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November, 2023

## REHOBOTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.



# NEWSLETTER

744 Lake Joy Road Warner Robins, Georgia 31088 478-987-0005

### **Ministers' Lunch**

Please join Bro. Tim in a time of great fellowship and good food at Ole Times Buffet in Centerville, Ga a 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month

**Next Month: December 19, 2023** 



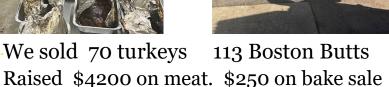
### RBA Lifecare Ministries Dental Clinic Fundraiser

Thanks for your support!!

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## **Celebrations**

- •Dec. 15- Traci Powell's Birthday
- •Dec. 25- Christmas
- •Dec. 25-27- Christmas Celebration-(Office closed)

Week of Prayer for International Missions/ Lottie Moon Offering

December 3-10th

### So, How Near the End Are We?



I hear about it virtually everywhere I go; I'm often stopped and asked about it, as well. In light of the recent events in Israel, many are wondering about end-time events and how near the end we might be. Do I wonder about it? Sure, I do. Do I pray about it—yes, I do. However, I'm going to land somewhere between the guys on YouTube or TikTok that are "pinpointing" the days and those on the other (far) side who don't believe any of these events will have a literal fulfillment.

If I still have you reading, let me start out by expressing here what I often express in the pulpits across this association: PLEASE Don't get your theology on social media! I hear some people there who act as if they have it all figured out and have unlocked millennia-old mysteries that have baffled millions. Not so. I think my studies in the Scriptures over the years have settled a lot of things for me, but guys, in all honesty, the older I get and the more I study the more questions I have! The questions I speak of are not critical to Who God is or of salvation, just more about how and when God will bring all this to its appointed climax and usher in the Kingdom of our LORD.

Now, let me be up front. The recent attack on Israel might very well be setting the stage for end-time events. What makes me say that? The Lord speaking through Ezekiel in Chapter 38 speaks of Gog and Magog and those nations with them coming against Israel. It's not definitive, but many scholars find connections between the names of the nations there listed and nations of today. For instance, the prince of Rosh sounds amazingly like Russia (and the attack will be from the North where Russia lies). "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them" (v. 5); no doubt modern Iran is an extension of ancient Persia, and the other two represent the Arab nations of North Africa. It is quite striking how Mr. Putin has allied himself with the Arab world. You can also look further at Zechariah 12-14: "all who would heave it [Jerusalem] away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it," (12:3).

The above are prophecies that clearly indicate an attack on Israel by the "nations of the earth." "How could such a thing happen?" many have asked. Even in our own country, once so allied with Israel, we have protesters supporting Hamas and even Neo-Nazis screaming antisemitism. Our grandfathers who fought in WWII would be appalled, but that is the current state of our woefully ignorant and volatile culture. Looking objectively at the current news, it is not hard to imagine such a situation.

I think one of the key things we struggle to unravel about prophecy is, "is this passage talking about the same thing as that passage or is that a different event?"; let me give you an example: in Jesus' Great Eschatological Discourse in Mt. 24-25, our Lord tells us of end-time events. One of those is how He will judge the nations. Then, in Rev. 20, we have the Great White Throne Judgment. If you read both passages carefully, it becomes clear Jesus speaks generally and Rev. 20 elaborates what Jesus has laid out.

I will confess that it looks to me the events described are aligning with tremendous precision. But, let me remind you of two things our Lord speaks in these very passages: 1.) He tells us no man knows the day or hour (Mt. 24:16)—so don't listen to those who claim to know so much.; 2.) In the middle of His Great Discourse, Jesus gives the parable of the wise and foolish virgins (25: 1-13). You'll recall what separated the two groups was the wise had oil for their lamps while the foolish did not. Many scholars believe the reference to oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit; in other words, some had made preparation for the bridegroom's coming, and some hadn't. Some have the Spirit & new birth and some do not. So? So, our Lord is speaking to us of a life of balance: Be alert—be ready, but don't speculate about things beyond your understanding and certainty. The solid Christian is to operate somewhere between running for the hills to await the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming and dismissing it all to the point where we'll be embarrassed at our Lord's appearing: "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming," (Mt. 24:42).

There are at least two things we can be certain of: 1.) Whatever we are going to do for the Lord—we must be about it now—we don't have any promise we will be here tomorrow. 2.) Our Lord will fulfill His Word because He is a God of His Word—it might be in the way we expect or different than we've imagined, but He will bring it to pass as He sees fit and has promised. Our job is to be ready!

