



# Greater Things Are Yet To Be Done

## Mid-State Baptist Association

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Special points of interest:

**Start Planning  
for SPLASH  
June 2011!!!**

*You are cordially invited to attend the Annual*

# *Sr. Adult Revival*

*Hosted this year by*

*Wesleyan Drive Baptist Church*  
*939 Wesleyan Drive*

*On Tuesday, May 17th, 2011, At 10:00am*

*Please see your Sr. Adult Council representative about tickets*

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**A Few Major Upcoming Calendar notes...**

- April 5 Sr. Adult Council Meeting 2pm @ MBA Office (Called Meeting)
- April 8 BFC @ Morningview BC to Roof
- April 12 Leadership Team Meeting @ MBA Office
- April 28 One Focus Pastors' Prayer @ 10am
- May 3 Sr. Adult Council Meeting @ MBA Office 2pm
- May 10 Leadership Team Meeting @ MBA Office
- May 5 National Day of Prayer
- May 17 Senior Adult Revival Hosted by Wesleyan Drive BC @ 10AM
- May 26 One Focus Pastors' Prayer @ 10am
- Wk June 13 Builders for Christ Mission Trip
- Wk June 27 **SPLASH**

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I read this in the newsletter of one of our association churches and realized that I could not have said it any better. I have included his article and substituted “church” for “Ingleside.” Thank you Tim McCoy for putting into words what my heart was feeling...

(borrowed from Ingleside Baptist newsletter, April 2011)...

Do you remember who introduced you to Jesus? Do you recall who first invited you to Church? Recently, I’ve been thinking a good deal about how the gospel spreads and how a church grows.

I think that Rick Warren gets it right when he says: “Even a casual reading of the New Testament will show that **the Gospel spreads primarily through relationships**” (*Purpose Driven Church*, p. 173, emphasis added).

For instance, John’s gospel says that Andrew was one of the first two followers of Jesus. Then it says: “The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus” (John 1:41-42, NIV). Similarly, after Philip followed Christ, he found his friend Nathanael, told him about Jesus, and invited him to “come and see” (John 1:46, NIV). The pattern is clear: **people bring people to Jesus . . . and to church!**

In a fascinating book entitled, *The Unchurched Next Door* (Zondervan, 2003), Thom Rainer found that this biblical pattern was confirmed by research today. His team asked “unchurched” people the following question: “If a Christian friend or family member invited you to a church function now, how likely would you be to attend?” The result: 82% said that they would be “very” or “somewhat likely” to attend.

**So, who have you invited to come with you to Church lately?** Anyone? Rainer’s research at this point is troubling. He found that only 21% of active churchgoers invite *anyone* to church in the course of a year, and only two percent (2%) invite an *unchurched* person in a year’s time.

**Easter weekend is one of the very best times to invite a friend to join you at Church.** Many will say “yes” to your invitation. And once they come to church, some will come to faith in Christ. Others will find a stagnant faith reignited. Others will experience the love and care of a community of faith for the very first time.

“But remember,” Rainer writes, “most of the unchurched indicated that they were uncomfortable entering a church building by themselves. They were much more likely to attend if someone walked with them into the building.” The truth is, we all usually prefer it if someone will show us the ropes in a new situation.

So, who do you know that needs to experience the richness of a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ and participation in a healthy church? Would you be willing to offer them a personal invitation to join you at Church?

**Invite a friend to Church this Easter!**

### Church Staff Openings and Church Needs

**The MBA needs Bibles** to give out to people at the Storehouse Ministry!

**Countryside Baptist Church** has need of a church bus and a freezer. You may call Linda Ussery at 478-956-1887.

**Bethel Baptist Church** is looking for a part-time music leader. If interested please call—Jean Tucker, 478-747-3581

**Portable Baptistery** -Lakeview Baptist Church has donated to the MBA a portable baptistery. The baptistery is available for use. Please call the MBA office-750.9114.

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## Storehouse Ministry Schedule for April 2011

Please call Glenda Grant if you have any questions 750-9114 or email [glenda.grant@mid-statebaptist.org](mailto:glenda.grant@mid-statebaptist.org)

1st Tuesday	April 5	Northway
2nd Tuesday	April 12	The Link
3rd Tuesday	April 19	Ingleside
4th Tuesday	April 26	Pine Forest



## Storehouse Ministry Schedule for May 2011



1st Tuesday	May 3	Northway
2nd Tuesday	May 10	The Link
3rd Tuesday	May 17	Ingleside BC
4th Tuesday	May 24	Pine Forest
5th Tuesday	May 31	The Link



### Items we are always in need of:

#### 15 oz. Canned Meat

Cereal, Pop-Tarts, or Oatmeal  
Small Box Macaroni & Cheese  
Spaghetti

Canned Soup  
Canned Peas

Tomato Paste or Tomato Sauce  
Saltine Crackers

2, 4, 5 lb Cornmeal  
2, 4, 5 lb Sugar

Canned Spaghetti, Lasagna

#### 6 oz. Canned Tuna

Small Container Fruit  
Small Individual Chips

Canned Corn

Canned or Dried Beans

Small Bag Rice

Please help us WELCOME Glenda Grant as our new Storehouse and Life Training Center Ministry Assistant. She is filling the positions of Sydney Colvin (retired) and Gail Hamrick (moved) and will need lots of prayers and support in this time of transition.

She can be reached at the MBA 750-9114 or [glenda.grant@mid-statebaptist.org](mailto:glenda.grant@mid-statebaptist.org).

