

FEBRUARY 2009

## **ALTAMAHA / NEW SUNBURY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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**Associational Continuing Education Classes begin Monday January 26th @ Anderson Drive from 7-9pm.**  
**School of Leadership Development Courses each Tuesday @ Anderson Drive 7-9pm.**

**REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINAR MARCH 21ST @ HINESVILLE 1ST BAPTIST @ 9-12PM.**

**STATE VBS CLINIC**  
**VBS clinic will be held Saturday March 14th @ Statesboro First Baptist Church**

**Special Pastor & Sunday School Directors Seminar led by Richard Dodge & Wayne Ethridge Friday March 13th @ NSBA office. Seminar will start @ 3pm. (This is specifically for small churches)**

Evangelism conference February 23-24 Blackshear 1st Baptist Church

**Feb. 23**

Session 1: 1:25-4:45pm

Speakers: Geoff Hammond, /Larry Wynn, Ken Hemphill, Fred Luter

Session 2: 6:40pm-9:00pm

Speakers: Fred Luter, Josh McDowell

**Feb. 24**

Session 1: 9:25am—11:50am

Speakers: Larry Harmon, David Platt, Ken Hemphill

Session 2: 1:30pm-4:40pm

Speakers: Alvin Reid, Bobby Welch, Ken Hemphill

Session 3: 6:40pm-9:00pm

Speakers: Ergun Caner, Ralph West

(For more info. Please call your Association office)

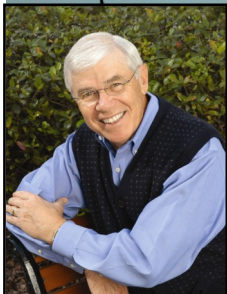
**ABA NEWS ITEMS**

We would like to thank all the churches and individuals who brought shoeboxes to Altamaha Baptist Church for Operation Christmas child. We delivered 1,247 shoeboxes to the Savannah center to be trucked to Atlanta for sorting and distribution. That is 300 more than last year!

Women's group studies will soon be available for check out @ the Association office. Please call the office for more information if your Ladies group is interested in doing a Bible study together.

**ABA/NSBA CONTINUED**

*You are Invited to Join  
Church-Minister Relations  
Georgia Baptist Convention  
For*



*Jim Henry  
Special Guest  
Speaker*

*"Partners in Ministry"  
Pastor/Deacon/Spouse Retreat  
April 24-25, 2009*

*Georgia Baptist Conference Center-Toccoa*

**To register please call 706-886-3133  
For more information call Church-Minister  
Relations 770-936-5364**

**NSBA NEWS ITEMS**

**Pastors / Staff fellowship each  
Thursday at Western Sizzlin  
In Hinesville at 12:00 Noon  
Everyone encouraged to  
Join them for fellowship**

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PAINT  
BALL**

**Dates are**

**February 28th and March  
20th.**

**4:30 - 10:30 p.m.**

**Call Bro. Eric Sizemore at  
(912) 977-1024**

Three ladies on our Associational Vacation Bible School team recently went to Ridgecrest, NC, for Life-Way's Preview of VBS 2009. Pictured below are Robin Tiner, Jeff Slaughter (he writes the VBS music for Life-Way), Linda Hawkins, and Melissa Golden. The NSBA VBS Clinic will be held at Elim Baptist on Tuesday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. Make plans now to bring your entire VBS Team! If you have any questions, contact Melissa Golden at 369-3350.



## FINDING TRUTH IN BROKENNESS!

*At some point brokenness touches everyone's life. It was at a completely broken place that I met the staff of Cord of Three. After many years of striving to be good, considerate, successful, strong, determined, in control, I was found facing what my own efforts had wrought. A lifetime of wrong beliefs about myself had led me further than I had ever intended or wanted to go. After my adulterous relationship and other lies were uncovered, I experienced loss like I had never dreamed possible...loss of my wife and home life, separation from my child, loss of friendships, indescribable hurt to parents, family members and untold others. At the same time, it was necessary to change careers. I experienced health issues, overwhelming debt, chaos, despair, and confusion on every front. As the perception of control was torn from my clinching hands, I turned to Jesus...the One I had known about throughout my church-going childhood, but on whom I had never truly trusted or relied. Everything I had previously trusted in (self, intellect, education, friends) was of no use. I didn't know what to do to fix this situation. Words cannot express my true sorrow for my mistakes. So I cried out to Jesus...truly cried out, not with empty words as I had prayed before but from that place that only brokenness brings. It was in that place that Jesus touched me in a way I had never experienced. I received His forgiveness, and He began a tremendous work of restoration in me that continues today.*