-Tim

### December 2023

### **Rehoboth Baptist Association**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Week of Prayer for International Missions / Lottie Moon Christmas Offering						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Week of Prayer for					Trad P ovells Birthday	
17	18	11:30 a.m. RBA Ministers Fellowship Lunch Meeting at Ole Times Buffet in Centerville	20 HOCOLast 1/2 day before Break	21 1215 p.m. RBA Music Ministers Fellowship TBA- Justin McLaughlin Student Pastor Lurch-11:30 GA Bob's	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day!	26	27	28	29	30
	RBA Christmas Holidays-Closed				RBA Newsletter out.	
CSM 5th Sunday Food Drive, 101 S. Second Street, WR 31088						



### Classes being offered from Leavell College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Thursday online class begins January 18 Class: To Be Announced

(These are Accredited Certificate Classes and can be applied to an associate or bachelor's degree.)

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

### **Church Training Institute (CTI)**

These are classes developed to train church leaders and are for information & knowledge; The CTI is for persons who want to grow but are not concerned about earning a degree or certificate (although completion of the program does earn a certificate of completion).

Class began January 22, 2024. The Study: Old Testament

### The Next Study: Will begin in March and runs through May

Each class meets once per week on Mondays from 6:00-8:30 PM in the RBA back assembly room

If you would like more information, please call or email Tim Millwood at 478-987-0005 or tim@rehoboth-assoc.org (The form to sign up can be emailed to you).



Teresa Woodberry, Director 478-953-7770 -3208 Hwy 41 N, Byron, GA 31008. www.careforlifeclinic.com

A Christ-centered 501 c3 nonprofit, partially volunteer-staffed, dental clinic designed to provide oral health care to patients without dental insurance or with a gross income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. Must live in Houston, Peach, Taylor or Crawford County.

### Dental Kits needed:



- Soft Bristle Toothbrush (single sealed in original package)
- •Toothpaste (small tube)
- Dental Floss or individ. packaged Toothpicks
- •Non alcohol mouth wash (small bottle)

Also, Always in need of copy paper, pens, stamps & post it notes

Any questions , please call the dental clinic or e-mail Teresa at twoodberry@careforlifeclinic.com

### **Combined Benevolence Ministry**

Ed Gonzales, Director—478-213-4576 101 S. 2nd St., WR

Several churches within the Association sponsor this ministry and contribute funds which are used to provide limited assistance to local residents who have a valid need with electric, gas and water bills Monday and Wednesday mornings. They must call 478-258-7140 to make an appointment for assistance. No Walk-ins are accepted.

Ministry counselors share the Gospel and witness to each individual. All are encouraged to hear of God's love and of His plan of redemption for everyone. Bible tracts are offered to all. Bibles are freely available for anyone who requests.

If you feel led to volunteer, call Ed Gonzales.

## Volunteer Opportunities

(Ministries of Rehoboth Baptist Association)



Bringing Help, Hope, & Healing!

Michael Horton, Director—478-954-1541—(located behind RBA office) 744 Lake Joy Road, WR Ga 31088

Disaster Relief is a ministry of credentialed volunteers committed to showing the love of Jesus to persons affected by disaster events. We offer them hope by meeting practical needs in their lives incurred by the disaster.

Rehoboth Baptist Association Disaster Relief Unit 1F (a feeding unit) is looking for able bodied men /women to work with Disaster Relief. If you can and will, please contact Michael Horton at 478-954-1541 or-Cokeman.Mike@yahoo.com

(Please call me if I can come on a Wednesday / Sunday night and talk with your church on this and possibly putting us in your budget.)

You can call the RBA office at 478-987-0005 and we can get you the necessary papers as well.

### **Christian Social Ministry (Food Bank)**

Ed Gonzales, Director— 478-213-4576 101 S. 2nd Street, WR

Counseling / Greeting / Distributing Groceries. Tues & Thurs 9:30 am-2:00 pm

\*Please help with 5th Sunday's canned food drives NEXT 5th SUNDAY: 12/31/2023;

We are always in need of laundry powder, paper towels, toilet tissue, and hand soaps.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with food etc., please send it to: Rehoboth Baptist Association, 744 Lake Joy Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088 and CSM in the memo line.

Thank you to our RBA Churches that give faithfully and send food donations. Thanks to the many volunteers that give of your time and talents.



### **Appalachian Mountain Ministry**

744 Lake Joy Road, WR GA 31088.

Pete Soots, Director—478-396-9316 and John & Phyllis Johnson—478-396-9065 (Packing) if you would like to work in the building or be able to drive the trucks to the designated areas.

