



# North Central News

Serving the Churches of the Etowah, Hightower, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Associations



October 2014

## **North Central Area Missions is saddened at the passing of Rev. Carl D. Jameson**

Rev. Carl D. Jameson went peacefully to be with the Lord on September 7, 2014 surrounded by his family. Carl, 84, will be remembered most for his love of God, selflessness, generous nature, kind heart, and love and devotion to his family.

Carl was an avid baseball player growing up in North Fulton and never lost that competitive spirit. He enjoyed the Braves, Dawgs football and Yellow Jacket baseball.

He was an avid golfer. Carl was also a successful business man.

Whether at work, on the ball field or golf course, Carl used every opportunity to share Christ.

For over fifty years, Carl, along with his wife Ruth, pastored the following churches: Crabapple First Baptist, Waleska First Baptist, Antioch Baptist, Willeo Baptist, Union Hill Baptist and Atlanta Street Baptist. As "pastor" he was an inspiration to all, faithfully fulfilling the role of pastor through his countless hours of mentoring, visiting, counseling and praying; all because of his love for Christ and others.

Carl accepted his calling to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and he did so faithfully. Heaven will only record the impact he has had on the thousands he has witnessed to during his ministry.

Carl Jameson was a very humble, hardworking individual, devoted to his wife and family, while being faithful to God's calling and his congregations.

We know God has wrapped his loving arms around Carl and said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

## **North Central Area Missions is saddened at the passing of Rev. Ivan Watkins**

Rev. Ivan Watkins passed away Tuesday, September 23, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Ivan and his wife, Carol, pastored Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Clayton Baptist Church and Open Door Baptist Church in the Etowah Association. He also served as Interim Pastor at First Baptist Holly Springs.

Rev. Watkins was musically talented and played piano for singing groups for 52 years. He began playing piano for the Cavaliers Quartet at age 13. He continued to play for the Cavaliers until they joined with the Redeemed Quartet (which was started by his wife Carol). Then, they became the Redeemed Cavaliers. Ivan and Carol shared their musical talents at many churches in the area during their career.

Ivan was licensed to the ministry at Macedonia Baptist Church and was ordained at First Baptist Canton.

**179th Hightower Baptist Association Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 - 10:00 AM  
Friendship Baptist Church, 2250 Friendship Circle, Cumming 30040

Thursday, October 2, 2014 - 10:00 AM  
Pleasant View Baptist Church, 817 Peachtree Parkway, Cumming 30041

**54th Etowah Baptist Association Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014  
Meal at 6:00 PM - Service at 7:00 PM  
4206 North Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock 30188



**Annual Truck Loadings  
Georgia Baptist Children's Home and  
Family Ministries**

**Collection items for the Hightower Association are:  
Spices, Salt & Pepper, Grits, Syrup, Jiffy Corn Bread, Sugar,  
Scalloped and Au-gratin Potatoes  
Gift Cards are always appreciated**

**The collection date is Wednesday, October 1, at Friendship Baptist Church, 2250 Friendship Circle, Cumming (this is the first day of the Hightower Annual Meeting)**

**Collection Items for BOTH the Etowah and Roswell Baptist Association Churches are:  
Cream soups (mushroom, chicken and celery), Hamburger Helper and Chicken Helper, Jello  
and Mandarin Oranges  
Gift cards are always appreciated**

**The collection date is Tuesday, October 28, at the North Central Area Missions office at  
4206 North Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock. The truck will be available for loading at 5:00 PM.  
If your church needs to bring items earlier, please give us a call at 770-384-8548 or email  
janice@northcentralga.org.**

**Welcome**

**Chris & Catherine Renfro.  
Chris is the new Student  
Pastor at First Alpharetta.**

**Remember to  
Fall Back on  
November 2**



## The Body of Christ: A Forensic Study

*“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them ... he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”... “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” (Romans 12: 6, 8, 15)*

Beginning in February, of this year we ventured on a study of the spiritual gifts that God has given to His body, the church, and looked at each of those gifts from a forensic, detailed perspective. This is Part 8 of this exercise and, if you are just now joining in this study, I would strongly encourage you to read our **February** through **September Newsletters** to be able to capture the full image of how these gifts play an important role in the health, strength, and function of the church. This month we are looking at the last gift listed in this very special chapter of Romans, and though it is listed last, it is by no means least!

I am fascinated by flight. If you look at a Boeing 747, you will see a marvel of creativity and genius. There are literally over 6 million individual parts (over half are fasteners!), each of which is completely incapable of flight on their own. But, when they are appropriately connected and allowed to work together, they take a massive boat weighing approximately 900,000 pounds and lift it off the ground giving it the miracle of controlled flight. It is simply amazing. But never forget that each piece on that wonder could never get off the ground if it were not for the combined effort of the other necessary parts.

This month we are looking at the spiritual gift of mercy. I would venture a guess that this gift makes up a large portion of our churches.

People with the gift of mercy have an amazing ability to sense the hurts and health in other people, especially in terms of emotional well-being. The average church member will answer the Southern hospitality question of, “How you doing?” with a smile and a response of, “Just fine!” even though their heart may be completely broken. But those with the gift of mercy see through the response and are able to sense the emotional earthquake and will usually begin penetrating the crusty exterior to find out what is really going on.

