



# North Central News

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



August 2014

## 2014 Sunday School Training Workshop

August 23

7:30 AM - 12:15 PM

North Central Area Missions

4206 North Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, GA 30188

This Training Workshop is provided for all churches in the Etowah, Hightower, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Associations by the Georgia Baptist Convention in conjunction with North Central Area Missions

### TOPICS

#### **Pastors and Sunday School Directors**

Reuniting Evangelism and Sunday School  
Recruiting and Training New Sunday School  
Leaders

#### **Adult Teachers and Leaders**

Review Ideas That Have Worked in Starting  
New Churches  
Renewing My Commitment to Grow

#### **Youth Teachers and Leaders**

Refocusing on Teaching Teenagers the Bible  
Reengaging with Teenagers in Today's  
Culture

#### **Children Teachers and Leaders**

Refreshing Ideas for Teaching Children  
Reconnecting with Children Beyond Sunday  
Morning

#### **Preschool Teachers and Leaders**

Refreshing Ideas for Teaching Preschoolers  
Rethinking Classroom Management

\$15 - Pre-registration\*

\$25 - At the Door

You may register online

at [sssg.gabaptist.org](http://sssg.gabaptist.org)

\*Cost is \$15 for online registration  
through Monday, August 18.

DEADLINE for online registration is also  
Monday, August 18.

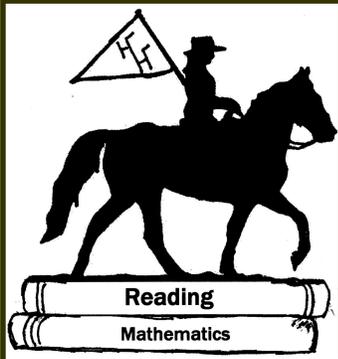
To make reservations by phone, please  
call **770-936-5286**

### Schedule

7:30 - 8:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome/Instructions
8:45 - 10:00	Session I
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:00	Keynote
11:00 - 12:15	Session 2

For additional information regarding the Sunday School Training Workshop, you may call the Georgia Baptist Convention at 800-746-4422, x285 or you may contact the Associational office at 770-384-8548 or email [janice@northcentralga.org](mailto:janice@northcentralga.org)

**WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT TWO MISSION PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR - TAKE A LOOK AND GET INVOLVED!**



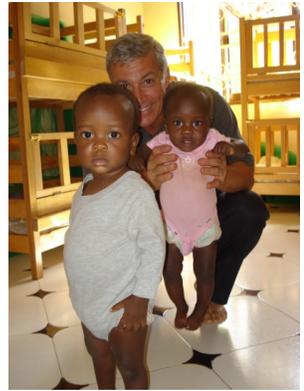
## North Central's "Jerusalem" ministry for 2014

The *Academy at Double H Ranch* is a non-traditional, tuition-free school designed for the low-income, at-risk students that live around the Cowboy Church area. This "one-room schoolhouse" will provide spiritual, emotional, and a strong academic foundation for these students in one of the poorest, most disadvantaged regions in the state. *The success of this venture is solely connected to the willing and generous financial assistance from churches, Sunday School classes, VBS Missions projects, and individuals with a heart to see these students break the cycle of poverty and poor life choices.* This is possible by offering a protected, biblically-based educational environment where each student is treated with unconditional acceptance and respect and is empowered to reach his/her full potential.

## North Central's "Uttermost Parts" Ministry for 2014



The *Uganda Widows and Orphanage Ministry* is a unique miracle from the heart of a local minister, **Pastor Samuel**, who is raising up an army of Christian warriors through orphanages in the cities of Palissa and Jinja.



*This year we are keeping his aging vehicles in operation by providing repairs, new tires, and new shocks so he can continue to do the amazing work with the three orphanages and the ministry he does to the widows throughout this region.*

*This would be a fantastic mission's project* to take on for your youth group, VBS mission, or some other ministry of your church. When you participate in this ministry, a member of the mission's team will come and give a visual presentation of the work that you have supported so that you might be able to see first-hand what your funds are going toward.

For additional information regarding these mission projects, please contact North Central Area Missions at 770-384-8548 or email Alan Morris at [amorris@gabaptist.org](mailto:amorris@gabaptist.org)

## 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 gives, with liberality,”... “distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.” (Romans 12:6, 8, 13)*

This is Part 6 of a forensic look at the body of Christ. If you are just now joining in this study, I would strongly encourage you to read our **February through June/July Newsletters** to be able to get the complete picture of the topic at hand. Have you ever seen a puzzle that was missing just a couple of pieces? Where were your eyes drawn? You couldn't see the picture because of the missing pieces. In some of our churches we are doing some very “beautiful” things. If we are making definite strides in relationship building, going on exotic mission trips, feeding the hungry, but missing some of the spiritual gifts that are listed here in Romans 12, everyone can't help but notice that something is just not right!

