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# THE LAMPLIGHTER

## A NEWSLETTER FOR THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

One of the greatest blessings of ministry is seeing God bring projects to completion that will serve His people and open new doors for ministry. I am excited to share that the new parking lot at Overflowing Ministries is finally complete! By the time you receive this edition of *The Lamplighter*, the striping should be finished—or very close to it. This has been a major undertaking, and we are grateful to everyone who has prayed, given, and worked to make this project a reality.

We are also adding a white vinyl fence along one side of the driveway. This will help prevent vehicles from driving across our neighbor's property while also enhancing the appearance of the ministry center. Every improvement we make is designed to better serve the hundreds of individuals and families who come through our doors each month.

I also want to encourage every church in our association to make plans to attend our Evangelism Rally on Sunday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. This special event is being held in conjunction with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions' Celebrate250 campaign.

We are excited to welcome Evangelist Scott Dawson as our guest speaker, and STS Worship will be leading the music. Whether your church already has a strong evangelism emphasis or you're looking for fresh encouragement and practical inspiration, I believe this evening will be a tremendous blessing. I hope every church will make plans to be represented as we gather together around our shared mission of reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As you are reading this article, Aimee Starling, Bob Tabor, Eliza Trawick, and I will be serving on mission in the Dominican Republic, ministering in both Santo Domingo and Cambiaso. During our time there, we will be leading Vacation Bible School, ladies' events, men's events, and participating in a congregational worship service. We are also praying for opportunities to witness people trust Christ, and we may even have the privilege of participating in baptisms in the ocean at Cambiaso.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers for our team as we serve. Please pray that God will open hearts to the Gospel, strengthen the local churches, protect our team, and receive all the glory through everything that takes place. We are already looking forward to sharing with you all that God has done when we return.

Thank you for your continued prayers, partnership, and faithful support of the ministries of the Judson Baptist Association. It is a joy to serve alongside you as we work together to advance the Kingdom of God.

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (CSB)

Your Fellow Servant,

*Brandon Turner*

Director of Missions  
Judson Baptist Association

### WMU

Hold the date- the WMU Retreat will be held at Calvary Baptist Church on Saturday, August 29. Registration will be at 9:00 when a light brunch will be available. Each church will bring a door prize to be given out during the event. Donations of canned food will be given to our food pantries. More information about our missionary speakers will be available soon. Encourage others to come share with us on that day!

I encourage you to go with us to Shocco Springs for Connect on July 31-August 1! Registration is open by going to [AlabamaWMU.org](http://AlabamaWMU.org). It is a great time of learning more about WMU and hearing great messages of mission activities around the world! A silent auction will be held including Rosalie Hunt artifacts!

*Charlotte Doster, JBA WMU*

### DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY CENTERS

All I can say is wow, wow, WOW! I can't believe it has been three years since I stepped into the incredibly big shoes of Linda Shepherd! I was so blessed to be able to continue the wonderful work that she and her predecessor, Nell Price, began. God has so blessed the ministries at both of our locations and allowed us to touch so many lives with the thrift stores and food banks. I am grateful to be working with God's people doing God's work.

It's mid-summer, y'all, complete with unbearable temperatures, crazy humidity, and of course our regular afternoon thunderstorms, none of which stops our workers! There is so much going on at each center as we push out the rest of our summer merchandise to close out summer and finish the preparations for the fall and holiday reset. We, as always, are in search of volunteers to help in all areas of the thrift stores and food banks, especially at this time of year. Many of our employees and volunteers, including me, are taking some much-needed vacation time to rest, recuperate, and spend time with their families. So, they are all swapping shifts and doing a little double duty to help out. They are always willing to go the extra mile to support God's ministry. We even have a couple of workers who work off and on at both locations!

I know this update is short, but it is a busy, busy time right now! There's an awful lot going on and I look forward to sharing everything later. We have several projects coming up to help volunteers work smarter and safer instead of harder. It is exciting to be involved in planning and implementing each of these projects. I appreciate everyone who has or soon will be committed to doing God's work with us. And, as always, through God's leadership, we will work to honor and glorify Him as we serve Him here in Henry County.

Warmest Regards,

*Judy Koerber*

Ministry Centers Director

### MSC Information

Back to School Ministry:

Distribution Dates - Love In Action – July 31 (Friday) & Overflowing Ministries – August 3 (Monday)

This is open to all Henry County Students. We need proof of address and Social Security cards for each child needing school supplies & a backpack. We are still accepting donations of supplies & money. Thank you for all your support. Contact Aimee Starling at 334-726-2321 with questions.

**July & August: Breakfast** – Box cereals, grits, oats, breakfast bars

### Mark your calendars:

**Myers-Mallory State Mission Offering & Week of Prayer  
September 13-20, 2026**



**Myers-Mallory**  
State Missions Offering