*As I learned to experience and seek Christ's guidance, I was led to Cord of Three's ministry. As I met regularly with the counselor, years of false belief and deception was torn down, as truth was raised up. I give Jesus all of the glory for the change in my life, but during each visit, I became keenly aware that the Holy Spirit was guiding the counselor. Worldly advice was easy to find, but Cord of Three taught truth and challenged false beliefs based on God's Holy Word. As I grew to discern God's guidance, the Cord of Three Counselor was an unbelievable support. As I stepped out of the darkness of my past and into the light of truth, my counselor challenged my wrong thinking, disciplined me in the Word, affirmed God's Lordship in my life, prayed with me and for me, and helped me face issues and hurts that were long hidden and avoided.*

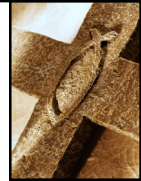
*Today, I continue to grow in Christ and have come to know Him personally and in a way I never trusted possible. I am thankful to Him for the work He continues in me. He enlarges my life daily. I praise Him for all His blessings, including leading me to this ministry at a time where I seemingly had few other places to turn for help. With each passing month, I see how God is using even the ugliest parts of my life for His glory. He is truly a God of deliverance, provision, restoration, faithfulness and unfailing love. A lifetime of searching and striving is being fulfilled only in Him. (Former Cord of Three Client)*

It is the heart of Cord of Three to partner with people and help them **Find Truth in Brokenness!** We feel that **Truth**, as defined by God through scripture, provides the healing balm to the emotional brokenness of our lives as well as those just like this man. The ministry of Cord of Three is to labor with people in the midst of their brokenness by defining truth and providing the tools and counsel which will help them live God's truth.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have partnered with Cord of Three during 2008. Please continue to pray for Cord of Three, our staff and those families who are living in brokenness. If you would like to become more involved, contact us at 912-282-0992 or email us at [sbraddock@cotcs.org](mailto:sbraddock@cotcs.org).



## February Prayer Calendar



### Ask-Seek-Knock-Receive

### Prayers-Petitions-intercessions for our Nation-President Obama and the new cabinet

### Our Congregations-Pastors-Church Leadership of Memorial Baptist, Midway Baptist, New Bethel, O'Quinn Baptist, Odum Baptist, Old Bethel, Red Hill Baptist

For Today Lord: May I, during each day of 2009, truly LISTEN to your instruction as I "incline my ear to the words of YOUR mouth." Daily seeking a more intimate, growing relationship with you son, our Savior, Jesus Christ., Father. I affirm my love for you.

**INFORMATION FOR THE  
NEWSLETTER IS DUE  
BY The 15th of each Month  
For the next month's  
Publication....**

**A COMPLETE LIST OF EQUIPMENT  
IS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICES  
Please Contact the Office for this  
List and Guidelines for use of the  
Equipment—Please follow the  
Instructions for all equipment!**

**ASSOCIATIONAL EVENTS—  
SCHEDULES AND ETC ARE  
Posted on the Association  
Calendar located at  
[www.aba-nsba.com](http://www.aba-nsba.com)**

**BRO. JIM WILL BE OUT OF  
TOWN FEBRUARY 1ST-6TH  
FOR DOM WORKSHOP AT  
TOCCOA.**

**SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT COURSES  
Tuesday Nights at 7:00 pm  
At Anderson Drive  
Contact Association office  
For information**

**ALL PASTORS / WIVES—STAFF &  
SPOUSES ARE INVITED TO JOIN  
US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP  
AND FUN EVERY THIRD THURS-  
DAY AT SYBIL'S RESTRUANT IN  
JESUP FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 PM.....  
CONTACT JANIE WATERS 427-  
2161 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO START RE-  
CEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER BY  
EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ASSO-  
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YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**

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