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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Caring People... Making a Difference

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Part of something big

Read ahead: Ephesians 5:15-21

So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Ephesians 5:17

We mortals sometimes miss the big picture of what God is doing. Rather than looking around us to see how God is at work, we focus inward, as though the whole world revolves around us. We ask, "What is God's will for my life?" when we should be asking, simply, "What is God's will? And how can I adjust my life to it?"

The difference is subtle, but it's very important. God's will is always bigger than we are. He has the entire world on his heart, not just our part of the world. The Creator of the universe doesn't spend all of his time trying to figure out ways to make us happy. He is concerned with making people from every nation on earth his children.

The key to life is not what we are going to do but what God is going to do and how we can be involved in it. God has a plan for this world, and you're a part of that plan. But if you're too busy focusing on your own concerns, you'll miss the many opportunities to join him--opportunities that are already around you.

How tragic it would be if you invested your whole life trying to build a career or something similarly short-term, when God wanted to use you to build his eternal kingdom! When you invest your energy into his activity, you're investing in things that are far bigger than you are.

What are some big things you already sense God giving you a hunger for?

Read Up: John 1:47-50, 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

—Get Deep. Get TQ™

About the cover

October is Cooperative Program Month
Since 1925, Southern Baptists have been reaching people for Jesus Christ through the Cooperative Program.

Upcoming events and trips for youth and children

For youth in grades 6–12

October 28

Judgement House

Byron Baptist Church, Byron

Leave church at 5:15 p.m.

Eat at Stevie B's Pizza in Warner Robins

November 10

Little Grand Canyon, Lumpkin

Leave church at 8:00 a.m.

Picnic lunch provided

December 16

Walk Thru Bethlehem

Shirley Hill Baptist Church, Warner Robins

Leave church at 4:00 p.m.

Eat at Stevie B's Pizza

For kids in 5th grade and younger

October 20

Marks Melon Patch, Sasser

Leave church at 8:30 a.m.

Picnic lunch provided

Wear something orange for picture

November 17

Monkey Jo's in Warner Robins

Leave church at 9:00 a.m.

\$10/person plus money for food

December 20

Live nativity: 7:00–7:30 p.m.

Birthday party for Jesus: 7:30 p.m.

Please let Robin Peavy know if you or your child will be going on any of these trips so that adequate transportation may be arranged. Waiver and information forms must be completed and signed by parents prior to the trips. Also, if your child wishes to participate in the live nativity, please let Robin know as soon as possible. There are a limited number of roles available.



More than 35 million Americans are food insecure, hungry or at risk of hunger!

- ! One in four people in a soup kitchen line is a child.
- ! 96 billion pounds of food are wasted each year in the United States.
- ! 12.4 million children live in food insecure households.
- ! 64% of low-income children from client households participated in a school lunch program. Only 13% participated in a summer feeding program.
- ! Over half of the families that access food pantries have children under 18 in the home.
- ! 37 million people in America live below the poverty line, a rate of 12.6 percent of all Americans
- ! 35 million Americans are food insecure, meaning their access to enough food is limited by a lack of money and other resources.
- ! An estimated 40% of poor families must choose between buying food and paying for utilities or heat.
- ! An estimated 35% of poor families must choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage.
- ! An estimated 31% of poor families must choose between paying for food and paying for medication or medical care.
- ! Nearly half of all families that use a food pantry consisted of working families with children.

What are Southern Baptists doing about the plight of hunger in North America?

- ◆ Over \$1.4 million in domestic hunger funds was distributed to 1,900 hunger ministries in the U.S. in 2006.
- ◆ Over 3.5 million meals were fed to the hungry in North America with Domestic Hunger Funds.
- ◆ The Gospel was shared with over 500,000 people, at their point of need.
- ◆ There were over 30,000 professions of faith through hunger ministries.

Globally, more than 850 million people in the world go hungry. In developing countries, 11 million children die each year where 6 million is from hunger-related causes. Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes--one child every five seconds.

In essence, hunger is the most extreme form of poverty, where individuals or families cannot afford to meet their most basic need for food. Hunger manifests itself in many ways other than starvation and famine. Most poor people who battle hunger deal with chronic undernourishment and vitamin or mineral deficiencies, which result in stunted growth, weakness and heightened susceptibility to illness.

Countries in which a large portion of the population battles hunger daily are usually poor and often lack the social safety nets we enjoy, such as soup kitchens, food stamps, and job training programs. When a family that lives in a poor country cannot grow enough food or earn enough money to buy food, there is nowhere to turn for help.

