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Just Between Us...

2012.....**READY OR not**, here it comes!

New opportunities...new challenges...new successes (or failures)...new decisions...and the list goes on and on. No one knows what the year will be like personally, locally, nationally, or world-wide. It is, to us, filled with questions and uncertainties. But we can be certain that God has already prepared it for His people; He has already gone "a little farther." (Matthew 26:39)

WITH THOSE THOUGHTS in mind, let me share with you where it appears God is taking us as a family of churches:

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY — "Studies in Ecclesiastes"

- ★ Learning from the Teacher;
- ★ Looking for Lasting Satisfaction;
- ★ Longing for Authentic Significance;
- ★ Listening, Learning, Looking;
- ★ Adversities;
- ★ Living in Light of Ultimate Realities; and
- ★ Life's Ultimate Meaning.

Plan to do this study in your church. It appears to be one of the most significant yet!

MISSION TRIPS

- ★ Youth Leaders are invited to the first **Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 pm at OBA Office.**
- ★ **SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2nd Planning Meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 6:30 pm at OBA Office.**

WILD GAME DINNER for men and boys at Camp Okaloosa on Thursday, January 14, 5:00 pm.

GPS (GOD'S PLAN for SHARING) Task Force will meet **Thursday, January 5, 10:30 am at OBA office** to continue planning for "BattleFest" and the 5K/10K Walk/Run, scheduled for Saturday, May 12.

MINISTERS' TAX UPDATE — new information to help ordained persons receive the latest updates about taxes — Garden City, First Baptist Church — Thursday, January 10 — 6:30 PM. A meal will be furnished.

AND, THIS IS just for January! We know that "busy-ness" is not always how God works but we also know that we must be open to God's using our time, abilities, and energy for His honor and glory.

WE REMEMBER IN prayer South Ebenezer and Central Baptist Churches as they seek Pastors to serve with them. Richard Martin is serving as Interim-Pastor at South Ebenezer; Fran Picker and I are working together with Central on Sundays and Wednesdays.

GOD BLESS YOU. It remains a joy. Please feel free to call us where we can be of service.

Your Friend, *Eugene Strickland*

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January — February, 2012

Churches or individuals who want to place announcements in the newsletter should have the information in the OBA office (to Ila) by February 11 for the publication covering March — April.

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I'VE BEEN THINKING...

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about 2012 and am already excited about all that is before us. January was named for the god Janus who is pictured looking backward and forward. The image reminds us that what we did last year can be the foundation for continued progress in the important areas of our lives. It also signifies the idea that we can start new things that will be even better than last year's successes or will help us learn from the shortcomings of last year and make a positive out of a negative.

Some of you are already preparing for 2012 VBS. I urge you to pray about the theme you select and choose the one that will excite participants about God's Word and His love for each person.

If you choose a LifeWay published theme, you help yourself and the association by ordering through us. If you have not ordered your sampler from LifeWay already, I am placing the first consignment order January 15. If you already have your sampler, you can order remaining materials later through OBA in February and March.

Improving our skills in ways to bring the reality of God's message to those who need it is a key need for each of us as leaders. If your church or a group within your church wants training for Sunday School or Discipleship leaders, I will be glad to help you put an event together customized to your needs. You may only need to know resources; we can locate some of the best along with conference plans your chosen leader can use. You may want to know approved leaders for specific age groups; I have access to individuals who are willing to lead conferences.

Remember that anytime you need my help, I am willing to do what I can and point you in the right direction if someone else does it better.

As we live each day of this new year, let us help others learn and experience for themselves God's love by being His witness in everything we do and say.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

For Adults:
"The Pursuit: Chasing Answers to Life's Questions"

For Youth:
"Known"

Plan for a great time in your church.

HELP! We need to update our data base with names and dates. Contact Ila and check your list against ours.

Happy Birthday

Jan 4 Elaine Skates
Jan 8 Ruth Rainey
Jan 11 Ken Bradley
Jan 13 Diane Jernigan
Jan 16 Ken Ashley
Jan 23 Brandi Terrell
Jan 24 Delores Shear
Jan 25 Randy Batson
John Hong
Jan 30 Patricia Leonard
Feb 9 Yevonne Mark
Feb 12 Fran Picker
Feb 21 James Boyette
Mar 3 Amy McNeil
Mar 5 Frank Williamson
Esther Pfrimmer
Anthony Mason
Mar 6 Glenda Boyette
Mar 7 Paul Conrad
Nathan Fort
Mar 8 Tommy Batson
Eugene Strickland

Staff Anniversary

Jan 13 Julie Peacock
16th at OBA
Sharon Wilson
15th at Calvary
Jan 27 George Katzman.
9th Woodlawn
Feb 5 Glenda Boyette
5th at FBC, Crestview
Feb 16 Randall Jenkins
8th at FBC, Crestview
Mar 1 Ken Bradley
7th at Emmanuel
Mar 2 Ken Bradley
7th at Emmanuel

Happy Anniversary

Jan 14 James & Christie Ross
Jan 27 Tim & Vicki Snider
Pete & Anne Wise
Mar 7 Paul & Phylis Conrad