The gift we are looking at this month is the gift of **giving**. The Greek word here is “*metodidomi*,” used only 5 times in the New Testament that means to impart or provide. The context of the five verses that use this rare term captures a word picture of one who sees a physical need and attempts to meet that need. These people are driven by the powerful use of funds and resources to enhance the Kingdom's impact. Without question, these people are generally very wise money managers. That is not to say that they are always wealthy, but because of how they see finances they tend to be in better shape than most. They want their gift to make the greatest impact, to motivate others to give as well.

These people will simply not tolerate

misuse of funds in ministry and they are the ones that always want to see the spreadsheets, the financial updates, and the percentages that are distributed within an organization. They enjoy watching how funds and resources are used to bring the Gospel into people's lives. Givers are not as easily drawn to give to blanket causes, but they want to see their gift make a difference in an individual or in a people group. They will see the unwed mother's home, the Boy's Ranch, or the pregnancy crisis center in a way that the average person cannot visualize. Givers do NOT like debt. They tend to encourage their church to steer clear of debt and wisely use their resources in missions, ministries, or local projects. If they understand the need to expand or add more space they will want to set up matching funds, examine other options first, and they will encourage the body to give sacrificially before the first nail is ever nailed so that they can either pay-as-you-go, or at least have a healthy down payment beforehand.

These people have a capacity to “*distribute to the needs of the saints*,” as verse 13 states. The reason they can distribute to other's needs is because they have been wise in their own money management. If they have personally sacrificed to be able to freely give to others in need, you can bet they will require the same discipline and wisdom from their church leadership! Sometimes they folks get a bad rap, they are categorized as being negative, or cantankerous, always complaining about the money. In my experiences, I have had to defend givers in the church more often than any other gift. They are truly the lifeblood of the financial accountability of the church and every church needs many of these heroes.

Because a church is ministry driven and not corporation driven, a

non-profit instead of a for-profit organization, financial imbalance happens often in a church as they tend to overreach. There are ALWAYS more ministry opportunities than there are adequate resources to fund it. These guys are lifesavers to the fiscal health of the church! They are wise in their ability to see how money works, to know how to make the most of every ministry dollar. When they are shut down, or given the cold shoulder they can easily become ineffective in the body. When they are missing, it's just like that puzzle picture –everyone sees the gap! And it will negatively affect the ones that were pouring the cold water!

The passage also states that givers are “*given to hospitality*.” Oh, boy, is this not the truth? In my experiences in churches all over the world, givers are the best hosts. They really do want to make you feel at home. They also want people to feel at home in their church. They will notice the things that will make a visitor uncomfortable and will bring that to the attention of others. Givers have such an interesting perspective on life. They see in percentages, not dollars. They have the ability to value resources and can squeeze the most from every penny. As one of my dearest friends that is a giver, Don DeLozier, used to say, “I can make Abe's head explode!” And he usually did!

Bless the Lord for these wonderful assets in your church. Allow them to serve in areas that will make the most of their gifts –finance team, audit team, treasurer, capital program, etc. Some of them can make excellent teachers, too. Yoke their strengths and they will allow you to do more ministry in the long run that you could ever imagine.

Alan Morris



**When:** October 6 | 6:30PM-9:30PM

**Where:** North Central Area Missions Center,  
4206 N. Arnold Mill Road Woodstock, GA 30188

### ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The Discipled Leader Seminar consists of three sessions, each with the purpose to develop leaders for Kingdom service.

Session 1: A Leader's Values, Mission, and Goals

Session 2: Characteristics of a Leader

Session 3: The Nuts and Bolts of Leadership

### COST: Donations

ONLINE REGISTRATION  
REGISTER.INTRUTH.NET

### ABOUT THE TEACHER

Rev. Russell J. Newell's life calling and purpose is to teach the Word of God, make disciples, and equip future leaders for the Kingdom work of Jesus Christ. Pastor Russell served in the Pacific Northwest both as an associate and senior Pastor, recently served as a church planting pastor, and is currently the associate pastor of Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Canton, GA.

**North Central Area Missions and the Lanier Baptist Association welcome the following new church:**

Redemption City Church  
(A new start church in Cumming)  
Pastor Andy Hall  
Received into the Association  
effective June 1, 2014

### Prayers Requested for Dr. Frank Lewis

Many of you know and love Dr. Frank Lewis, Pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Roswell.

