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Ministry Centers Highlight

What a great and wonderful God we serve! I am grateful for every day I am able to serve Him, our Association and community as Judson's Ministry Centers Director. This week, I would like to highlight a specific area of service in our centers, that of the interviewer. Brothers David, George, Jim, JT, Ron, and Sister Gloria are dedicated servants who volunteer regularly in our food banks as interviewers meeting with our clients. Any one of them will tell you that they count it a blessing to have the opportunity to meet with and pray for each person who comes through our doors.

Our centers serve a diverse population regarding age, background, health, race, and of course, religion. A large number of our clients know Jesus as their personal savior and look forward to sharing their burdens and praying with an interviewer at each visit. For many of our clients, needing help feeding their families is not their only struggle and having someone to listen to them, encourage them, and pray with them helps lighten their load a little.

However, each interviewer will tell you that their greatest blessing comes when they have a chance to share the gospel with clients who have never had a personal encounter with Jesus. We are meeting the needs of food bank clients (and store shoppers) every day, but a day that we can share the gospel with an unbeliever is a day we are truly meeting their greatest need!

In recent months, three of our interviewers, Brother Harry, Brother Harrel and Sister Peggy have retired. They left with our love, thanks, and well wishes. Their dedication to serving with us was amazing! We so hated to see them go, but, as Brother Harry said, "I think since I've turned 90, I might want to try something else!" We are currently praying for one to three pastors, deacons, or other church members trained in soul winning to step into these positions. Overflowing Ministries in Headland needs interviewers to serve 3 hours in the morning (from 9 until noon) on the second Wednesday, fourth Wednesday, and/or first Friday of each month. If you feel lead to serve as an interviewer one or more of these days each month, please contact me by calling or texting 334-879-7885 or via email at 5839jbamcd@gmail.com.

Come be a blessing and be blessed!

In His service,

Judy Koerber

Ministry Centers Director

MSC Report—Michael & Aimee Starling

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & 2024 Week of Prayer for International Missions

Join the Great Pursuit and make Jesus known among the nations

December 1 – 8 2024

IMB Mission Study – Central Asia

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Hurricane Relief – Sandy Run Partnership

We have partnered with the Sandy Run Baptist Association, located approximately 25 miles east of the Chimney Rock area in North Carolina. One of their churches provides a list of the most pressing needs and updates it weekly. JBA is ordering items and shipping them directly to one of the local churches that is ensuring that the items go to the families in need. If you would like to partner with us, please send monetary donations to the JBA office and designate "Sandy Run Partnership" on the donation.

Good News Club

Approximately 120 children are attending this each week at Abbeville Elementary School. If you would like to partner with this ministry contact Nick Wilson @ 334-406-0877.

Your Director of Missions

Greetings from your association office! We have much we would like to share with you concerning things happening at the associational level. With only a page to do so, we will point out a few highlights and I will make my portion brief.

Our annual meeting went well. Camp Springs did a wonderful job hosting and provided a delicious meal to conclude the evening. We enjoyed beautiful singing by Nicci Turner and an inspiring message from Daniel Edmonds. One of the highlights of the evening was our vote to accept Outlet Ministries Christian Life Center's request to join the Judson Baptist Association. The vote was unanimous, and we are excited to add to our fellowship of churches and our outreach as an association. Freddie Smith, pastor of Outlet, is excited about what God is doing through their joining JBA and looks forward to our fellowship and work together. Let's remember to keep one another in our prayers and encourage one another with every opportunity God gives.

The outpouring of support for hurricane victims from our Association has been a great encouragement. Your desire to help those in need and to give sacrificially to see that they get help is beautiful. We announced a partnership between JBA and Sandy Run Association in North Carolina less than two weeks ago, from the writing of this article. At the point of writing this, we have received a little over four thousand dollars, which is outstanding. I love watching you at work in ministry and sharing God's love with others. Keep up the good work.

Continue to pray for Robin Bailey as she gets better. She wanted to come back to the office, but her health wouldn't cooperate. Dina Burdeshaw has come out of retirement to save the day, and I am exceptionally grateful. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to serve and represent you. As always, thank you for allowing us to serve as your missionaries. God Bless.

Your Fellow Servant,

Brandon Turner

JBA WMU

The JBA Women on Mission held their annual meeting at Bethlehem Baptist Church October 19. The women of Bethlehem hosted a beautiful brunch as the people gathered. Martha Espy introduced the program provided by a local ministry, Dare to Hope, who provided information on human trafficking in our area and their efforts to combat as well as provide assistance to the women who have been entrapped in it. They provided opportunities for us to be involved with them in a variety of ways but always with prayer.

The next meeting of the JBA Leadership Team will be held Saturday, December 7 at 9:00 at the JBA office.

Thanks,

Charlotte Doster

Alabama Baptist Children's Home

Alabama Baptist Children's Home is having Open House at their office, 325 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL on Tuesday, December 3, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. It is a come and go. You will get a guided tour of the offices.

Food Drive *November/December* - Macaroni & Cheese