These people have “radar” for sensing the health and struggles (those events we all naturally experience in life) with precision accuracy. They can just “sense” it! The accompanying verse, Romans 12:15, “*Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep,*” fits the mercy gifted to a “T!” They have the ability to make a sorrowful person feel so understood while at the next moment make a person that is celebrating feel they are equally excited. In reality, this person truly IS empathetic to the sorrowing soul and truly thrilled with the person that is reveling. It’s their spiritual gift to come alongside those around them and give confirmation and encouragement to whatever they are going through. The gift of mercy is a necessary part of the body of Christ that brings connectivity and a binding of the various gifts together in a chorus of unity by making the body sense the understanding and acceptance of the other parts. Remember, in the Boeing 747, most of the parts are “fasteners.”

It’s no surprise that our Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the perfect example of each of these spiritual gifts. He is the fulfilled coming **Prophet** with a flaming Sword in His mouth. He is the Suffering **Servant** that washes the disciple’s

feet. He is called Rabbi for He is the most excellent, engaging **Teacher**, and there is not a more encouraging **Exhorter** that builds up every wall. There is no greater **Giver** than our blessed Redeemer, personally demonstrating His own words, “*No greater love than this, a man lay down his life for his friends.*” He is the quintessential **Leader**, creating an historic model for successful leadership techniques. But in all of these attributes He is the very Heart of **Mercy**, filling every gap, connecting all the parts, and making His presence feel as if it is closer than your very breath. Each part is essential. Each part of the Body is a fulfillment of the perfection of our Head, our glorious Savior, King and Lord.

The church is the very image to the world of the various attributes of the God/Man, the Redeemer of all mankind. It is the flesh and blood that they can see, taste, feel, hear, and smell. We are the walking “Bibles” that non-readers of the Bible read every day! Are they getting the message? Are they seeing the fullness of the Messiah? We are the accurate story of His Story. Though the body needs each piece to function well and to be healthy, it is also a living, breathing embodiment of a message, the Good News. We demonstrate an unimaginable truth to a lost world that exists in deception and darkness. We walk in light when our body is in top performance displaying an unbelievable love, a miraculous life, and a worthy faith. This light blasts through the darkness of the imprisoned, dungeon-like reality of the spiritually dead. The world may scoff at success, but it cannot ignore it.

Function as you were designed;  
*“each according to the grace that has been given.”*

*Alan J. Morris*

## **North Central Area Missions recently purchased a new Roland 540i VersaCAMM wide format color printer and a Digital Clam Heat Press**

The Roland printer is highly versatile for a wide range of applications. We can now print:

- Banners as we have been providing. We can now print up to 52" in height.
- Decals, labels (water bottle, etc), stickers (bumper and others)
- Posters
- Heat transfers for apparel (t-shirts and other items)

We are now able to offer a wider variety of media:

- Standard banner material as we have been providing.
- Adhesive-back vinyl
- Paper
- Heat transfer paper

Now, we can print your logos for t-shirts (and other items) and press the transfers on for you.

All this is available (to our financially supporting churches) at a much reduced rate when compared to purchasing from a for-profit organization.



**YOU'RE INVITED**

**2015 Senior Adult Leadership Conference**  
February 9-10, 2015

**Mabel White Baptist Church**  
1415 Bass Road, Macon, Georgia

**Featuring:**  
**David Apple**  
**Lifeway**



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**Curnutt**



**Starla**  
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**Ingleside Baptist Church | Macon**  
[connectGBC.com](http://connectGBC.com)

Inspirational Rally | 6 PM Sunday, Nov. 9  
Annual Meeting Session | 6 PM Monday, Nov. 10  
Annual Meeting Session | 9 AM – 6 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 11



**revive**2014  
Georgia Baptist  
Convention annual meeting

Psalm 85:6 Will You not revive us again  
so that Your people may rejoice in You?

**SPEECHLESS**  
Prayer Conference

October 17-18 | Georgia Baptist Conference Center – Toccoa

**FOR: Pastors and Staff**  
Prayer Leaders (church and association)  
Prayer Leaders in Men's and Women's Ministries  
Prayer Partners

Guest Speakers  
Alvin Reid - "Praying for Spiritual Renewal & Awakening"  
Steve Gaines - "Pray Like it Matters"  
Joel Goddard - *Worship Leader*

