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Building Kingdom Churches since 1837

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Due to issues with software updates we are unable to publish the financial report this month. We will update with the financial reports for October and November in next month's newsletter.

COATS for APPALACHIA



Drop Off
Tuesdays 8am - 5pm
Saturdays 1pm - 4pm
Appalachian Mountain Ministry

KIDS MINISTRY NEWS

WE ARE HIRING!

Kids Director
Focus: 1st-5th grades
Part-time: 25 hours per week

 CROSS POINT PERRY

*Experience working directly with children is preferred. Contact Kim @478-244-3273.

DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

12/1 - 12/8	Week of prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
12/21 - 1/7	Appalachian Mountain Ministry closed
12/24 - 12/26	RBA Office closed for Christmas Holiday
12/29	CSM 5th Sunday Food Drive
12/31	RBA Office closed for New Years Holiday



Why I Always Return to the Pastorate

For the third time in my twenty years as your DOM/AM, I have accepted an invitation to serve as an interim pastor. I have promised to assist FBC Haynesville for at least six months. Many of you are aware their beloved pastor of 30 years, Bro. David Fisher went home to be with the Lord earlier this year. FBCH has also celebrated its Bicentennial anniversary in 2024.

Believe it or not, leading Rehoboth is a pretty big job. We do a lot of things and have a number of significant ministries. Additionally, just having 51 churches to visit, help, encourage, consult with, etc. keeps a guy busy. So, why would I accept additional duties in an already busy schedule? It's pretty simple for two reasons: 1.) I was needed by a body hurting for its pastor; 2.) My heart is still in the local church.

Now, I love missions and doing missions has been a great part of my 38-year ministry; but, even when we do mission trips, it's always an extension of our local churches. I'm reminded as we read the New Testament that 70% of the time when we read the Greek word for church (ekklesia), it is referring to a local body of believers. So much of what I've done on the mission field in Moldova, Cuba, Romania, Nicaragua, and Peru has all been directed at the local pastor and his church.

When our glorified Lord goes to address His Bride in The Revelation, He does so by specifically choosing to evaluate local churches from Ephesus to Laodicea. Each church matters to Him, and He is intimately aware of the lives, activities, efforts, trials, and the attitudes of each one. We might be able to accurately say there are big churches and little churches, but we cannot ever say there are important and unimportant churches. Each one is precious to Christ.

One of my favorite things I do in this position is to help local church pastors. Why? There are a lot of reasons, but two that immediately come to mind are the fact that I've been a pastor and understand what they go through and deal with as well as they are the guys on the firing line who are impacting God's Kingdom. To be able to give help and counsel to them is a privilege and honor.

What I'm going to say might sound silly to you, but one of the things I feared in leaving the local pastorate was that I would become a "bureaucrat," - someone out of touch with the actual ministry who becomes the Pharisee who must promote the institution and enforce the rules. I've worked hard to not become that person. One of the reasons I volunteered at the Truckstop Ministry for years was to still be able to do evangelism. One of the reasons I still am open to serving as an interim is to stay in touch with the local church and what pastors deal with.

For those of you who have read my ramblings in this space over the years, you know I have often made the statement that to me, the Apostle Paul was the first associational missionary. He planted churches, got them to work together, encouraged pastors, collected monies, coordinated efforts, gave counsel, did missions, etc. On Paul's second and third missionary journeys, he stayed in Corinth for eighteen months and Ephesus for two full years, respectively. Why? Obviously because this was how the Spirit led him, but also because, like his Master, Paul's heart was in the local church. Please pray for me as I serve Haynesville. I have an agreement to be available to other churches at certain times and Sundays.

Blessings, Tim

December 2024

Rehoboth Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Lottie Moon						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Traci Powell's Birthdays		RBA Ministers Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am		12:15 RBA Music Ministers Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am RBA Youth Ministers Fellowship Lunch		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		RBA Office Closed For Christmas Holiday				
29	30	31				
CSM 5th Sunday Food Drive		RBA Office Closed 1/2 day for New Years				

Nov 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Jan 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Join the Great Pursuit and make Jesus known among the nations

WHERE DO PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR THE GOSPEL? EVERYWHERE.

Each green dot on this map represents 50,000 lost people.

