

The Vision

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18)

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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Something extra special happened at our semi-annual meeting on October 15.

Actually, the entire meeting was special. Forestbrook Baptist Church outdid themselves with the provision of delicious food, warm hospitality and all the necessary arrangements. The music was inspirational, the attendance was good (but I would like to see more of you there who have not been coming) and the fellowship sweet. Among other things, we approved the 2008 Association Budget and welcomed the Grace Baptist Church of Horry County under the watch care of the Association.

But the extra special thing that happened was the way in which God spoke to our hearts through our guest speaker, Randy Sprinkle. Randy spoke concerning the spiritual needs in New England and, as a result, many of you have since told me that you feel an unmistakable leading to respond through our Association. My desire was for God to convince you rather than for me to convince you, and that is exactly what our Heavenly Father did.

Randy is going to prepare a list of first steps for us, consisting of the most urgent needs in New England. He has invited me to fly up there and meet with him and some of the leadership to pray and plan, which I am willing to do at my own expense since nothing is budgeted. Once that happens, I will report back to you, we will agree on what we can accomplish, and go from there.

I believe this may very well be a "God thing." Sometimes it's just so clear what God is saying. If we do this, I believe God wants us to do it together-not as individuals, or as individual churches acting alone. If you would like to serve in this partnership should it materialize, I need to hear from you now so that we do not have to "scramble" when the time comes. Call me or Renee at the Association Office so that we can begin a list of people saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

*Your friend in Christ,
Brother Rick*

James Huey once wrote, "When I think about the Lord, How He saved me, How he raised me, How He filled me with the Holy Ghost, How He healed me to the utter-most. When I think about the Lord, How He picked me up and turned me around, How He set my feet, on solid ground. It makes me want to shout; Hallelujah, thank you Jesus, Lord you're worthy of all the glory, and all the honor, and all the praise!" As I have reflected on this song for this newsletter and as I have evaluated many of what Intracoastal Outreach is doing for the Kingdom of God, I get really excited.

I AM SO THANKFUL

I am thankful for a great association team at the WBA. I am thankful that God sent 730 ministry volunteers to our shore to share His Light and His Love. I am ecstatic to see our churches in the association utilize our block party trailer for kingdom efforts. I am overjoyed to here the testimonies of what God is doing in the hearts and lives of our churches. Someone once wrote, "we are not home yet." Dear churches, let us gather together, let us pray for revival, let us join hands for the Kingdom... that His kingdom would come on earth as it is in Heaven. To God be the glory!



**Pastors, Men's Ministry Leaders, WMU Directors,
and Student Ministers: I want to serve you and tell
your ministry group about the exciting
opportunities to do missions here in Horry County**

HERE IS A VERY SPECIAL MINISTRY TO WHICH YOU MAY GIVE NOW!

You may already know that for years our Association has been reaching out to the bikers when they come to our area several times each year. Our Association is looking for the most effective way in which we can share Christ with them, and in 2008 we think we have come up with a great plan. We are going to provide "free gas" for their bikes and talk with them about Jesus while we pump the gas!

This will require money! A special fund has been set aside in the Association budget for this ministry and we are collecting donations now. A great project for your Sunday School Class, your WMU or Men's group, a special missions offering or project-however the Lord leads you. Mail your check to the Association Office, make it payable to "Waccamaw Baptist Association," and be sure to designate, "2008 Biker Gas Ministry."

And then pray with us that this ministry will result in the salvation of hundreds of bikers!



****Church News****

Forestbrook: is celebrating their 23rd Homecoming and dedication of their new 22,000 ft. Family Life Center, November 11, 2007. Greatful Heart will be in Concert at 7p.m.

Langston: will host a "Parade of Tables" Women's Banquet on Saturday, November 10. The speaker will be Melanie Chitwood of Proverbs 31 Ministries. For more information, or to purchase a ticket, contact the church at 365-5141, ext. 225

Ocean View: The 19th Annual 2007 Singing Christmas Tree will be presented December 6th – 10th. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Call the church office at 843-449-3384, or visit their website, ovbc.org, for more information. They also have 300 blank audio cassette tapes to give away to anyone who is interested, call Pat Barrett at 843-497-2372.