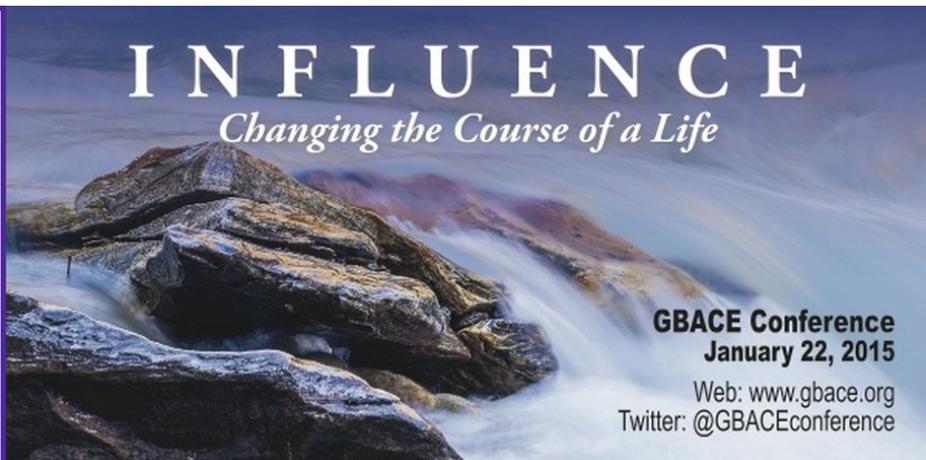
For additional information or to register  
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contact Alan Folsom at [afolsom@gabaptist.org](mailto:afolsom@gabaptist.org)  
or call 770-936-5288

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Dr. Alvin Reid**

**Lizella Baptist Church**  
2950 S. Lizella Road  
Lizella, GA 31052

For additional  
information or to  
register, please visit  
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# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS for Appalachia

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**GOSPEL** with a child in need  
this **CHRISTMAS.**

**Appalachian Regional Ministry**  
works with **compassion ministry**  
**sites** and **church plants**  
in **13** states.

Georgia Baptists are **challenged**  
to **provide backpacks** for  
children in Kentucky,  
Tennessee, and New York  
as well as identified partnership  
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**GREAT DEAL ON PURCHASE  
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**Go to [bagsinbulk.com](http://bagsinbulk.com)**

**If you are purchasing  
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Visit [MissionGeorgia.org](http://MissionGeorgia.org)  
for more resources and information.

*Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia is a part  
of the LOVELOUD Christmas Backpacks with  
the North American Mission Board.*

## HOW TO PACK A BACKPACK

- Start with a **NEW**, zippered backpack
- Choose gender and age on provided label (*print labels from MissionGeorgia.org*)
- Fill with **NEW** gifts (at least 1 item from each gift idea below)
- Also include inside each backpack (*print from MissionGeorgia.org*)
  - The Christmas Story
  - A.R.M. Mailbox Club postcard
- Securely tape label to the outside of the backpack
- Pray specifically for the receiving child
- Take your backpack to designated collection site

## GIFT SUGGESTIONS

**TOYS:** Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small music instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries), Slinky, Frisbee, card games such as Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Pens, pencils (with sharpener), crayons, markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.

**OTHER:** Children's Bible or Teen Bible, hard candy, (no chocolate), lollipops (double bag all candy), mints, gum, socks, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), age-appropriate Christian books, pop-top cans of food, etc.

**IDEAS FOR OLDER KIDS (10-14 YEARS):**

**Girls:** Lip gloss, costume jewelry, fashion scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, etc.

**Boys:** Legos, card games, hand-held electronic games, basketball, soccer ball, Nerf football



Gifts of Georgia Baptists through the Cooperative Program enable us to partner together in fulfilling the Great Commission.

## PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE

Items that can be easily crushed or broken, perishable food, or knives.

Printables and lists available at [MissionGeorgia.org](http://MissionGeorgia.org)

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for Appalachia

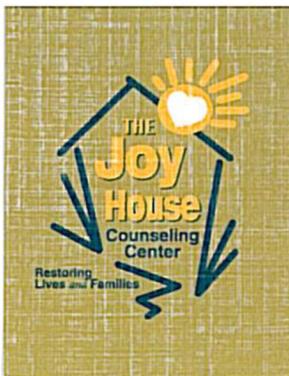
## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### October 2014

- 1&2 Hightower Baptist Association Annual Meeting (see page 2)  
2 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)  
6 Hightower Baptist Association Pastor/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM  
11 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank, (7:30 AM - 12:00 noon)  
16 Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Slopes in Cumming, 11:00 AM  
18 Mt. Zion Baptist Church Food Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 noon)  
28 Etowah Baptist Association Annual Meeting (see page 2)  
28 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer, (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

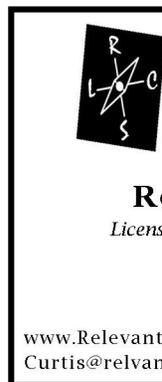
### November 2014

- 2 Daylight Savings Time ends  
3 Hightower Baptist Association Pastor/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM  
6 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)  
8 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank, (7:30 AM - 12:00 noon)  
9-11 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting (see page 5)  
15 Mt. Zion Baptist Church Food Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 noon)  
18 Etowah Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, The Pointe Church in Canton (10:30 AM)  
Etowah Pastor's Luncheon, Red Lobster in Canton (immediately following Executive Meeting)  
19 Roswell Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Clear Springs Baptist Church (10:30 AM)  
Roswell Pastor's Luncheon, Place TBD (immediately following Executive Meeting)  
20 Lanier Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Living Stones Church in Cumming (10:30 AM)  
Lanier Pastor's Luncheon, Place TBD (immediately following Executive Meeting)  
25 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer, (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)  
26-28 Thanksgiving Holidays! North Central Area Missions closed



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