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SPONTANEOUS BAPTISM—FIRST BAPTIST WOODSTOCK



As Baptists, we believe that a person must be saved and then baptized after their salvation. We believe that baptism should happen very soon after someone is saved. The event of Spontaneous Baptism is a great way to help people to get their baptism on the right side of their salvation and is an effective way to challenge people to take that foundational step of discipleship. After hearing reports about Spontaneous Baptism from other churches like Johnson Ferry Baptist and Freedom Church, we decided to look into this event ourselves.

On Sunday February 28, we baptized over 220 people at First Baptist Woodstock. We had no idea how many would come. We did not do any promotion except to tell Sunday School leaders that we would be having a big baptism day. Pastor Johnny Hunt preached an awesome sermon and then called for people to be

obedient. And they came. It was a sight to see. The emotion and intensity of the people coming forward was dramatic. You could tell that this was a truly significant step of obedience. One person even came to be baptized during the 11:00 am service after seeing the 9:30 am service on the internet. People came forward, received Christ as their Savior and were baptized that day. Families came to be baptized. An 82-year-old man came to be baptized and a woman who had been a member for a long time realized she needed to be baptized on the right side of her salvation. This was truly a significant day in our church and I believe it can be a powerful event for yours as well. I would like to thank the Freedom Church and Johnson Ferry Baptist for helping us to prepare and for leading out in this event!

Ben Smith
First Baptist Church Woodstock



SPONTANEOUS BAPTISM—JOHNSON FERRY BAPTIST

One of the core values of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church is a never-changing message with ever-changing methodologies. After his sermon, Senior Pastor, Bryant Wright, challenged all in attendance on Sunday, February 14, to come to Christ and follow Him in obedience through believer's baptism. The Holy Spirit moved people in all six services to come forward to the traditional baptistery in the Sanctuary and to the portable pools in contemporary worship in the Activities center. Johnson Ferry's Guest and New Member Care ministry took care of the physical preparations: shorts, t-shirts, towels, toiletries and hair dryers.



There were 16 first time decisions for Christ among the 95 people who were baptized. Also, 85 were first time professions of faith. It was a miraculous, spirit-filled day of worship at Johnson Ferry. In different styles and ways, God moved and His people praised Him and responded in obedience. Worship—Spontaneous Style—was a blessing for all.





SPOTLIGHT ON NEW GENESIS CHURCH

In the spring of 2009, God began His work in a new multi-culture church plant—New Genesis. This congregation is outward-focused and is committed to sharing the love and life-changing message for the heart, mind and spirit, exalting Jesus Christ. With this in mind, they are endeavoring to engage themselves in God’s strategy for fulfilling His plan for New Genesis Church and its community. Through their participation in Community Makeover with Noonday Baptist Association last August, the new church has pursued a partnership with Bryant Elementary School and

South Cobb High School. This has provided opportunities to demonstrate Christ’s love outside the doors of the church.

The little church is growing steadily, having had forty-six persons join their church family from all over Metro Atlanta. Not only are people accepting Christ, and the body reaching outward, God is calling new leaders to join Him in His work. A member of New Genesis has confessed God’s call to preach the Gospel, while other gifted members are being trained as leaders in various ministries and outreach initiatives. New beginnings are taking place in lives all over the congregation!

Are you looking for a “new beginning”? Become a prayer partner with New Genesis. The church also invites you to join them as they seek God’s purpose for them where they are. To God be the glory!



Pregnancy! When confronted with the reality of a new life within, most women experience a myriad of feelings: ecstasy & excitement, followed by concern, and many others.

www.supportothepecenter.com

But, many women, married or not, deal with unplanned pregnancies. These women face dilemma. For them, The HOPE Center provides a Christian atmosphere where they can find hope, help and healing. The Center’s goal is **to share the hope of the Lord Jesus Christ, promote sexual purity, value human life, and provide help, hope and healing to individuals facing pregnancy or relationship issues.**

Services provided by The HOPE Center include the following:

- Pregnancy Tests
- Limited Obstetrical Ultrasound
- STD Testing
- Ongoing Mentoring in Spanish and English
- Abortion Education and Alternatives
- Adoption Referrals
- Pre-Marital/Marriage Counseling
- Baby items and maternity clothes through the Baby & More Store
- Car Seat Safety Instruction by a Safe-Kids Technician

Noonday Baptist Association is a Strategic Missional Partner with The HOPE Center. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Mentors (training provided)
- Baby Store Volunteers
- Administrative Support
- Baby shower for the Baby Store
- Gift Cards (Kroger, Wal-Mart, Gas, etc.)
- Cleaning the Baby Store and/or HOPE Center

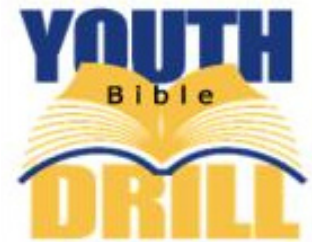
Prayerfully consider how God might want you to help in this ministry. The HOPE Center and Baby & More Store will be relocating within the next few months to a new “under one-roof” location. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Vanessa Martin at 770-924-0864.



