need bathrooms for the barn." How much would they cost? "\$10,000." I am praying about how we can help meet that need. Would you pray with me?

We have also been blessed through the work of our Disaster Relief Teams that have served in Buffalo, NY after the snow storms, and in Missouri following the ice storms. You will see pictures in the newsletter showing their work.

Yesterday, I was talking with Ron Chastain, who served as the leader of the team that served in Joplin, MO. It is always a blessing to talk with these individuals when they return. Ron was sharing with me the blessing that God gave them on their last assignment. They were dispatched to help a lady in her 80's who had been without electricity for several days. It was obvious that she had a stroke in her past. It was very difficult for her to talk. The elderly lady could not get over the fact that these men were helping her at no charge. Ron replied to her that the bill has already been paid. She knew immediately the bill had been paid with the price Christ paid on the cross. She wept for joy and expressed her appreciation with a hug and tears.

And, folks, that's not all! One of

the best opportunities that our association has for recognizing all the efforts of all our volunteers is going to come on April 10. Put it on the calendar and don't miss this great opportunity to celebrate what God has been up to. We are inviting Ric White from The 411 church in Manhattan and John Morris from the Gulf Coast to be our special guests. More information will follow. I look forward to this special time to bless our volunteers.

We have so much to be thankful for as an association, and we have such great relationships surely God would want us to step out of our comfort zone and do something that could have eternal consequences for the kingdom. What that could be I do not know, but I am asking you to pray with me about what that might be.

Pastors, join me as we pray at our monthly pastor's luncheon. We have been blessed with a private room at Antonio's on Michigan Ave. We had a great crowd this past month and we missed many of you. Our March luncheon will be on the 28th.

We are blessed,

Phil Taylor

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BBA Gulf Coast Partnership Update

Exciting things have been happening with our ongoing partnership with Gulf Coast Association in Gulfport, MS. A new church plant has been started by lead coordinator, John Morris who along with a couple of other staff assist all of our teams that stay and work out of the Robinson Road facility. The new church start has grown to 60 in attendance in just a couple of months. A couple of Bible study groups have been started at strategic locations related to the rebuild. If your church would like to schedule a mission trip to Gulfport for rebuild or outreach (evangelistic block parties, backyard Bible clubs, sports clinics, etc...) call Randy Bonner at the BBA office. If you would like to go on a trip that is already scheduled contact one of the team leaders below.

March 4-10 BBA trip, 15 members, Team Leader—John Davis, email: ldavisthree@bellsouth.net ph: 472-5412

March 11-17 Westwood, 20 members, Contact— Byron Eidson: 284-1506, email: beidsons@aol.com

April 15-20 Waterville Baptist, 20 members, Team leader: Kathy Moore 650-8055, email: lynmoore@bellsouth.net

May 19-May 26 Westwood, 15 members, Contact Byron Eidson: 284-1506

Among Our Churches

Valley View Baptist Church is searching for a youth minister. The position is part time. Please send resumes to Abbie Patterson, 175 Chippewah Cr. Dr., NE Cleveland, TN 37312

Beech Springs Baptist Church is remodeling and has several church pews for sale. There are six 7-foot, eight 8-foot, and sixteen 11-foot pews with mauve fabric padded seats and backs. Cost is \$6,000 firm. If you are interested in purchasing these pews, call Donald Haney 338-8304 or Keith Greer 618-5410, cell.



March

Associational Events

- March 7th MDT meeting.
- March 10th Partnership Mission meeting.
- March 28th Pastor's luncheon at Antonio's.

Other Area Events

- 12-16 City Schools out for Spring break.
- 16-17 WMU connection in Gatlinburg.

April

Associational Events

- 4th MDT Meeting.
- 6th Closed for good Friday.
- 10th Associational Library Meeting.
- 15-16 Dr. Reggie McNeal on Practicing Greatness at FBC.
- 19th Volunteer Banquet and Disaster relief ID badges made.
- 25th Pastors Luncheon.

Other Area Events

- 14th Ladies Praise Brunch at Ridgeview Baptist .