

dale baptist association

The Beacon

SEPTEMBER 2011

The Dale Baptist Association Invites You to a Ministry Center

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 11
2-4 PM



STORE OPENING:

September 13 & 15
9 AM-3 PM

We will have training for anyone interested in volunteering in the store on Wednesday, September 7 at 8 AM.

The Grandparent Factor

September 8
6:30 PM

Ridgecrest Baptist



This conference will be led by Eileen Mitchell of the Alabama State Board of Missions. Participants will take a look at Phil Waldrep's book of *Five Principles to Help You make a Difference in the Life of Your Grandchild*. Please register to attend this conference by September 1 by calling the office at 774-2713 or by email: secretary@dalebaptistassociation.com.

Executive Committee Meeting

September 19
6:30 PM

Pinckard Baptist

All Representatives on the Associational Board are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the meeting will follow.

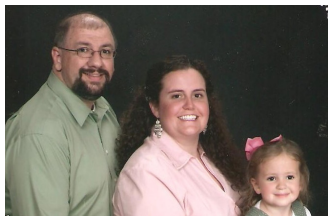
The Ultimate Date Night with Jay and Laura Laffoon

September 15; 7 PM

Tickets are \$15 per person

For more information call (334)671-7774 or visit the Blog at JTFStraightTalk.com.

News From Around Dale Baptist Association



Camp Ground...

Camp Ground has called Rev. Merrell Henry as their new bi-vocational Student Minister. Merrell will be responsible for providing ministry to their 7th -12th grade students. He will take a holistic approach to develop their students spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically by providing Bible study and discipleship opportunities, mission experiences, counseling, and of course recreational activities to name a few. As Pastor, Rev. Al Sonanstine is excited to have Bro. Merrell on staff. Their history goes all the way to when Merrell was part of his Student Ministry at FBC Arcadia, FL where he saw him come to know Jesus as his Savior and Lord and give his life in surrender to the ministry. Now many years later they are serving on the same church staff together. Merrell is a man of God with a heart for ministry and especially student ministry. He will be a valuable asset to Camp Ground's student ministry, and is the man Bro Al believes to be the one to take to it the next level. Please pray for Merrell, his wife Jennifer and their daughter Sarabeth, as they take on this new responsibility at Camp Ground.

All children ages 2 yrs-6th grade are invited as the AWANA program will begin at **Camp Ground** on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. Call 774-2071 for more information.



FBC Level Plains...

First Baptist Church of Level Plains is accepting resumes now through September 9 to fill the position of part-time (32 hours week) financial/church secretary. Preferred qualifications: working knowledge of QuickBooks, Microsoft Office Suite, a good grasp of the internet and receptionist skills. Please send resumes to FBCLP, Attn: Personnel Committee, 8189 County Road 1, Enterprise, AL 36330. No Calls Please.

Pleasant Ridge...

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church hosted Daniel Wilson from the Alabama State Board of Missions on August 27. The church also incorporated a counseling ministry. Robert Parsons is a licensed professional counselor and serves as a deacon at the church. He can be reached at 790-5649. Craig Bailey is pastor.

Post Oak Baptist Church...

Post Oak will celebrate its 80th Homecoming on August 28. Rev. Spurgeon Baker is presenting the message with Bro. Robert Williamson leading the worship service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. John Anderson will teach Sunday School for all adults at 9:15 a.m., and there will be a covered dish luncheon to follow. All former members and friends are invited.

The next big event is Baptist Women's Day, slated for October 2. Everyone is invited as they highlight the women of **Post Oak**.

Rocky Head...

Everyone is invited to a yard sale to benefit the mission team of Rocky Head Baptist Church as they travel to India in October. The yard sale will be held Saturday, September 10 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. It will take place in the parking lot of Little Caesar's in Ozark. Items for sale include clothing for adults and children, baby items, toys, electronics, antique items, etc. You won't want to miss it! For more information, please contact the church at 762-2759.

Calendar Change!



WMU...

PLEASE NOTE: The prayer walk has been changed from September 13th to the 15th. Please meet at the Ozark courthouse at 6:30 p.m. on the 15th. Groups will be formed to cover all of downtown. Participants can leave once their group has finished praying. This all has to be approved by the Mayor and Police Chief, to protect us. The prayer walk has proven to be a great time together with a wonderful opportunity to be able to prayer over the town of Ozark. Please plan to be there to participate with us.

WMU continued...

Since this is the start of a new church year and we will be having new WMU leaders in many churches, we would like to have a WMU Leadership meeting to help you. There will be training for the WMU leader, Acteen leader, GA leader, & Mission Friend leader. This has been scheduled for September 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Associational Office. We will even have a snack for you too. We have had several calls about leaders needing help, so this will help us all. Hope to see you all there. Don't forget that this month is the month for our Kathleen Mallory Missions – our State Missions. Be sure and look at your literature for this, and you will find one of our own pictured in the literature, Mrs. Maxine Bearden. Thanks so much for all you do at your church to make missions possible. GOD bless you all.

Wilma Hart
Associational WMU Director

A Word from our Associational Missionary...

Life has changed for many as school is in session. Thank you for the many ministry opportunities that you have been involved in. Many have helped with school supplies and other needs that students had in order to start the school year. Others have been involved in recognizing and praying for our teachers, administration teams and other support personnel that work daily to help make our education system successful. Don't stop; continue to pray for the students, teachers, administration teams and support staff.

I hope that our churches have begun to refocus on the ministry of reaching our world for Christ. This past Monday night I had the privilege of sitting in on the Men's Ministry Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Church. It was refreshing to listen to Bro. Tommy Puckett share how men can be involved in ministry through the local church. Tommy shared that he once heard Dr. Adrian Rogers make a statement that we need to move from asking people to make a commitment to asking them to surrender their lives to Christ. If we would surrender our lives to Christ for ministry then we would walk where our Master directs and serve where he places us. We were also reminded that there is no I in team. God wants teams that are surrendered to His will. It is imperative that we understand who God is and what God can do. Tommy made another statement that challenged my life, he said, 'anytime we think something is impossible we put it in the hands of man and take it out of the hand of God.' God has given us His command and power to accomplish His plan and we can do it.

In this newsletter you will notice we have set some dates concerning open house and the opening of the thrift store. We need volunteers to work. Please call and let us know if you will give time in helping with this ministry.

Kenneth W. Hale

Thank you New Hope Baptist Church for giving 176.10 pounds of food for our Food Ministry in August! Many others have given as well! Over 110 lbs of food was given to people in need last month! Thank you all for your gifts of food and contributions!



Upcoming Events

- 9/5Labor Day/Office Closed
- 9/86:30 PM Grandparent Factor-Ridgecrest
- 9/11Single Adult Day
- 9/1210:30 AM Minister's Conference
- 9/13WMU Day of Prayer & Kathleen Mallory Missions Offering
- 9/156:30 PM WMU Prayer walk downtown Ozark
- 9/18Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 9/1910:30 AM Minister's Conference; 6:30 PM Executive Committee Mtg-Pinckard
- 9/2610:30 AM Minister's Conference; 6:30 PM WMU Leadership Meeting-DBA Office



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