ASSOCIATION CHILDREN’S BIBLE DRILL

**Sunday, April 11, 2010
1:30 p.m. Registration begins
First Baptist Church Woodstock**

A registration form for the Bible Drill can be found on the Noonday website at www.noondayba.org. If your church is participating in the Bible Drill, please complete this form and send it to the Noonday Baptist Association Office by **April 7, 2010**. If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Dean at (770) 422-3347 or sdean@noondayba.org.



ASSOCIATION YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Noonday Baptist Association**

A registration form for the Bible Drill can be found on the Noonday website at www.noondayba.org. If your church is participating in the Bible Drill, please complete this form and send it to the Noonday Baptist Association Office by **April 8, 2010**. If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Dean at (770) 422-3347 or sdean@noondayba.org.

“BUCKETS OF HOPE” TOUCH LIVES IN HAITI



Noonday Baptist Association in partnership with the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief and North American Mission Board are sending “Buckets of Hope” containing a week of food to families in Haiti. Noonday churches packed 600 “Buckets of Hope” which were shipped via truck to the state collection center in Macon, Georgia on Saturday, March 13th. Individuals, mission groups and Sunday School classes purchased the food, packed the buckets and prayed over the buckets asking God to use them to meet needs and draw people to Himself.



A special thank you goes to Bill Donovan, who coordinated the reception of the buckets at Roswell Street Baptist, and to Bill Billings, Unit Director of Noonday Disaster Relief Unit 6F, who coordinated the transportation of the buckets to the collection center in Macon, GA. Thank you also to the volunteers who loaded the buckets on a semi-truck for the journey to Macon on March 13th.

The buckets will be shipped from Macon to Jacksonville, FL where they will be loaded into containers and transported to Haiti. Once in Haiti Disaster Relief volunteers, Florida Baptist missionaries, and mission teams will distribute the “Buckets of Hope” to the Haitian people through Haitian churches. As of March 15th, Georgia Baptists had prepared almost 17,000 buckets and more than 150,000 buckets were anticipated to be prepared by Southern Baptists from across the Convention.



Noonday churches participating by packing buckets and/or providing funds for this project include:

Burnt Hickory	First Baptist, Smyrna	Olive Springs
Central	First Baptist, Woodstock	Providence
Connector	Hurt Road	Roswell Street
Crown of Life	Johnson Ferry	Summit
Eastside	Lifepoint @ Norton Park	The Church @ the Ridge
Eastwood	Life's Hope	West Cobb
First Baptist, Acworth	NorthStar	

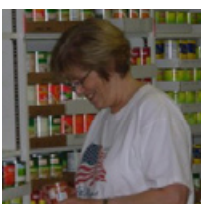
If your church participated and is not listed above, please contact Rebecca McHenry, rmchenry@noondayba.org, who will include it in a future issue of the Noonday Light.

Pray that the “Buckets of Hope” will not only provide food relief for needy Haitians, but that they will also provide the opportunity for many Haitians to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to respond in faith.

STOREHOUSE NEWS

Storehouse expresses thanks to Boy Scout Troop 204 for a tremendous food drive in March and the generous food donation to our food pantry. Congratulations on the 100th Birthday of Boy Scouts in America.

Storehouse Ministries recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for community service awarded by the Cobb County School District School and the Marietta City School Social Workers at a recent breakfast.



Storehouse Volunteer of the Month

Storehouse Ministries wish to express heartfelt thanks to **Ginnie Haines** for her faithful service to the ministry at Storehouse for four and half years. Ginnie has assisted in packing, sorting, and most recently in the phone center. Ginnie will be moving to Idaho in the coming months to be near her daughter and family. Ginnie, you will be missed at Storehouse.



A NEW VOLUNTEER JOINS NOONDAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to announce the addition of Mrs. Katherine “Kathy” Hutson as a new volunteer. Kathy will be serving the Noonday Baptist Association office on Mondays as a receptionist. Kathy is a member of Roswell Street Baptist Church. We are pleased to welcome her to the office.