Every day, more than 174,000 of them will die without Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Will you join us in the Great Pursuit of taking the gospel to the lost – wherever we find them?



imb.org/greatpursuit

Note: Representative map based on population density data and IMB Global Research evangelical estimates.



DECEMBER 1 - 8, 2024 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Appalachian Mountain Ministry Newsletter

744 Lake Joy Road, Warner Robins GA 31088

**November has been a wonderful month for the ministry,
as we were able to accomplish much!**

As of November 20th, all **2,300 backpacks** have been delivered to our ministry partners in Appalachia. Our thanks to all those who helped, whether by getting the word out to your fellow church members, contributing funds, helping pack, or in any other way, **THANK YOU!**

The children of Appalachia will now have the opportunity learn the **TRUE meaning of Christmas**: that Jesus came and died for their sins so they could live for eternity with Him in Heaven. They will also know that those of us who made this project possible love them too. If you had any part in this project, **THAT INCLUDES YOU!**

We will soon begin the **2025 Backpack project**. We will be contacting our ministry partners to see if any changes are needed and to determine the quantities we will need to plan for next year. Then we will begin the process of finding the most cost-effective place to buy the required quantity of items needed and, as funds are available, getting them on order. As you determine where to make your year-end contributions, please consider helping us bless the children of Appalachia with a backpack. Help us spread the Gospel of Jesus to the children and their families.

Additionally in November, we delivered our first load of goods to the **victims of hurricane Helene**. We are prepared to deliver more as God opens the door. As I am sure you know, this hurricane caused so much destruction in Tennessee and North Carolina and we are doing what we can to help the people there. The outpouring of support for this devastated area has been amazing, but there is still so much more that needs to be done.

We are currently collecting **“Coats for Appalachia”** to be shared with all the areas we serve. Anyone that has a lightly used coat and would like to donate it to the folks in the mountains can drop it off on Tuesday from 8am to 5pm or Saturday from 1pm to 4pm at the Appalachian Mountain Ministry warehouse, at 744 Lake Joy Road in Warner Robins.

The ministry will be closed the week of Thanksgiving and from December 21st until January 7th for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

Volunteers are needed for loading, packing, sorting, driving (No CDL required)

CONTACT: Pete Soots, Director - 478-396-9316

"The Grinning Gazette"



REHOBOTH LIFE CARE MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER DENTAL CLINIC



From the Director's Desk....

Thanksgiving is a time for thankfulness at Rehoboth. We say a BIG Thank You to those who volunteered during this year. THANK YOU for your prayers & support this year. Looking forward to December and celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus.



Teresa

THANK YOU!



Dr. Darcey Taylor



Dr. Seth Westmoreland



Dr. Ken Colson



Dr. Trent Williams
and
Dr. Ashton Leavengood



Dr. Ulysses Marable



Floss's Corner

Oct. Patient Count

- # Patients seen: 33
- # Teeth pulled: 7
- # Teeth Filled: 19
- # Hygiene clinics: 2
- # Total Clinics: 5
- New Patients Seen: 0

Clinic Proceeds:

\$2697.99

Total Receipts:

\$32,164.81

Monthly Expenses:

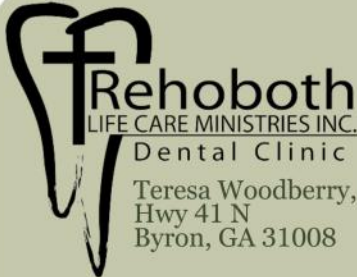
\$11,951.37



OUR ANNUAL FALL
FUNDRAISER WAS A GREAT
SUCCESS! THANK YOU TO THOSE
WHO PURCHASED A BOSTON
BUTT OR SMOKED TURKEY



GET INVOLVED



Teresa Woodberry, Director
Hwy 41 N
Byron, GA 31008

478-953-7770
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.

Dental Kits needed:

- Soft Bristle Toothbrush (single sealed in original package)
- Toothpaste (small tube)
- Dental Floss or Dental picks (unopened)
- Non alcohol mouth wash (small bottle)

Office supplies needed:

- copy paper
- pens
- stamps
- post it notes

Georgia Baptist

Disaster Relief

Michael Horton, Director
744 Lake Joy Road
Warner Robins

478-954-1541

How Can You Support Disaster Relief Ministry?