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### **Appalachian Mountain Ministry Newsletter**

### For November 2023

November: Exciting, Jubilant, and Successful: This month we delivered two loads to Buckhorn, Ky., Jellico TN., Knoxville, TN., and Alabama to the Spanish mission. All backpacks will have been delivered to the Appalachian Mountains by the time you receive this letter. Praise the Lord for all the volunteers who contributed money, time, and prayer. Many of the bags have already been distributed to the children. God is Good and He is Good All the Time. With Faith in Him all things are possible. If you weren't a part of this mission project, you surely will want to plan to be a part of it next year.











Some children receiving their backpacks from the RBA Appalachian Mountain Ministry

### Help Still Needed to Load Furniture

We have been fortunate to have much needed help in loading the furniture we are taking up to the mountains. The men's ministry at Second Baptist has committed to helping us load furniture on the second Saturday of each month. That is a true blessing. I believe if you could speak with them, they would confirm the comradery that takes place among all the men and boys during the loading. We have another church that is going to help us on the fourth Saturday. That leaves only two Saturdays to go. It only takes about 2.5 hours to load a truck. If you would like to join this team of loaders, please contact me at (478) 396-9316. Smaller churches might want to join together to load on a Saturday and draw us more together. If you have any questions about the Appalachian Mountain Ministry please don't hesitate to ask.

### Pete Soots, RBA Mountain Ministry Director



# Gal 5:13 "... but serve one another through love."

## Warner Robins Korean Baptist Church

## November, 2023

The fifth day of November was the retirement and inauguration service of Warner Robins Korean Baptist Church.

Rev. Young Soo Chang retired and the new pastor Rev. Daniel Chon was welcomed along with his wife Lois.

(The church meets in the back room of the RBA)





Rev. Chang (Left)
Rev. Daniel Chon (Middle)
Dr. Park-Founding Pastor (Right)







Gal 5:13 "...
but serve one another through love."

Our local Disaster Relief team (1F) was a vital part of helping serve all the security detail at Mrs. Rosalynn Carter's visitation and funeral service . We are proud of our team led by Mike Horton. This gesture was a great testimony and service to the Carter family and demonstrated the love of Christ.

Disaster Relief Serves November, 2023

















Monday, Dec. 25

### **Lunch Meetings**











## 7 Ways to Serve Others This Christmas

- Adopt Someone. Buy gifts/groceries for a struggling family
- Pay Someone's Utility Bill. Check with power company, they often have a fund that you can contribute to if you don't know someone specific.
- Bake a Meal or Treats for Someone.
- Leave a Generous Tip for Your Server at Restaurants.
- Help the Homeless (When it is below freezing, volunteer at the warming Center at No Limit Baptist Church – 1352 Radio Loop in Warner Robins. Call Vince Harrington at 786-286-4457.
- Pay for Someone's Meal at a Restaurant
- Help someone with housework or yardwork.

Main Points taken from:

Bales, Kris. "11 Ways to Serve Others This Christmas." ThoughtCo, Sep. 23, 2021, thoughtco.com/ways-to-serve-others-this-christmas-4119310



RBA Office closed Dec. 25-28

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Church Christmas Events**



Women's Christmas Tea December 2 2-4pm Christmas Evening of Worship December 10 6pm **Christmas Eve Worship**December 24
10:30am



Unity Baptist will have a candlelight service at 5:30PM on Christmas Eve, December 24