MISSION CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER

Mark your calendars for **September 30!** Noonday Baptist Association is planning an association-wide **Mission Celebration** which will impact each of us personally and enable all of our Noonday churches to become involved in Acts 1:8 strategies to reach people locally, regionally, nationally and even in remote areas.

Our inspirational Keynote Speaker will be **Gordon Fort**, the vice president of overseas operations for the International Mission Board. Join us on September 30, 2010 for this special mission event designed for all ages, which will be hosted for the Association by Roswell Street Baptist Church.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

June 15-16, 2010

Orange County Convention Center
(West Building)

www.sbcannualmeeting.net

Upcoming Conferences & Events

At A Glance...

Lunch and Learn Seminar
Church Law: Board Governance
Tuesday, April 6, 2010
with David Middlebrook

Mission Training Lunch Box
Team Leader Training
Thursday, April 8, 2010
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Noonday Baptist Association

Associational Children's Bible Drill
Sunday, April 11, 2010; 1:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Woodstock
Deadline: April 7, 2010

Associational Youth and High School Bible Drills
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
5:00 p.m. *Time Change*
Noonday Baptist Association
Deadline: April 8, 2010

Church Security Roundtable
Active Shooter: How to Respond
Thursday, April 15, 2010
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Noonday Baptist Association with Rod Pires
Seating is limited and a reservation is required

Mission Training Lunch Box
Training a Mission Team
Thursday, April 29, 2010
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Noonday Baptist Association

Lunch and Learn Seminar
Ministerial and Pastoral Counseling
Tuesday, May 4, 2010
11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
with David Middlebrook

Vacation Bible School Conference
Tuesday, May 4, 2010
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Piedmont Baptist Church

A Day with Keith Hamilton
Tuesday, May 11, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. GuideStone Retirement Plan Update
- 1:00 p.m. Individual Appointments (Scheduled 20 minute appointments)
- 7:00 p.m. Federal and State Payroll Reporting

Noonday Baptist Association

Mission Training Lunch Box
Effective Prayer Strategies
Tuesday, May 18, 2010
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Noonday Baptist Association

Church Security Roundtable
Thursday, May 20, 2010
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Noonday Baptist Association with Rod Pires
Seating is limited and a reservation is required

Weekday Preschool Conference
July 20-21, 2010
First Baptist Church Woodstock

Community Makeover 2010
July 23-25, 2010
SAVE THE DATES

For more information visit our website at www.noondayba.org.



PUPPET MINISTRY SHARES GOD'S WORD

The Milford Baptist Church **Hands Up Puppet Team** recently received a Silver Medal in the puppetry competition and a Gold Medal in the creative arts competition at a Creative Arts and Puppetry Festival. The Hands Up Puppet Team performs at assisted living homes, schools, businesses and other churches. They have participated in mission trips to North Carolina and Tennessee using puppets and drama to spread God's Word.

Hands Up Puppet Team recently performed a black light puppet show for Calvary Baptist Church in Austell for their Upwards Basketball Closing Ceremonies titled "Mission 3:16," a show based on John 3:16 and the plan of salvation. They also performed at the AWANA lock-in recently held at their church. This is a great ministry for AWANA events, Upward Sports, children events as well as seniors and adults. Almost everyone loves puppets!

Puppets are a perfect way to present the gospel in a non-threatening environment. For information on having this puppet team come to your event, please email woody@milfordbaptistchurch.com.



BUILDERS FOR CHRIST—READY TO BUILD!

The 26th annual Builders for Christ Team is now forming and this year looks to be a fantastic opportunity to get involved in going on mission for Christ. The team is preparing to go to First Baptist Church Manteno, Illinois to build an education space for this church whose first building was constructed by a BFC team.

Scotty Davis and Kent Brummeler attended the spring planning meeting and Ground Breaking in March. The pastor of the church, Hal Trovillion, says, "Everything is ready!" The church has signed contracts with excavators, foundation contractor and plumber. The construction process will begin as soon as the groundbreaking ceremony is over.

There is still time to sign up. The next team meeting will be held at the Associational office on April 8th at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite cookies, pies and cakes and join us as we plan the trip in detail. If you are interested in being a part of this year's trip, please call the Associational office and speak with Rebecca McHenry at (770) 422-3347.