Jell-O

Peanut Butter

Canned Fruit

Canned Tomatoes

Cookies

2, 4, 5 lb Flour

Toilet Paper

Small Pkg Powdered Milk

Small Canned Vienna Sausage

Small Boxed Juices

New Testament or Bible

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**“Worth at Least Eighteen Questions”** Dr. Otis Andrews, Christian Family Counselor

Our youngest grandchild will be three years old in May. He is currently in the “two-year-old-twenty-questions” stage of his life. This means he has questions about everything and one question answered leads to another question asked. His brain is like a mental sponge seeking to constantly soak up information.

An example of his passion for asking questions and acquiring information took place when he encountered Santa Claus this past Christmas. Their conversation went something like this:

Beckett: “Where did you come from?”  
Santa: “The North Pole.”  
Beckett: “Where is that?”  
Santa: “A long way away.”

Beckett: “How did you get here?”  
Santa: “My reindeer brought me.”  
Beckett: “Where are they?”  
Santa: “They are up the street.”  
Beckett: “Can I see them?”  
Santa: “No, not now.”  
Beckett: “Why,”  
Santa: “They are sleeping.”  
Beckett: “Are they tired?”

Well, you get the picture. I’m sure if you have children and grandchildren you can remember the “two-year-old-twenty-questions” stage. Beckett is right in the middle of it.

Recently he and I were in the room together as I was getting dressed. When he saw me putting on my pants and pulling up my suspenders he asked, “What are those?” I replied, “Suspenders.” Beckett then asked,

“What do they do?” I love my grandson but I was not interested in playing “twenty questions” at that particular time. I casually pulled the suspenders off my shoulders and let go. Immediately my pants fell to the floor. Beckett looked at me standing there in front of him in my shirt and boxer shorts with my pants and suspenders crumpled around my feet. He nodded his head up and down as if to say “I understand.” He asked no more questions!

Remember the old saying: “A picture is worth a thousand words.” Well, my letting my pants and suspenders fall to the floor was worth at least eighteen questions.

**MBA Counseling Schedule**  
To make an appointment or to talk with Dr. Otis Andrews, please call 750.9114 ext. 107 on Tuesday or Thursday.



**Macon NDP 24 Hour Prayer Vigil**

05/04/2011 8 p.m. - 05/05/2011 8 p.m  
5024 Northside Drive, Macon, GA 31210. Call Northside Christian Church (478 477-6539) to sign up for 15 minute time slots

**Macon NDP Noon Observance**

05/05/2011 11:45 a.m. - 05/05/2011 12:25 p.m.  
Program in front of Macon City Hall, symbolic seat of government  
Poplar Street, Macon, GA 31201  
Contact: Margaret McCook -- 478 476-1912

## Storehouse Ministry / Life Training Center

Can you believe that April is already here!! It is hard to believe that we have already completed 3 months of 2011... until you look at our food shelves!

The need for food assistance just keeps growing as people remain out of work or are "under-employed" and cannot pay their bills. People from all socio-economic backgrounds, races, ages... this economy has hit everyone hard.

Please consider a food drive in your Sunday school class or church. Think "protein"...canned meats, powdered milk, dried beans and rice, peanut butter. Also good are canned spaghetti sauces...they can be used for all kinds of meals!

**Don't want to collect food...how about sponsoring a box or two or 20 ...\$7 each!!!**

We also need Sunday school classes, home teams, small groups, WMU and other groups sign up to proctor during the CRCT testing at our local schools. It you can sit in a chair or walk around a class or any combination of those two... you can serve others in your Jerusalem. Three hours of your time...to watch children take a test...ANYONE can do that.

**Still need your old computers!! HTM now has 14 computers ready to give to families in Middle GA!**



**Are  
You...**

**Ready?**

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**“How are we supporting our Association...” Year to Date 2011**

Alethia	0.00
Avondale	910.00
Bellevue	1,248.00
Bethel	1,517.00
Calvary	100.00
Church of the Harvest	150.00
Cornerstone	0.00
Countryside	150.00
East Boulevard	37.25
Faith	218.47
First	569.28
Glenwood Hills	625.00
Greenwood	0.00
High Point	107.93
Highland Hills	1,536.29
Hilltop	429.00
Houston Heights	668.04
Immanuel	448.00
Ingleside	9,177.88
Lakeview	898.62
Lawrence Drive	5,292.93
Mabel White	2,000.00
Macedonia	525.00
Macon Korean	1,402.35

Morningside	669.07
Mount Pleasant	0.00
Mt. Zion	2,503.00
New City	0.00
New Elim	0.00
New Heights	0.00
New Hope Baptist	\$0.00
New Hope Christian Fellowship	450.00
New Life Bible Fellowship	65.16
The New Piney Grove	0.00
New Providence	941.66
Northridge	2,035.50
Northway Church	4000.00
Parkway	135.00
Pine Forest	1,995.00
Plentitude	2,555.00
Porterfield	683.51
Prophet, Priest & King	257.08
Tabernacle	933.36
Tattnall Square	386.03
The Link	0.00
Unity Baptist Church	1,298.05
Vineville	9,228.63
Wesleyan Drive	2,727.00
West Highland	0.00

Wheeler Heights	1,209.00
Individuals	3,726.28
Executive Comm-GBC	0.00
Cross Keys Legacy Fund	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,702.04</b>
As of 3/29/2011	
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