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Disaster Relief is a mission effort of the Global Missions and Evangelism Team of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. Through our cooperative efforts we as Virginia Baptists work together to provide relief to those who find themselves victims of disasters in Virginia, the U.S. and around the world. We work in partnership with the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Baptist Conventions, agencies and other national and international partners to bring relief and hope to those in need. For more information concerning volunteer opportunities contact Pat Johnson at 276-479- 2249.

2010 On Mission Celebration

These are exciting days in our Lord's work both here and around the world. We just returned from Belize where God used us to expand His kingdom by building a new church building. But the greatest testimony is that twenty-two more souls had their names written into the Lamb's Book of Life because of the witness of your mission team. To God be the Glory!

At the Spring meeting of our association messengers from our churches voted to host an "On Mission Celebration" (OMC) previously known as World Mission Conference. The OMC will be next year on Saturday and Sunday, May 15th and 16th, 2010.

The bible says: "*Behold ye among the nations and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it be told you.*" **Habakkuk 1:5**

God is working in these last days and during our OMC He will introduce us to other international and North American missionaries, state missionaries, and local on-mission Christians who will highlight continuing mission opportunities and needs. This time of mission's emphasis will provide a festive and energetic atmosphere in which our Southern Baptist vision and commitment to missions is communicated in a clear and compelling manner. In addition, we as participants will be challenged to examine our personal commitments to missions outreach.

Our On Mission Celebration

The OMC Schedule: Each church may have three missionary speakers who will arrive on Friday, May 14th. Everyone meeting for lunch and orientation together on Saturday the 15th. Then we will have mission speakers at each church for Saturday evening, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening - May 15th and 16th, 2010 (or however many services each church wishes). The missionaries will leave on Monday, May 17th.

What Your Church Needs to do At this Time

1. Vote in church business meeting to participate together with your CBVA sister churches in our May 15th – 16th, 2009 OMC. Let us know of your wishes by replying to this email by August 1, 2009 so we can begin the process of inviting the number of missionaries we will need.
2. Send the name, address, email, and phone number of the person in your church that will serve as your CVBA OMC contact.
3. In voting to participate you will want to plan for transportation to your church and back for each of the missionary speakers. Also plan to provide one meal for each missionary who speaks at your church and take up a love offering at each service. The offering will be sent to our CBVA Treasurer to be divided equally and sent to our participating missionaries as a token of our appreciation.

In HIS Service,
CVBA OMC Tri-Coordinators
Rev. Patrick Johnson
Mrs. Kathy Wolfe
Bro. Tommy Holtzclaw

Pastors, Write an Article and Send it to Me for Future Issues

FALL 2009 COLLEGE/MASTERS BIBLE CLASSES

**Offered in partnership with
The John Leland Center**

**Fall Semester, August 24 - December 17, 2009
COLLEGE CLASSES**

Baptist Student Center, UVa-Wise

**BS 145 Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels:
Matthew, Mark, & Luke**

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus in the synoptic gospels.

Instructor: Steve Collins, pastor of Nickelsville Baptist Church. Monday, 6:30-9:20 pm

TP 201 - Christian Theology I

Study of the foundations of systematic theology of the Christian church, with emphasis on Christian doctrines such as God, man, creation, sin and evil, etc.

Instructor: Michael Moore, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church. Tuesday, 6:30-9:20 pm

MS 465 – Formation for Ministry

Acquainting students with ministry as a profession and basic skills needed for effective ministry.

Instructors: Judy Hetherington, Roanoke Valley Baptist Assn., Gary Chapman, Southwest Virginia Christian Leadership Network. Thursday mornings, 9:30 am – 12:20 pm or Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:20 pm

**Lebanon Association Building, Glade Spring
BS 170 – Johannine Literature**

A study of the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John and the Revelation.

Instructor: Chad Johnson, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church. Monday, 6:30-9:20 pm

First Baptist Church, Nickelsville

**BS 145 Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels:
Matthew, Mark, & Luke**

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus in the synoptic gospels.

Instructor: Steve Collins, pastor of Nickelsville Baptist Church. Thursday, 6:30-9:20 pm

FALL 2009 MASTERS CLASSES

Fall Semester, August 24-December 17, 2009

Bonsack Baptist Church, Roanoke

BF1502 New Testament Introduction II

Focusing on the life of Paul and his letters, the Pastorals, Hebrews, the General epistles, and Revelation.

Instructor: Eric Spano, pastor, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Thursday, 6-8 pm

TP2101 Introduction to Theological Studies

A general overview of the tasks and disciplines of theology.

Instructor: Bob Hetherington, Roanoke Valley Baptist Assn. Thursday, 8:10-10:10 pm

Tuition	Credit	Audit
College-Level Classes	\$375/class	\$188
Masters Classes	\$600/class	\$300

Tuition scholarships for college and Masters classes available for members of Baptist General Association of Virginia churches.

For more information call: 1-866-223-9344 (toll free)

**UPCOMING NETWORK EVENTS
Appalachian Pastor/Staff/Spouse Retreat**

July 16-17, Wytheville

Minister's Family Retreat

August 3-7, Oak Hill Academy

Personal and professional refreshment for ministers and their family. Or, individual ministers can experience their own time of personal retreat and renewal. A ministry of life coaching will be offered for those who attend.

