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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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From the Director of Missions

Greetings, friends! I am grateful for each of you, and I continue to thank the Lord for the way He is moving among the churches of the Judson Baptist Association. It is a blessing to serve alongside so many faithful pastors, leaders, and congregations who desire to shine the light of Christ in Henry County and beyond.

This year marked a historic milestone as we gathered for the 175th Annual Meeting of the Judson Baptist Association. It was a joy to come together in worship, fellowship, and cooperative mission. I want to extend a sincere thank you to First Baptist Church of Abbeville for graciously hosting our gathering and for the warm hospitality they showed to us all. During our business session, we were thrilled to welcome Outlet Ministries Christian Life Center Baptist Church into full membership of our association. We look forward to serving alongside them in Great Commission partnership for many years to come.

In addition to our annual meeting, we also rejoiced in a meaningful moment during our 20th Anniversary Celebration for Love In Action. For two decades, this ministry has faithfully met needs, shared the love of Jesus, and opened doors for Gospel conversations. To mark the occasion, we served free hot dogs, chips, and drinks to our customers. It was a simple way for us to share kindness and celebrate what God has done. It was especially good to see Mrs. Nell Price there, whose faithful presence and encouragement through the years continue to bless so many.

I am also excited to report that the new addition to the Love In Action building is nearing completion. Thank you to every church, volunteer, and donor who has prayed, given, and labored to make this growth possible.

As we move forward, may we remain steadfast in our calling to be light bearers, pointing our communities to the hope of Jesus. I look forward to what God has in store for us as we continue to serve together.

Your Fellow Servant,

Brandon Turner

MSC Information

Mississippi River Region Backpack Ministry - Thank you for your support of this ministry. This year, in addition to sending backpacks to the Mississippi River Ministry, we partnered with 2 church plants in Alabama, Primera Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida en Cristo (Montgomery, AL) and Hispanic Faith (Union Springs, AL). Both churches will be having outreach events on Saturday, December 6. Please be in prayer as they share the gospel with their community.

November/December Food Drive – Macaroni & Cheese

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & 2025 Week of Prayer for International Missions

Together, we find the lost, give help to the hurting, share the hope of Christ, and witness God grow His Church around the world.

Your generosity today changes lives.

November 30 – December 7, 2025

IMB Mission Study – Brazil

Resources are available at www.imb.org

Your gift supports missionary presence and gospel transformation around the world.

Aimee Starling, MSC Coordinator

YOUTH DODGEBALL

Get ready to duck, dip, dive, and dominate at the ultimate Dodgeball Tournament! Whether you're in it to win or just for the fun, this is your chance to dodge, dip, dive and dominate on the court. Wear a neon shirt.

Food, speaker, dodgeball. **Sunday, November 16, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 PM, at the Abbeville Middle School Gym.** All students from 6th–12 grades.

Romans 8:38-39.

MINISTRY CENTERS REPORT

Judson Baptist Association Ministry Center have just closed our the most amazingly blessed year! We were able to support our Henry County community by distributing **113.9 TONS** of food to those in need. Equally impressive is the level of support we have graciously received from our community and the surrounding counties both in donations and purchases at the two thrift stores. I can say without a doubt that we are truly ministering to those around us! Our volunteers and employees each have a heart for our mission, desire to minister, and see God blessing this dedication daily.

We also started the new fiscal year with excitement! Friday, October 17th, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Love in Action Thrift Store and Food Bank. Although local members had already been serving the community from carpports and trailers, the association's executive committee officially sanctioned the Abbeville ministry as part of the Judson Baptist Association. We celebrated the 20 years with 20% off sale storewide, 20 beautiful and fun door prizes, and a free hot dog lunch. We also honored Mrs. Nell Price whose vision and heart for those in need, followed God's call to begin the clothing ministry on her carpport long before it became an association initiative. We also honored Mrs. Janara Parrish for being the longest continuously serving volunteer having started several years before it became a part of Judson's ministries. Much love and many thanks to these two ladies! They have truly left a legacy for the Lord that has grown by leaps and bounds only through God's blessing.

As for the food banks, the new year has us working to troubleshoot the problem created by the government shutdown, now in its fourth week. USDA has notified the states that the SNAP benefits for the month of November will be halted, and we are working to create a plan to offer additional assistance to current clients who will be affected. Previously known as "food stamps," SNAP, which stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, helps over 41 million people nationwide fight what is now referred to as "food insecurity". Approximately 14% of Alabama's population receive these benefits. Although the 2025 statistics have not yet been released, Henry County's SNAP recipient numbers have remained steady at just under 3,000 (which equates to 16.5%-2.5% above the statewide figure) for the last four years. Please pray that God will continue to provide everything we need to assist these families until the issues at the federal level have been resolved.

And since I mentioned prayer, let me close with this request – please pray for the interviewers who meet with our food bank clients at both locations each week! We have been short volunteers who meet and pray with our clients, which has them serving on their assigned days and picking up extra days. In addition to the current shortage, some of our volunteer interviewers are experiencing severe health issues and must either limit their service or stop it entirely. If you are a local pastor, deacon, or church member trained in counseling or soul winning, please prayerfully consider volunteering. The days are few, the hours are short, but the blessings are grand! These are the days, times, and locations our food banks operate:

Abbeville	Tuesday 9 am – 12 noon and 2 pm – 4 pm
	Thursday 9 am – 12 pm
Headland	Wednesday 9 am – 11:45 and 1 pm – 3:45 pm
	Friday 9 am – 11:45 pm

Thanks to all who pray for our ministries! Please share our needs and blessings as often as possible!

In His service, Judy Koerber, Ministry Centers Director

WMU

The JBA WMU Leadership Team meeting scheduled for December 6 has been rescheduled to December 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the JBA office because of an Associational Ministry. It is important that WMU leaders from each church and Associational WMU officers attend as we make final preparations for the annual meeting in January. It has been an exciting year as we have been presented with many mission possibilities and learned about missions around the world and at home. We are blessed to be a part of an Association that is truly following God's command to share God throughout the world and at home.

Charlotte Doster