Pray for Churches & Leaders

Jim Jordan	Antioch
Bob Govoni	Beaver Creek
Lewis Wilson	Calvary
Leadership	Central
John Hong	Crestview Korean
David Bracewell	Cross Creek
David VanZandt	Dorcas
Jonathan Shepherd	Ebenezer
Ian Anderson	Emmanuel
Cliff Morgan	First, Baker
Alan Kilgore	First, Crestview
Dennis Robinson	First, Garden City
Curt Rainey	First, Holt
Mike McVay	First, Laurel Hill
Ted Jernigan	First, Milligan
Simon Chung	Glory Korean
Larry Sweat	Goodhope
Sam Park	Great Love
Jerry Nelson	Live Oak
Tony Orsa	Living Faith
Bob Smith	Magnolia
James Ross	Mosaic
Jerry Haley	Pilgrim Rest
Bill Adkins	Pleasant Hill
Fred Billy	Pyron Chapel
Dick Driskell	Red Oak
Nathan Fort	Shepherd's
Don Smith	Shockley Springs
Leadership	South Ebenezer
Philip Mark	Valley Road
Patrick Pfrimmer	Woodlawn
James Parker	Yellow River
Your Association Staff:	
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OBA Ministries:	
Tom & Kyra Crowson	Exodos
James Skates	Exodos
Paul Mixon	Out of This World
David Bracewell	Ropin' the Truth
Jimmy Bishop	Ropin' the Truth
Mission Service Corp	
Kim Wilson	collegiate ministry in PA
Mission Volunteers	
Donald and Cyndi Kidd	East Asia

PASTORS' SUPPORT GROUP LUNCHEON

Every 3rd Wed at noon
First, Milligan



WOW! National Collection Week has come and gone! Crestview Relay Center was blessed to experience the "hustle and bustle" of it all! It was a joy to serve our community for the honor and glory of our Heavenly Father. We had the awesome joy of collecting **2,268** shoe box gifts to share the gospel of Jesus Christ this year.

Many thanks to Baker Relay Center for their hard work and dedication to the ministry and to Pastor Cliff Morgan for all of the materials and contact information he passed on to us in Crestview, which got us off to a great start! Thank you to all you donors who found a place in your hearts for a little boy or little girl to receive the gospel through "simple shoe box gift." Thank you to all of the pastors and project leaders of our churches for your support, hard work, and dedication to the ministry. Thank you to Mr. Cody Trent of Budget Truck Rental Crestview for your donation of a rental truck so that we could ship our boxes to Pensacola. Thank you to the Crestview Relay Center Team, for your support, your hard work and dedication to the ministry. Thank you to the Northwest Florida area team, for your support. Thank you to Ms. Ila Bosarge for running articles in the Okaloosa Baptist Newsletter.

It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of what the LORD is doing through Operation Christmas Child. Remember, there are no menial tasks or menial gifts in the kingdom of God. May the Lord bless you all and every prayer that was lifted for every child that will receive a shoe box gift this season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from *Carlette Stover, Coordinator*

2011 Summary

Day Rec'd	Number Rec'd
Monday	303
Tuesday	304
Wednesday	159
Thursday	674
Friday	63
Saturday	28
Sunday	659
Monday	78

Grand Total 2,268

FROM:

Baker United Methodist
 Calvary Baptist
 Central Baptist
 Crestview Church of God
 Dorcas Baptist
 Ebenezer Baptist
 Emmanuel Baptist
 First Baptist of Baker
 First Baptist of Crestview
 First Baptist of Holt
 First Baptist of Milligan
 First Baptist of Mossyhead
 First Presbyterian
 First United Methodist of Baker
 First United Methodist of Crestview
 Goodhope Baptist
 Goodhope Congregational Christian

Joy Fellowship
 Five Oak Baptist
 Magnolia Baptist
 New Beginnings
 New Bethel United Methodist
 North Central Assembly of God
 Pilgrim Rest Baptist
 Pyron Chapel Baptist
 Red Oak Baptist
 Valley Road Baptist
 Woodlawn Baptist
 Yellow River Baptist
 Individual Donors
 The Gatewood Family
 Julia Tatro
 Bill and Marie Fortier
 Sandra Butters
 Anonymous Donors
 Monetary Donations



Libby and Friends Gospel Ministry

Invites **you** to an evening of music and fellowship:

at

Central Baptist Church,
 951 S Ferdon Blvd, Crestview

Sat, Jan 14 at 6 pm
Master's Voice Quartet

no admision fee
 love offering taken

Tickets are now available for

Ernie Haase & Signature Sound
Friday, February 10.

For more details contact:

Libby White 859.496.7103 or

www.libbyandfriendsgospelconcerts.com



WILD GAME DINNER

for men and boys

Sat, Jan 14, 5:00 pm
at Camp Okaloosa

Bring food already cooked—meat or vegetables—drinks and desserts will be furnished.

GREAT FELLOWSHIP
GREAT INSPIRATION
GREAT FOOD

You Can't Beat It!

Minister's Tax Update Conference.

Tues, Jan 10, 6:30 pm
First Baptist, Garden City,

For pastors, church staff and stewardship team leaders

New and important information will be available, along with a light meal.

Call 682-543
 to make Reservations.



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Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good
will toward men.
Luke 2.14 (KJV)