Willow Creek Leadership Summit Simulcast

August 6-7, West Market Street United Methodist Church, Greensboro

Two full scholarships are available through the Network – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

Deadline: July 17th.

For more information about the conference, visit the Willow Creek Summit webpage.

Catalyst '09

October 7-9, Atlanta

Special guest speakers include Andy Stanley, Charles Swindoll, and Tony Dungy.

A limited number of tickets and rooms are available through Eddie Heath and the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. Tickets are \$159 each (normally \$319) and motel rates range from \$99 to \$159 plus taxes. You will be responsible for your own transportation. The Empowering Leaders, Emerging Leaders, and the Spence Network teams will provide lunch each day. More info about the event available on the Catalyst website.

If you're interested, don't delay contacting Eddie!

**For more information on any of the
above events contact:**

**The Southwest Virginia
Christian Leadership Network**

Gary Chapman, Director

4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke, VA 24019
540-777-3014 or toll-free 866-223-9344

STATE – WIDE MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Impact Virginia – is a one week construction mission opportunity for teenagers. The projects will include between 250 and 300 participants and will focus on home repair and renovation. Morning and evening worship celebrations will help begin and end the day of work with the right spirit and mind. The cost is \$250.00 per person. The last two dates and locations for these construction projects this year are as follows:

- July 12th – 18th: Abingdon, VA, Lebanon Association
- July 19th – 25th: Easter Shore, Accomack – Northhampton Association.

If you, or others in your church, are interested in these or other missions events in the state please contact Jeannette Hilderbrand at 800-255-2428, extension 7260 or e-mail her at jeannette.hilderbrand@vbmb.org

County & Regional Missions Opportunity

On Sunday, August 30th 2009 at 6:00 PM Nickelsville First will host an informational seminar on the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program of Lee, Scott, & Wise Counties. If you or someone you know is interested in this program, make plans to attend. The meeting will be held at the Family Life Center of the church. Finger food will be provided.

CONSIDER THIS: Every year in our communities, numerous children are the victims of abuse or neglect and end up without a home to call their own. Although the number is staggering, the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Program of Lee, Scott, and Wise Counties is making a difference. This non-profit program trains volunteers to speak for the best interests of children in court and help them find safe, permanent homes.

This year the program is facing extraordinary challenges. Besides their regular activities they must build and train a larger volunteer base because the number of available volunteers is inadequate to serve the ever-increasing number of abused and neglected children in our area court systems.

Would you be willing to volunteer your time (an average of 5 – 10 hours a month) to “speak up” for abused and neglected children? You can make a difference by helping make sure these children are placed in safe, loving, permanent homes. As a CASA volunteer, you will become a voice for children who cannot speak for themselves. Your voice will help children in need by ensuring that these children have a safe, permanent place to call home.

For more information, please contact: Bridget Mullins, Program Coordinator at (276) 679-2272 or plan to attend the informational meeting at Nickelsville First Church at which Bridget will speak.

***“Speak up for those who
cannot speak up for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.”
Proverbs 31:8-9, NIV***

Belize Missions Trip – Aug. 15 – 22 for *book distribution*. This project will include the distribution of school books, supplies, and uniforms to 700 children. Sponsors are needed so each child gets the books, supplies, and uniforms they need. If a child does not have a sponsor they can only go as far as the fourth grade in school. Please pray about this situation and consider sponsoring a child. The cost of sponsoring a child is \$225.00. When you invest in these children they will keep in contact with you. You will receive their picture, name, and birthday. If you would like to be involved in touching the life of one or more children please make your check out to Body and Soul Ministry and mail it to Teresa Hayden at 111 Magnolia Ave., Church Hill, TN 37642. If you have further questions you can contact her at 423-357-8527. Please respond by August 1st, 2009.

SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 2-3, 2009

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH LEADERS AND MEMBERS

You and your church are invited to not only attend the leadership conference in October, but to actively take part in the happenings. Jim Henry, former pastor of First Baptist Church Orlando, along with his wife Jeanette and others, will lead in this event, starting at 6:30 PM on Friday and will reconvene at 9:00 AM Saturday morning, and then conclude at 11:30 AM. **Highlands Fellowship in Abingdon** will be the host church for this event and we plan to provide a Nursery provided for those with small children.

We hope to have a **200 plus member choir, and your church choir is invited to be a part of this great celebration of praise.** The Music Leader at Highlands will be sending you the information and practice materials on the songs that will be familiar and easily put together when we all get together some 30 minutes before the session on the 2nd of October. What we need at the present time is the number of choir members you have that want to join in this, so we can get materials to you in the near future. So, for now we need to hear from you as to the number you think will be in the CELEBRATION CHOIR!!

You can give me a call or drop an email and be sure to start letting your church know of this event so they can mark their calendars!

God Bless,

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CVBA Scholarship Funding – Scholarship assistance from our association of churches is available to those in our churches enrolled, or planning to enroll, in continuing education in the summer and fall semesters of 2009. Please remember, these funds are not limited to pastors but are available to others enrolled in college, seminary, or other training that will aid in the advancement of our Father's Kingdom. In addition, there is funding available to our churches to assist in training events. For further information or assistance contact Steve Collins of the Strengthening Churches Team at 276-479-3222 or send an e-mail to fbcnick@mounet.com. At the present time we have only received two applications for scholarship assistance for the fall semester of 2009.

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