October is World Hunger Month--give food and money

When a dollar is contributed to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund, 80¢ is sent to the International Mission Board for overseas hunger projects; 20¢ is sent to the North American Mission Board to support hunger projects in the United States and Canada. Because personnel and volunteers are already in place, and promotional expenses come through other budgets, 100% of your gift is used to minister to the hungry in Jesus' name. Special offering envelopes are available or just mark your check "for world hunger". For meeting local hunger needs, see page 7.



Associational news

Penia to host 177th annual associational meeting Oct. 23

This will be a great time to fellowship with the other churches in our association and learn about all the great things God is doing in and through Houston Baptist Association. The meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the noon meal served. Penia Church is located at 3738 Old Penia Road, Cordele.

Bring items for Children's Home

The association is collecting the following items for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home—Baxley Campus: cheese dips, Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Cheese Nips, Cheese-its, snack crackers (not Ritz or Saltines), laundry detergent, dryer sheets and cooking oil.

Please bring these items to the church house by Oct. 21 or the associational office in Cordele by Oct. 25. There will be a receptacle for these items in the connecting foyer.

NEWSBRIEFS

BLOOD DRIVE will be at Fullington Academy on October 1 from 2:00–7:00 p.m. Give blood. Give life. People are counting on you.

KEN HAAG will be the revival preacher at Unadilla First Baptist Church October 21-25 at 7:00 p.m.

PASTORIUM IMPROVEMENTS began September 17 after over \$9,000 had been collected toward the project. Funding the rest of the project will be an agenda item at the Oct. 10 conference.

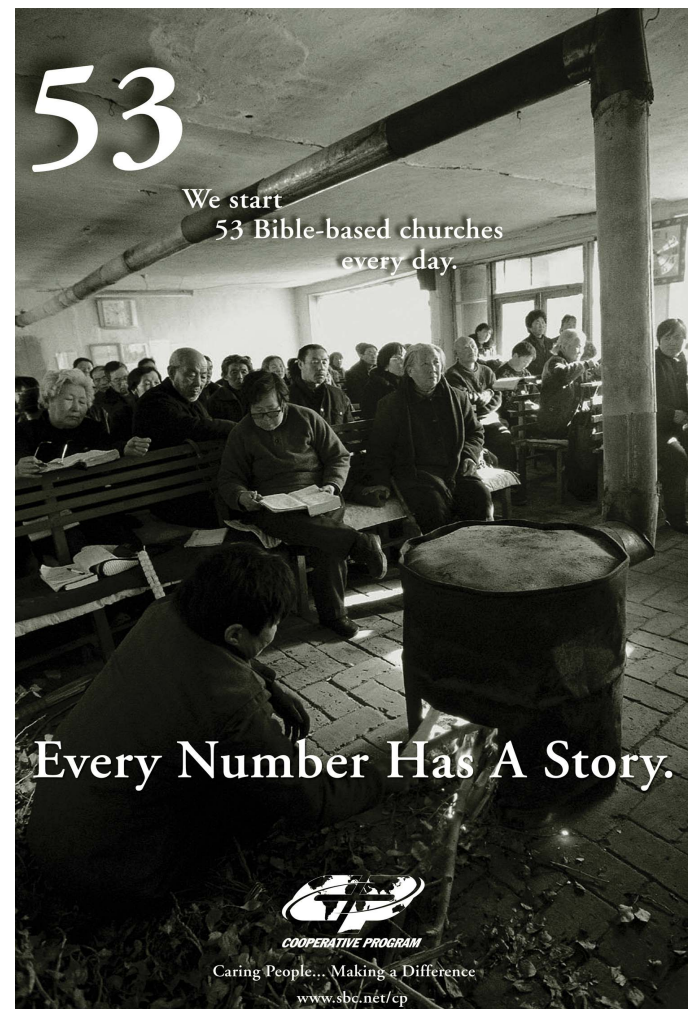
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY has been added to our website. The link is at the bottom of the home page labeled For Members Only. It is password protected. To get the password, contact Brenda Lockerman. Also the *Baptist Faith and Message* has been added to the "About Us" page. The Photos page is undergoing changes due to Photosite closing. We are switching to another photo service, SnapFish.

Get those shoeboxes ready by Nov. 11



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

Please have your shoe box at the church house by November 11. For instructions on how to pack your shoe box, see the bulletin board across from the nursery or visit www.OperationChristmasChild.org.



