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From the Desk of J. David Pittman, Director of Missions

This year's associational Annual Meeting will be held on October 16 at Giles Creek Baptist Church. Our afternoon session will begin at 4:00 pm and the evening session will begin at 7:00 pm. We will share a fellowship meal between the two sessions that will begin serving around 5:30 pm. We are grateful to Giles Creek Baptist for their willingness to host this event and all the preparations they are making to make our stay comfortable.

As we meet we will be celebrating what God has done and is doing in our work together. This has been a historic year in many ways. We are involved in the process of changing our associational structure. This is a monumental event that will have implications for years to come. In a special called Executive Committee Meeting in September we voted to enter this process that will continue through out the coming year. Please be in prayer about this and come to learn more about how it will impact our work.

I am excited about our speakers for the day. In the afternoon session we will have Dean Sisk, of Belle Aire Baptist Church. He is a long-tenured pastor in our association that has been heavily involved in much of the recent innovative work we have been involved with. The evening session will feature Gary Rickman of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Reverend Rickman has roots in Rutherford County having pastored Powell's Chapel Baptist Church and being involved on the building committee for our previous association office building. You will want to come hear these messengers share from the Word of God.

Also, it is time to elect your church's messengers. Please send them to our meeting in the Spirit of Christ to accomplish His will in everything that we do. Our Constitution in Article III states the following concerning messengers: Each church shall be entitled to five messengers. Each church shall be entitled to one additional messenger for each 50 members over 100 until a maximum of 10 is reached. It is my prayer that we will have a good number of messengers from our churches.

As we meet to celebrate what God is doing you are encouraged to be in prayer for all aspects of our meeting. Pray for our moderator, vice moderator, association staff and church messengers.

Churches are strongly encouraged to elect their messengers and come join the celebration of what God is doing and will be doing in the Concord Baptist Association.

Concord Baptist Association

Annual Meeting

Giles Creek Baptist Church

Monday, October 16

First Session: 4:00 pm

Second Session: 7:00 pm

There will be a fellowship meal between the sessions. The cost will be \$5 per person. We encourage you to come for the meal and enjoy a time of fellowship even if you are unable to attend the first session. We need to know how many to prepare for so please call the association office by Monday, October 9 and make your reservation.

Tim's Notes

Tim Fisher, Kingdom Growth Coordinator

Have you ever examine why people come or do not come to your church? Did you know that people look for three things when they visit your church? #1 friendships #2 meaningful worship and Bible study #3 a sense of God's presence. Listen to the reasons why people attend a particular church: 52% warm and friendly congregations, 44% influence of family and friends, 39% influence of pastor, 11% location, 9% spiritual reasons.

First impressions mean everything. We never have a second chance to make a first impression. In general, people make up their minds about a church in the first seven minutes of an experience. Here are the three seven minute frames of a typical Sunday morning. **The first seven minutes they are on church property, the first seven minutes of the Sunday school or small group class experience and the first seven minutes of the worship experience.**

An Effective Small Group Is.....

1. A place for people to make relationships, to connect.
2. A place where people can share burdens, joys and concerns.
3. A place where people can develop and nurture their spiritual gifts.
4. A place where people can serve and be served..
5. A place where people can bring their friends.
6. A place where new leaders are developed and cultivated.
7. A place where people can learn through dialogue.
8. A place where God's Word is the authority for life.
9. A place where people can seek, find and grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.
10. A place where Christ's presence is felt.

Go for the goal!

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

FBC

Murfreesboro,

Room 107

Thursday,

November 7

10:45 - 12:00

Noon

Program: *Seeing
With New Eyes God's
Mercy*

Please call 893-2514 to
make reservations for the
luncheon by noon on
Friday, November 3.

Bible Drill Information

Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills

Grades 1 - 3

Cycle Blue

Children's Bible Drill

Grades 4 - 6

Cycle Blue

Materials available through Lifeway

Youth Bible Drill

Grades 7 - 9

Speaker's Tournament & Xtreme Challenge

Grades 10 - 12

Youth Bible Drill & Speaker's Tournament materials available online
at www.tnouthministry.com

Xtreme Challenge Materials available at TBC

State (Children) & Regional (Youth) Drill Date:

April 28, 2007