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I would again like to express my gratitude to the churches for your support in sending me to Kenya. My participation in the International Bible Institute was a blessing beyond belief. The ninety-five students that were able to attend and finish their course work graduated with great enthusiasm. Perhaps there were a few things that I might have taught them, but I learned more from them than I ever would have imagined. Words cannot express the worship experience that I had with the African students. When they began to pray it was though they were calling heaven down. There was no ritual, no phrase repeated from prayer to prayer, no waiting for one to complete his prayer before the next one began. These people sought God and sought him with their hearts. Surely, this type of seeking must have been what the disciples had in mind when they asked Christ to teach them to pray as recorded in Luke 11:1.

Another event that I would like to mention is the opportunity to witness door-to-door. Like in the states we received every response that one can imagine. As we walked through the dusty paths of the village the small children would surround us asking for sweets. They were looking for candy but thanks to Browndale we had a little more to give them. We had bite size candy bars but we also had leather salvation witnessing bracelets that we gave each child. The children might not have understood the gospel presentation but their parents did.

I want to thank each of you for your prayers as we traveled and ministered among the people of Kenya. Your support and contributions made it possible. Please know that people have been added to the Lamb's Book of Life because of the investment that you made in the mission and ministry among the children of God in Kenya.

Dear Friends,

It is good for me to write to you again at this time to share what is going on in the Hispanic ministry. This month, we had with our group a goal, this was: to visit all the people who live in each city in the three counties, so, we visited Hawkinsville, Cochran, Chester, Eastman, Chauncey and Milan with all the people from our group. We handed out tracks to each Hispanic these cities and we invited to them to our revival for the Easter week too.

We had our revival on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and we have good number of people in these meetings (fifty to sixty people) two more people received Jesus during this time. The pastor's name who was invited was Arturo Villanueva; He is a pastor in Vienna.

We are still working on the Mission trip to Ecuador and the time is coming. We have a good number of people who are ready to go and serve in Ecuador. Please keep praying for these mission trips in June. If you want to help to the team, please call to the Association and ask how you can part of this project. Remember, the team from Pulaski-Bleckley will be in Ecuador from July 3rd until 13th. And team from Dodge will be there July 17th until 27th.

The team of Dodge needs five thousand dollar to fix some of the building in Eliel Baptist Church.

Thank you for your support in every thing. Bless you.

In His service,

Luis Caiza

Associational VBS Training Clinic

Saturday, May 2; 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church: 934-0996
Please call: 478-934-9199 to sign-up, we need the number attending.

Pulaski-Bleckley Pastors' Meeting; 10:30am

May 4 @ Faith Baptist

Lunch @ Big B's BBQ

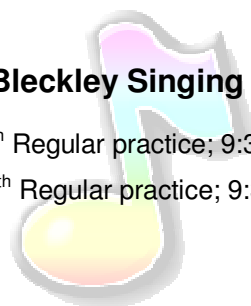
Pulaski-Bleckley Singing Seniors

May 5th Regular practice; 9:30 AM

May 19th Regular practice; 9:30 AM

Church Secretaries

(Dutch Treat) luncheon
May 12 at 12:30
La Cabaña Restaurant
in Cochran.





Spotlight On:

Empire Baptist Church is located at 115 Pearl Street in Empire, Georgia. In 1985 the church celebrated its 100th birthday, having begun in nearby Frazier as Mount Olive Church in 1885.

Ebenezer Association first served the church, until 1906 when all the Baptist churches north of Chicken Road organized the Pulaski Baptist Association. Having close ties to the association, with over 70 people attending, it is recorded that pastoral help and later financial help to build a new building in Empire were supplied by the association. That building was on the site of the Empire Baptist Church today.

For many years the church grew, with generations of families coming to know Jesus Christ. On November 30th, 1953, a heater malfunctioned on a cold night before a Bible study, causing the building to burn to the ground.

Gathering in the old Mason Hall down the street, members met regularly in worship and prayer, led by Rev. Hinson Purser, and Rev. Sterling Sexton. Receiving donations from the community, and with much hard labor, members moved into the new building in 1954.

Since then there have been improvements and additions, but that same building has served well into a new millennium and century. Most importantly, with many baptisms, new members, several called out to preach, pastors leading in worship, the church has been a place of continued spiritual guidance and ways to serve God. Through the Cooperative Program, all SBC mission programs, great VBS times, and revivals, the church has been fulfilling the great commission.

Many changes in the church and community have caused a drop in growth, but new events in reaching out have taken place. A Block Party for children in the area was held after members made more than 160 contacts to invite them. A "Fishing for Kin and Cousins" day, a 'Fisherman's Lunch', and a great sermon by our own Dr. Phillips was a success. An Internet Café, with several computers set up to teach how to use the computer to study the Bible, continues each Saturday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. Sharing time to pray, using a current Prayer Request list, gives members a way to touch lives.

What else is left to say about Empire Baptist Church? "Come See Us."

Coming Next Month: Evergreen Baptist Church

CHURCH NEWS

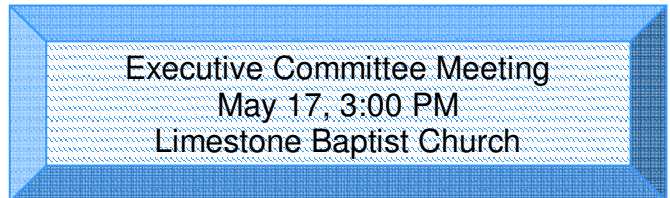
Annual Bible Reading Marathon
May 1-7
Bleckley County Court House Steps

Antioch Baptist: 892-3348
Free Piano, call for more information.

First Baptist Cochran: 934-6356
VBS-Gospel Light's Son Rock: June 14-18
Call Andrea Floyd if you're interested in any extras we have left.

Salem Baptist: 934-2443
Homecoming, Sunday May 3

We failed to recognize **Ruth Baptist Church** last month in calling Rev. Todd Bishop as their pastor. We also rejoice with **Bethany Baptist Church** in calling Rev. Terry Mosley as their pastor.



If you missed *Ugandan Thunder* at Southside, don't miss the opportunity to see and hear them at: **Broad Street Baptist: 783-4545**

Ugandan Thunder
Wednesday, May 6, 7:00PM

This group of eight boys from Uganda will sing some favorite hymns, African style, plus they will present music in their native language. In addition to the musical presentations, they will share about growing up in a land that has been ravaged by war, poverty, AIDS and malaria. You will see how their faith in God has changed their hopeless lives.

This group is sponsored by "Pennies for Posho" a nonprofit Christian organization that is committed to feeding the hungry children of Africa. A love offering will be taken. All funds raised from the concert tour will be used for this express purpose.

"Take care of orphans...in their distress." James 1:27

Every penny you give to Pennies for Posho is used for ministry to the children of Africa. We take your money to Africa to purchase posho, rice, beans, cooking oil, etc. then personally deliver the food to our feeding stations. As funds become available, we also

purchase mosquito netting to protect our children from the dreaded disease of malaria.



Christian Social Ministries

Willing Hands Center - Cochran

Hours of Business: Monday 3p.m.—6p.m.

Wednesday 9a.m.—1p.m.

Friday 9a.m.—12p.m. for donations only at the back door.

(478) 934-1044

Christian H.O.P.E. Center - Hawkinsville

Hours of Business: Tuesday 3p.m.—6p.m.

Wednesday 9a.m.—1p.m.

(478) 783-4673

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
Acts 1:8 NASB

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