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Wednesdays are exciting and wonderful at BBC

Attendance continues to be great for our Wednesday night youth and children's classes with an average attendance of around 40 youth and children.

Currently we have five classes: youth led by Monica and Clint Payne, children grades 4-6 led by Sharon Thompson, children grades 1-3 led by Amy Burch and Brenda Lockerman, older preschoolers led by Nancy and Jeanne Musselwhite, and younger preschoolers led by Suzy Grantham. Helping out, whether in the classroom, on the playground or driving the van are Joe Kent, Jimmy Lockerman, and Christopher Phillips. Kimberly Godfrey and Teresa Neisler also help on occasion as well.

We could also use someone to do some organized games on the playground and a secretary to keep up with class rolls. The teachers are usually so busy it's hard to remember to document who's there. If you'd like to help in one of these ways—or any way—please contact Jimmy Lockerman.

Fellowship supper is served at 6:15 p.m. (Suggested donation of \$3/person.) Classes and prayer meeting begin at 7:00 p.m.

This month on October 20, the youth group is hosting a parent appreciation banquet for their monthly ministry project.



Mailbag

(The following letter was received in early May, however, because it got misplaced, we are just now publishing it.)

Dear Church Friends,

Words can never say thank you enough for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food from each of you during our very difficult loss. We are so lucky to have such special friends that are really there to help and you have. Even though our prayers were not answered the way we had hope or wanted, they were answered. We will see her again. Thanks also for the gift to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in her memory.

Love,

George (Massey), Paula (Smith), Pam (Evans) and Families



September 6, 2007

Dearest Church Family,

We wanted you each know how you have touched us with your prayers, calls, cards, love and support in the recent illness and loss of our beloved "Nanny" (Mrs. Louise Fowler). As we hold to the memory of our beloved we are so thankful and comforted by our church family as each of you minister to us in this time of loss. Jesus commanded the disciples to "love one another as I have loved you" and you beloved, have done just that. In our time of need you came with compassion. In our hurt you came with love. In our time of uncertainty you came with peace. And now we are entering into time of healing and we will ask for your continued prayers as we adjust to life without the presence of our beloved mother. Each of you has truly blessed us in our time of need and we wish you to know we love you and God to so richly bless and keep you.

In the love of our Lord,
Clara and Ed Sandefur



Schedule of Volunteers for October

Please remember it is up to **you** to arrange coverage if **you** are unable to serve on your scheduled day.

Date	Flowers	Nursery	Deacon of the Week	Ushers
Oct. 7	Open	Amy/Anthony Burch	Mark Smith	Ronnie Hatcher Jeff Witmer
Oct. 14	Open	Robin/Mark Peavy	Frank Thompson	Jimmy R. Hendrix Clinton Brannen
Oct. 21	Open	Katrina/Kyle West	Curtis Lamberth	Frank Thompson Daniel Thompson Matthew Youngblood
Oct. 28	Open	Sue Thompson Rhonda Youngblood	Jimmy Lockerman	Jimmy L. Hendrix George Massey

September Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	13
FBIC	8
CIA	7
VOC	5
Berean	4
Young Adults	5
Older Youth	5
6 th , 7 th & 8 th Graders	5
3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Graders	6
1 st & 2 nd Graders	3
Older Preschoolers	5
Younger Preschoolers	4
Nursery	1
General Officers	6
TOTAL	77

Financial Summary

August receipts

General offerings	\$7,432.49
Memorials	160.00
Pastorium improvement fund offering	1,100.00
Special (Turlac Ministries)	337.00
Special (Benevolence/WOM Night)	180.00
Special (Stove)	108.00
TOTAL	9,317.49

August disbursements

General expenses	4,597.14
Turlac Ministries	337.00
VBS	56.13
Stove	96.30
Cooperative Program	1,458.80
Houston Baptist Association	607.84
Filadelphia Church	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,253.21

Fill this box with
food for local
hunger needs.

Suggested items include:

Peanut butter	Tuna
Fruit/fruit juices	Pasta
Mac & cheese	Crackers
Vegetables	Soup

No green beans or corn please!

Only canned or packaged food.

Half of the items will go to the Associational Food Pantry at the Houston Baptist Center in Cordele and half to the Dooly County Department of Family and Children's Services.





Fun and Games at the Ballfield

October 27 at 5:30 p.m.



Games for the kids will begin at 5:30 p.m. After a supper of hotdogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings, there will be a hayride for the children and any brave adults who'd like to go as well.

Bring your lawn chairs. Donations to help cover the cost of the food will be accepted.

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