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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Greetings from your office for associational missions. I pray this edition of the Lamplighter finds you in the center of God's will, enjoying the abundant life promised to those in Christ Jesus. Thank you for taking the time to read the Lamplighter and for caring about what is happening in and through the Judson Baptist Association.

The Southern Baptist Convention 2025 wrapped up a couple of weeks ago in Dallas, Texas. While I was not able to attend in person this year, I did watch it as it streamed online. I am not going to take up a lot of space recapping, but I do want to mention a few things. The Pastor's Conference on Monday of that week was great, as usual. It is a tremendous blessing to pastors to have such a time of encouragement. Many of our brothers, who are not in the SBC, don't have this level of support and encouragement. I am grateful for it. I thought the convention itself went well. Clint Presley was re-elected as the president of the convention and did a great job of moderating the event. I think it is amazing to see over ten thousand people attending a business meeting with several hard issues to address, and for the meeting to be conducted in such a respectful way. I am proud to be a Southern Baptist and to see so many godly people serving throughout our denomination. We may disagree on some issues and passionately debate them from time to time, but I believe God will continue to guide us along the way and bring us to the correct conclusions, as long as we seek Him through it all.

I know it is hard to believe, and many of you may have given up on it, but the Judson Baptist Associational Cookbook is finally complete. It has 278 gloss pages with full-color pictures on each recipe page. It has turned out to be a nice cookbook that will be a treasured keepsake for many. The pages are a full 8.5 x 11, which makes it easy to read. The large pages, print, and pictures make for a really nice cookbook, but not a cheap one. We are going to sell the cookbooks for \$25, which is the price per book before taxes. Several have seen the hard proof copy of the cookbook, and they all loved it. It has recipes from each of our 22 churches, which is special. I hope everyone enjoys it, and I am grateful to all who contributed. They should be ready to purchase by mid-July.

As you read this, Aimee Starling and I will be in the Dominican Republic with seven others on a mission trip. We will be in Cambiaso, which is a little village right next to a beach. We are flying down on June 23rd, and we will fly back on June 28th. We will be helping with Vacation Bible School, witnessing, praying for people, and helping with a medical clinic, among other things. Please pray for safe travels and for those we will be sharing with. I know we both will look forward to sharing with you about our trip when we get back.

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV

*Your fellow servant,
Brandon Turner*

Union Springs Baptist Church will have their annual Revival this year on July 13-16. Sunday services will be at 11:00 AM with David Lewis, former pastor at Ewell Baptist Church, Ozark and 6:30 PM with Jim Peters, pastor of Daleville Baptist Church. Jim's family will also provide special music on Sunday night. Zack O'Neal, pastor of Pinckard Baptist Church, will preach Monday evening at 7:00 PM, Peter Brent, pastor of Logan Road Baptist Church, Ozark, will preach at 7:00 PM Tuesday night, and Greg Aman, former pastor at Antioch Baptist Church, Webb, will provide a demonstration of throwing pottery on Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. USBC will have special music all week and a finger food fellowship Wednesday night after the service. Come join us as we seek to hear from the Lord and strengthen our Christian lives.

Thank you, Jim Cordes

MINISTRY CENTERS REPORT

Greetings and blessings to all our readers! I hope you are enjoying your summer. Both ministry centers are buzzing with activity. Our shoppers are taking advantage of the great buys on summer clothing, swimsuits, outdoor toys and boating items making for some really fun summer activities. Some of our volunteers are taking much-needed time off for fun summer vacations with their families and friends. With several workers our off and on for the next 2 1/2 months, now is a **wonderful** time to volunteer! We are looking for three more volunteers to join our terrific team in the Headland food bank as well as a few people to help process and price housewares. Abbeville has a great team of volunteers that could use someone to specifically process and price all the holiday items, and some extra help sorting clothes any day of the week. For those who work full-time throughout the week, we have need for help late Saturday afternoons emptying the drop boxes at both locations. Come by either center or contact me via email at 5839jbamcd@gmail.com or call me at 334-879-7885.

We are working hard to keep up with the donations and maintain a good stock in both stores. The donations of summer clothing have literally been "overflowing" our donation boxes! We have been so blessed that we have been able to keep our racks full of great items at both stores and provide summer clothing to a Dothan ministry that serves the local homeless population. Our team from Overflowing Ministries in Headland delivered over 200 boxes of summer clothing for adults and children last week and Love in Action in Abbeville is slated to deliver another 150 to 200 boxes before the end of the month.

Our current economy is an improvement compared to this time last year, but there is still a great need. Our Henry County residents are incredibly grateful for the services of our food banks. Since January of this year, the two food banks have distributed a total of 47.2 tons of meat, dairy, produce, canned and dry goods, and baked items to our community. And best of all, we are able to pray with each recipient. Sharing food meets their physical needs, but we are especially grateful for the opportunity to share the love of Christ with everyone who enters the food banks to help meet their spiritual needs.

We are blessed to receive donations to purchase food to supply both of our food banks. Many thanks to all of you who support and contribute to the food banks. You are truly a blessing to the ministry centers. Beginning this month, the local food bank we make major purchases from has had to limit the number of meat boxes we are able to purchase due to staffing issues at their location. We have been limited to only five boxes per store each week. Prior to this month, we were able to purchase 10 to 15 boxes per store each week. Please pray that their staffing issues will be resolved soon as we are unable to purchase meat at a grocery store at reasonable prices.

I am incredibly blessed to work with all these wonderful people and to serve our Lord as your Ministry Centers Director. Please continue to pray for each center, all our workers, volunteers and for me as I lead this team in ministry.

In His service, Judy Koerber, Ministry Centers Director

Hold the date: August 16 at Calvary Baptist Church, at 9:00 a.m. The annual JBA WMU retreat will feature an IMB missionary to Brazil to share with us her ministry in this exciting country, Lauren Stovall, an Alabama native will be our special guest. Do you know the language of Brazil? We would love to see some young people join us as we learn about this different ministry. Men, you are welcome also.

Charlotte Doster

YOUTH NEWS

THE GATHERING—YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT

July 16

6:00 PM — 7:30 PM

Bethlehem Baptist Church

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Speaker: Bro. Joel Laseter