He has worshipped and ministered alongside many of you.

Now, he needs your prayers.

Dr. Lewis became ill on Sunday, June 28. He has been hospitalized since that date.

For updates, you may go to [www.zionmbc.org](http://www.zionmbc.org). Click on [read more](#) under "Greetings In the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." The church will be updating this site as information is available. You may send emails for Dr. Lewis to [churchoffice@zionmbc.org](mailto:churchoffice@zionmbc.org).

Please include Dr. Lewis, his wife Mamie, their son Aubrey, their extended family and the Zion Missionary Baptist Church family in your prayers.

# CHANGE

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) has changed names to Annual Church Report (ACR) and is brand new for 2014!

It's ACR time and everybody counts!



The International Mission Board recognizes the following churches for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for the period of March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

**Top Per Capita Giving Church**

Etowah Baptist Association - Open Door Baptist Church  
Hightower Baptist Association - Haw Creek Baptist Church  
Lanier Baptist Association - First Baptist Cumming  
Roswell Baptist Association - First Baptist Roswell

**Top Giving Church**

Etowah Baptist Association - First Baptist Canton  
Hightower Baptist Association - Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
Lanier Baptist Association - First Baptist Cumming  
Roswell Baptist Association - First Baptist Alpharetta

Ingleside Baptist Church | Macon  
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  
please visit [prayer.gabaptist.org](http://prayer.gabaptist.org),  
contact Alan Folsom at [afolsom@gabaptist.org](mailto:afolsom@gabaptist.org)  
or call 770-936-5288



**2014  
Ministers'  
Wellness  
Retreats**

**WHO:** Each minister and his spouse who do not have health insurance or their policy does not cover preventative care

**WHEN AND WHERE:**  
September 18-20  
Georgia Baptist Conference Center,  
Toccoa

October 9-11  
Georgia Baptist Conference Center,  
Norman Park

**WHAT:** Complete health and dental screenings by physicians. Time for spiritual renewing, gathering information regarding health and wellness, finances, available resources through the GBC, and on-site consultations with GBC state missionaries.

**FREE:** This retreat is free for each minister and his spouse  
(for those who meet requirements)

*Registration is required.  
For more information and registration, call  
Church-Minister Relations at 770-936-5364.*



# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS for Appalachia

Share a gift of **LOVE** and the  
**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  
areas with Georgia Baptist  
associations and churches.



**GREAT DEAL ON PURCHASE  
OF BACKPACKS!!!**

**Go to [bagsinbulk.com](http://bagsinbulk.com)**

**If you are purchasing  
backpacks in quantities of 24  
or more, this is a very good  
option.**

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)

# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

for Appalachia

**First Baptist Jasper**  
(Etowah Association)

has called

**Rev. Greg Pope**  
as **Senior Pastor**  
effective July 27, 2014.  
We welcome Greg and  
his family.

**Grace Baptist Church**  
(Lanier Association)

has called

**Dr. Randy Smith**  
as **Senior Pastor**  
effective July 27, 2014.  
We welcome Randy  
and his wife, Cathy.



Remember our children  
as they return to school  
during the month of  
August!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### August 2014

- 7 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 9 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank, (7:30 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 13 Roswell Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Clear Springs Baptist Church, 10:30 AM  
Roswell Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon (immediately following Executive Meeting at Place TBD)
- 14 Lanier Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Living Stones Church, Cumming, 10:30 AM  
Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon (immediately following Executive Meeting at Place TBD)
- 16 Mt. Zion Baptist Church Food Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 23 Sunday School Training Workshop (see page 1)
- 26 Etowah Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, The Pointe Church, Canton, 10:30 AM  
Etowah Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon (immediately following Executive Meeting, Red Lobster in Canton)
- 26 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer, (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

### September 2014

- 1 Hightower Baptist Association Pastor/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 1 Labor Day Holiday - North Central Area Missions Office will be closed
- 4 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 13 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank, (7:30 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 18 Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Slopes in Cumming, 11:00 AM
- 20 Mt. Zion Baptist Church Food Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 23 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer, (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- 30 Etowah Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Red Lobster in Canton,

**Crabapple First Baptist Church Preschool is in DESPERATE need of a preschool music teacher. Days and times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30.**

Interested individuals should contact Amy Mullvain at [amullvain@crabapplefbc.org](mailto:amullvain@crabapplefbc.org).

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**Rev. Curtis V. Meador**

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