•Volunteer!

Show the love of Jesus in action - volunteer with the Rehoboth Baptist Association Disaster Relief and bring hope to disaster affected individuals and communities.

•Give!

- Support the Rehoboth Baptist Association Disaster Relief with your financial contributions.
- Schedule Mike to speak at your church and consider adding the Disaster Relief Ministry in your church budget.

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.



FIGHTING HUNGER GIVING HOPE

101 S. 2nd St., Warner Robins
478-213-4576

Ed Gonzales, Director

Counseling / Greeting / Distributing Groceries

Tues & Thurs 9:30 am-2:00 pm

ONGOING NEEDS:

- laundry powder
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- hand soap

Monetary donations can be sent to:

Rehoboth Baptist Association,
744 Lake Joy Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088
add CSM in the memo line



COMBINED BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY

101 S. 2nd St., Warner Robins
478-213-4576

Ed Gonzales, Director

The Combined Benevolence Ministry is open Monday & Wednesdays by appointment only, to offer essential assistance to local residents facing challenges with electric, gas, and water bills.

Our dedicated ministry counselors not only provide practical help but also share the Gospel with each individual. Bible tracts are offered to all, and Bibles are given to anyone who needs one.

Thank you for being a part of our mission to uplift and serve our community with compassion and faith.

DECEMBER EVENTS



RBA MINISTER'S *Fellowship Lunch*

DECEMBER 17th 11:30 AM

Ministry Wives *Fellowship*

DECEMBER 10th 6:00 pm

WORSHIP PASTOR/LEADER *Fellowship Lunch*

DECEMBER 19TH 12:15 PM

CONTACT: Justinm@sbcwr.org

YOUTH MINISTER'S *Lunch Meeting*

DECEMBER 19TH 11:30 am

Georgia Bob's - Hwy 96

Dec 1st - 8th • Week of Prayer for International Missions • Dec 1st - 8th



The Lord gave us the
GREAT COMMISSION.
Matthew 28:18-20

He showed us His vision of the
GREAT MULTITUDE.
Revelation 7:9

Between the Great Commission and
the Great Multitude, God invites us to
THE GREAT PURSUIT.
Acts 1:8

2024 National Offering Goal • \$205 Million • Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 1509 RUSSELL PARKWAY WARNER ROBINS

LIVE NATIVITY
December 6th - 8th
7:00 - 8:00 pm



Christmas AT GREEN ACRES

901 Elberta Rd
Warner Robins, GA 31093

You're invited to join us for a day filled with Christmas shopping with our local artisans. As you browse the handmade products and homemade goodies, you can enjoy the live Christmas music and a cup of coffee or hot cocoa.

Saturday
DECEMBER 7,
10AM-3PM

THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
CHRISTMAS AT LIGHTHOUSE
DECEMBER 18 AT 6:30



TRAINING & RETREATS

Get Information & Register for Upcoming Retreats & Training Opportunities



gabaptist.org/events/



gabaptist.org/event/ministry-wives-retreat-2/



gabaptist.org/event/women-in-ministry-retreat/

2025 Pastors Day at the Georgia State Capitol
Church Leader and State Leader Registration
Thursday, February 6, 2025 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM



brushfire.com/gabaptist/pastorsday-reg-2025/587478



DECEMBER 2024: MOVE 2024

Bring your group to the biggest evangelism conference for teenagers in Georgia!



FEBRUARY 2025: KIDS' MINISTRY SUMMIT

Growth and retreat opportunity for children's ministers from across the state



JANUARY 2025: REELfest STUDENT WORSHIP WEEKEND

Develop your students' God-given skills in the area of worship and equip them to be leaders in their local church.

SENIOR ADULT
Homecoming
SENIORADULTHOMECOMING.COM

Sponsored by Georgia Baptist Foundation

Senior Adult Homecoming Retreat
hosted by Jeff Cleghorn
April 28-30, 2025

Space is limited! Reserve your spot today!

Email Jeff cleghornmusicministries@gmail.com
or call (478).396-8139



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

Pastors and ministry leaders, nominate students from your church planning to attend a Georgia Baptist college in the fall!