### Oakland Baptist Church

presents



Friday-Sunday December 8-10, 2023 @ 7pm

FREE Admission

Live characters & animals

The animals will be available to pet
following the performance

Outdoor performance \*not a walk through\* with FREE hot chocolate & coffee

1509 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA 31088

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Oct-23	Church	Church	CSM	CSM	Designated	Designated
Church:	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Bonaire	\$700.00	\$7,600.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
Byron	\$0.00	\$13,546.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Centerville	\$1,250.00	\$15,667.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$491.66	\$6,176.60
Central	\$3,167.00	\$28,503.00	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$12,925.00
Chamlee Mem.	\$188.51	\$2,350.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christian Faith	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Point	\$1,254.78	\$10,585.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,790.00
Elko Baptist	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Exchange Church	\$568.20	\$5,788.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellowship Bible Baptis	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friendship	\$2,750.59	\$25,993.87	\$500.11	\$4,726.17	\$686.91	\$21,597.47
Ft.Valley	\$528.00	\$4,494.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,100.00
Green Acres	\$791.67	\$8,134.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Harmony	\$0.00	\$3,265.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00
Haynesville	\$899.33	\$8,993.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,819.33
Hebron	\$200.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Henderson B.C.	\$250.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Houston Lake	\$1,352.48	\$12,395.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Joyful Life	\$0.00	\$2,676.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lighthouse	\$1,619.41	\$16,337.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,271.00
Living Hope	\$156.30	\$1,685.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lizella	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,530.00
Mar De Galilea	\$305.18	\$403.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Marshallville	\$0.00	\$1,571.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Midway Lizella	\$525.00	\$5,432.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Musella	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Haven	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
No Limit Baptist	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$238.52	\$1,931.32	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$50.00	\$500.00
Oakland	\$443.00	\$4,281.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Peachtree	\$603.39	\$8,100.13	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Perry 1st	\$1,220.85	\$9,303.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,101.15
Sandy Valley	\$847.00	\$8,290.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$4,573.00
Shady Grove	\$0.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shirley Hills	\$2,293.32	\$21,974.40	\$450.00	\$3,196.25	\$1,716.32	\$17,020.96
Spanish Mission	\$0.00	\$3,631.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Bridge	\$556.06	\$5,413.66	\$278.03	\$2,706.83	\$0.00	\$4,369.50
The River	\$0.00	\$4,908.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Vine	\$145.87	\$1,458.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,215.00
Unity	\$100.00	\$1,051.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vietnamese M.C.	\$0.00	\$4,459.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
W.R. 1st	\$959.20	\$7,214.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$232.71	\$5,384.58
W.R. 2nd	\$7,497.01	\$66,030.97	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$600.00	\$10,240.00
W.R. Korean Mission	\$0.00	\$347.19	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Zenith Road	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Subtotal	\$33,110.67	\$346,590.49	\$2,678.14	\$25,574.25	\$6,127.60	\$121,438.59
Misc. Income	\$3,594.00	\$26,437.55	\$6,085.40	\$14,685.05	\$11,276.96	\$73,543.98
Total	\$36,704.67	\$373,028.04	\$8,763.54	\$40,259.30	\$17,404.56	\$194,982.57
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### Rehoboth Baptist Association FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT October 2023

Regular Checking Account	\$ 30,064.88
Transferred to Georgia Baptist Foundation	\$ .00
Available in regular checking account	\$ 30,064.88
Budget Needs	\$ 43,710.92
Average for year	\$ 35,071.10

### FUNDS IN DESIGNATED CHECKING ACCOUNT

Disaster Trailer	\$ 16,085.82
Appalachian Ministry	\$ 19,084.55
Appalachian Backpack Ministry	\$ 38,629.35
Appalachian (Online Giving)	\$ 40,317.34
Christian Faith	\$ 400.00
Truck Stop Ministry	\$ 4,101.46
Winshape Camps for Communities	\$ 7,338.45
Moldova Senior Ministry	\$ 30,000.00
World Changers	\$ 9,650.60
Ukraine/Moldova Relief	\$ 39,558.67
DNOW Merge	\$ 1,998.31
Repairs/Moldova Renovations	\$ 2,426.60
Dental Clinic	\$ 4,425.00
*TOTAL	\$ 214,016.15

### **GEORGIA BAPTIST FOUNDATION**

Funds in Georgia Baptist Foundation –	\$ 135,165.51
Investment Value	\$
RBA Combined Benevolence Ministry	\$ 6.960.48

### **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Christian Social Ministry Account \$ 20,009.52



## The Grinning Gazette'





### REHOBOTH LIFE CARE MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER DENTAL CLINIC

### From the Director's Desk:

As Thanksgiving passes and we look ahead to Christmas, I can only say "What an amazing God we serve". God has truly blessed Rehoboth this year. He continues to show up and show out. We are so blessed to be able to do what we for those in need in our community. We say Thank you to so many who made it possible this year as a Volunteer and we say "Thank you" to those who gave. Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

Teresa Woodberry

### Just a little gesture of thanks for those who Volunteered this year!



### THANK YOU!!

Dr. Colson

Dr. Leavengood

Dr. Fountain

Dr. Taylor

Dr. Marable

Dr. Betzel

Beth, Amanda, Teri, Pat

& Arlene - Counselors

Ricky Porter Dental Assistant Dhruvi Patel - Dental Assistant

Traci Powell- RBA Secretary

Bro. Tim Millwood



### **FLOSS'S CORNER**

#### Oct Patient Count

Patients seen: 61 Teeth pulled: 2 Teeth Filled: 38 # Hygiene: 19

Clinics: 12

New Patients Seen: 8

Clinic Proceeds: \$4383.45 Total Receipts: \$21,180.71 Monthly Expenses: \$18,280.66

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it with good things." Psalm81:10