April's
Church Security Roundtable
with Rod Pires will be
Thursday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
The topic will be
The Active Shooter: How to Respond.
Seating is limited
and a reservation is required.
Cost is \$10 per person.
Contact Sheryl Dean at
(770) 422-3347 to
reserve your spot.

Church News

Do you have a heart and passion to *win kids to Christ and grow them spiritually*? Do you want to serve on a staff team that serves children and parents? Do you love climbing ladders to hang decorations, teaching VBS, creating PowerPoint presentations, going on retreats and summer camp—then this might be your ideal ministry position! **Burnt Hickory Baptist** is accepting resumes for an opening on their Children’s Ministry Staff Team. While this part-time position does have some administrative tasks, the person should believe God is calling them into ministry and be a servant leader. For more information, or to submit a resume, please contact Pastor Aaron Holloway at aholloway@burnthickory.com.

Crossview Baptist is seeking the following staff:

- A worship leader for their Sunday morning contemporary worship service (must be able to play a lead instrument)
- A part-time student minister (for middle and high school)

Contact by email at info@crossviewbaptist.org for more information. Referrals are welcome.

The Church at the Ridge is seeking a part-time Children’s Director. Please contact Wendell Brewton at wendellb@churchattheridge.com.

East Cobb Baptist will celebrate its 25th anniversary on April 25, 2010 during the morning worship service. The theme, *To God Be the Glory*, will be interpreted through songs, historical videos and various guest speakers. A covered-dish dinner will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the service. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate this occasion with the church.

Eastwood Baptist is having REVIVAL April 11-14, 2010. Bro. Rick Coram from Jacksonville, FL will be bringing the message each service. Sunday services are 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at (770) 973-9011, ext. 101.

First Baptist, Acworth is hosting their annual Community Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 3rd, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a free event for children, toddler age through 5th grade. They will have hot dogs, an egg hunt, an Easter story and much more! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gracepointe is seeking a Children’s Pastor/Worship Leader for their Kindergarten through Fifth Grade on Sunday mornings. For more information, please contact Kelly Mabry at (678) 763-0618 or email at lee@mygracepointechurch.com.

Noonday Baptist will present, *Raison d’être, The Story*, an Easter pageant on April 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. and April 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Worship Center on their East Campus. For more information call (770) 926-6138.

Orange Hill Baptist is pleased to announce that Jo Franz, award-winning author of her memoir *Soar Unafraid: Learning to Trust No Matter What* will be speaking at their church on Sunday, April 11 at 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. She is a national speaker for women’s conferences, retreats, banquets and churches. She is also a frequent guest on numerous TV and radio programs across the nation. She has inspired audiences even while living with Multiple Sclerosis since 1977. Jo’s story is an adventure with life and her Lord.

APRIL MISSION TRAINING SEMINARS

Team Leader Training April 8, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Trained and efficient team leaders are key to successful mission projects. Team leadership can be learned. Leadership skills can be developed. Two of the most important, and often missed, skills effective team leaders require are *organization* and *cooperation*. Bring your lunch and join us for a great opportunity to learn mission strategies that work.

Training a Mission Team April 29, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Short-term mission projects need participants who are trained, prepared, motivated and disciplined. How can this be accomplished in our society when so many are already committed and very busy? This seminar will teach you how to practically, spiritually and culturally train and prepare your team for the experiences and opportunities before during and after your mission trip.

For more information go to the Noonday website at www.noondayba.org.

Noonday Baptist Association Year-to-Date Financial Summary As of February 28, 2010

Gifts from Churches	\$123,298
Other Receipts & Interest	\$ 3,221
Total Receipts	\$126,519
Total Ministry Expenditures	<u>\$114,594</u>
Ministry Funds Available 02/28/2010	\$ 11,925
Budget Requirements YTD	\$154,167
(Under) Budget	(\$ 27,648)

The ministries of Noonday Baptist Association are funded through gifts from member churches. Appreciation is expressed to Noonday churches for their faithful support of Association Missions. Churches are encouraged to give 3% of their undesignated receipts to Association Missions for the development of churches and the creation of new congregations and ministries.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Noonday Light is the monthly newsletter of the association and is emailed to subscribers by the first of each month. If you would like to present church news to be included in an upcoming newsletter, the deadline to receive this information is the 10th of each month. Please email articles to Sheryl at sdean@noondayba.org or fax to (770) 499-0299.

NEW WEBSITE FEATURE...

Noonday Baptist Association now offers Noonday churches the opportunity to advertise their paid church staff positions on our website. Go to www.noondayba.org and click on Staff Openings. For more information contact Sheryl Dean at (770) 422-3347.