Salem: The senior adults had a great time at the Jubilee Conference in Gatlinburg in September. Music evangelist Rod Propes led in worship in September. Rev. Ron Barker of the South Carolina Baptist Convention spoke at the Homecoming service October 14th. Everyone enjoyed games, entertainment, and a hayride at the Fall Festival on October 24th. The church will have a parent-child dedication service on November 4th. Dr. Rick Brewer of Charleston Southern University will speak during the morning service on November 11th.

Green Sea: The folks at Green Sea Baptist Church are becoming increasingly more excited as the date approaches for their **Harvest Week Revival and 200th. Anniversary** celebration October 28 – November 4th. They would like to invite you and your entire church family to join them for as much of the week as possible. If any of your members would be able to help them erect the two crusade tents on Saturday, November 3rd. please give them a call at the church office, so they will know how many to plan on for lunch. We'll begin working on the tents at 8a.m. The church phone number is (843)756-2363.

Events/Speakers:

Sunday	10/28:	Jerry Rankin (10:30am) Frank Page (7:30pm)
Monday	10/29:	Dan Akin
Tuesday	10/30:	Mike Moody
Wednesday	10/31:	Community Outreach Event "Trunk or Treat"
Thursday	11/01:	Barrett Duke
Friday	11/02:	James Epting, Music by Joyful Sound(NGU)
Saturday	11/03:	Jairy Hunter, Music by New Vision (CCU)
Sunday	11/04:	Carlisle Driggers @10:30am Barbeque Dinner@ 12:00pm Chad Butler (concert) @ 1:30pm Rick Astle @ 2:00pm Jim Austin & Other Special Guests / Music

NEWS FROM TODD WOOD

I.M.P.A.C.T. ... What is an impact? Webster says it is: 1. to affect or influence, especially in a significant manor. 2. Contact by impression touch. 3. A high force or over a short time period.

Let me introduce you to project **I.M.P.A.C.T.** This stands for Inovative Mission Projects Advocating Christs Teachings. I have been working hard to pull together a booklet of ideas that you and your church can utilize to make a Kingdom impact on your community. This booklet is broken into months and it will have 3-5 ideas each month that your small group or class can do. The great thing about this idea book is that it will fit groups of all ages and sizes. I have put projects for children to complete as well as Sr. Adults.

Too many times we think we have to go outside of our neighborhoods to be "On Mission". This is just not true. Most all of the ideas contained in this booklet are for projects to be done around your church. God has planted you and your church to minister where you are located in your communities.

Throughout the booklet, I have also listed some international mission trip opportunities. Some of these trips I will be putting together and others are sponsored by specific churches. If you would like to go on one of these trips, the contact, cost, and dates are listed as it was sent to me. I hope you will take advantage of these mission opportunities to take the message of Christ around the workd as well.

How do I get a copy of this booklet? The first week of November, I will be mailing enough copies to each church pastor so they may get them to your ministers on staff, Sunday School Teachers, WMU leaders, and Brotherhood leaders. It will come to you through your Sunday School classes or small group. If you do not get your copy, please call your church office to see that each class gets one. I have given each church permission to reproduce this booklet and make as many copies as they need. I hope this will be a great tool for you and your church as you make a Kingdom **I.M.P.A.C.T.** on your community.

WBA Missionary (248-9358)

WBA UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

November 12th -14th South Carolina Baptist Convention, Florence

November 22nd -23rd WBA office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29th Prison Packets due at WBA

December 3rd Supplies for Nepal trip due at WBA

December 13 – 23, Nepal Mission Trip

February 29 – March 1st, Disaster Relief Training @ Myrtle Beach Community Church



2007 Christmas Packets for Prisoners

There are no changes to the Christmas Packet for Prisoners for 2007. The packets include the following items:

*One non-retractable pen (NO WIRE CLIP)

*One 6.0 oz. Or larger toothpaste

*One Adult toothbrush (factory sealed)

*One 4 to 6 oz. Bar of soap

*One 50-page 5x8 or larger writing table (NO WIRE BOUND)

*Five stamp-embossed envelopes (**must** be purchased at the post office)

*Two rolls of Mints (Lifesavers type)

Place the items in a one-gallon Ziploc bag. Bags are due to the association Nov. 29th

