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Blue Ridge Baptist Association is pleased to announce the return of our annual training event, **InService**.

We are offering several workshops to help your church more effectively reach your community for Christ.

This year InService Training night is taking place on **Monday, February 20th from 6:45 to 9:00 PM at South End Baptist Church** in Frederick.

We are offering six different training sessions. The first is **CHURCHES PLANTING CHURCHES**. In this course Pastor Kevin Marsico will help our churches get catch a new passion to start new churches in our association.

Pastor Ken Oyerly, Worship Pastor at Covenant, will lead a track on **BUILDING A WORSHIP TEAM**. Joshua Glacken from Global Media Outreach will lead a session on **INTERNET EVANGELISM**. This

compelling world-wide outreach strategy will help anyone with a computer to be able to do international evangelism. We will also have a session of **JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY**.

Mrs. Carla Hairston from Cresthill Baptist Church in Bowie Maryland will be on hand to lead a session on **CREATING A DANCE MINISTRY**, and author Paul Clifford from Quest Community Church in Lexington KY, will be on hand to help our churches more effectively get their message on the internet with his session entitled, **PODCASTING YOUR CHURCH**.

This event promises to be a great evening of fellowship and education. We hope you will mark you calendars and join us for this great event.

South End Baptist Church is located at 506 South Carrollton Drive in Frederick. For more information, please visit our website at blueridgebaptist.org.



We'll Name Him Timothy

from your Director of Missions - Bruce Conley

Recently I read an article about a woman named Pam. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband Bob were serving as missionaries and praying for another child. Pam contracted *amoebic dysentery*, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or drink. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant.

Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said that her doctors obviously weren't thinking of her yet to be born child as a life, but more like a fetal problem that should be eliminated.

While pregnant, Pam nearly lost the baby four times but refused to consider abortion. She recalled making a pledge to God with her husband: *If you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy and we'll teach him to become a preacher.*

Pam ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy August 14, 1987. The good news is that Pam's son is indeed a preacher today. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and still serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. Oh, and did I mention that he also plays football? Pam's son is *Tim Tebow*, starting quarterback for the NFL team, the Denver Broncos.

The former University of Florida star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's highest award, the Heisman Trophy. His current role in the NFL has provided

an incredible platform for Christian witness. Everywhere you go - every media publication you read - people have an opinion of Tim Tebow - one way or the other. His brief prayers of thanksgiving to God on the field have even been labeled as "Tebowing" ... gee - the last I checked - I thought that was called *prayer* !! I was sitting in the barber chair just today, and his name came up in conversation ... and I am happy to say that most opinions in that barber shop were complimentary of Tim sharing a witness of his faith in Jesus Christ so liberally on TV and through the media.

Think of it for a moment though in 1987 - his mother could have taken her doctor's advice, and ended this life just as it was barely beginning. Thank God she didn't! As a result - we have a wonderful young man to show the world what genuine Christianity is really all about. He has attained what many men only dream about as a professional athlete but is that what is most important to him? NO!

He has created a foundation to help seriously ill children in hospital settings all around the world, and plans are under way for him to build a Children's Hospital in the Philippines - a place that is dear to his heart because of his family's missionary service there.

Now, we may not all have the notoriety of Tim Tebow ... but I challenge you to live out your Christianity in every day life - just as he does. If we ALL did that who knows how many folks might be reached, and come to Jesus Christ for salvation, and the abundant Christian life too??

If you don't try we'll never know.

Blessings,



AFTER CHRISTMAS BASH

The Post-Christmas Holiday Brunch was a beautiful event. Held at the stately Ceresville Mansion on **Saturday 14, 2012, 35** ministers and their wives fellowshiped together, ate a lavish buffet, and enjoyed the music of Karen England. The menu included assorted fruit Danish, red potato home fries, homemade quiche, crisp bacon, seasonal fruits and berries, chilled juices, and coffee and tea service.

As the meal was winding down, DOM Bruce Conley spoke for a few minutes thanking everyone for their support in 2011 and saying how glad he was to have this opportunity to appreciate them. He then gifted his staff: Phil Graves received a Christmas bonus, and Mae Argilan got a spa weekend at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia to mark her 10-year anniversary working at BRBA.

The Yankee Swap was fun, as many of our ministers showed a competitive streak as they sought out the particular gifts they prized the most.

Guest Artist, Karen England then entertained us and presented each person with a CD of some of her newest releases.

This event is always a special time when we get to thank our ministers and their wives for their excellent efforts in their churches throughout the past year. It was such a success it is likely we'll be doing it again on January 12, 2013.



Let Blue Ridge Baptist Association Assist You with Outreach

Planning a Movie Night? BRBA has a lending library of family-friendly films.

Our list so far...

Chronicles of Narnia:

- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
- Prince Caspian
- Voyage of the Dawn Treader
- The Silver Chair

Left Behind:

- The Movie
- Tribulation Force
- World at War

Triple Play:

- Fireproof
- Facing Giants
- Flywheel

Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed

Contact the BRBA office to check out the DVD of your choice.

LAKEVIEW CHURCH: AN UPDATE

A great Candle Light Christmas Eve with almost 80 singing Silent Night under the stars was awesome. Because there was no room for us in the inn (ha ha) we meet at "The Hanger" (a big barn) on a farm in Monrovia.

Because of several donations, above our offerings, we have been able to upgrade our computer system which will enable us to improve our worship graphically.



WOW is God blessing with IMPACT Frederick. One our main visions in our calling to start LakeView was to be a church in the community with the intentionality to share Jesus. God has continued to bring along side of us people that are partnering in IMPACT. We are so blessed to work with Summit Trace and Green Valley Baptist, what a wonderful body of Christ we have.

Without any advertising except the witness of our people we continue to see new families and individuals join us each Saturday night, like the saying goes, "Life is Good," lets make it clear "Life is Good...because God is always Good!"

Our women's ministry which is off and running...when they get together look out!!! It has been such a blessing the unity and fun our women are having together as they come together as sisters.

Our youth leadership is really rocking...with a regular Bible study, and a student goal of having 40 students in Bible study by February.

Our mens group, "Braided Cord" which meets every Saturday morning to fellowship, pray and seek Gods direction in our lives and the life of our church.

After a little over 1 year...it is awesome to see the Hand of God and with great anticipation we look forward to His Hand in 2012...may we prepare for the rain.

I ask you to pray specifically for:

- IMPACT Frederick 2012
- The start of a Children's ministry at LakeView
- The Vision of LakeView as we continue to seek His Will.
- Our Community as the Holy Spirit moves ahead of us.
- All the churches in our area that Christ may be exalted (a few in our area and our Partners for Christ): Summit Trace Church, Green Valley Baptist, Damascus Road, Mountain View, NorthStar, Light of Christ Lutheran, Mt. Airy Baptist, Mt. Airy Bible and Monocacy Valley Church

Roger Rich
Pastor

Battlefield Bible Ordination Service

On Sunday evening, January 29th Battlefield Bible Church (a new congregation to the Blue Ridge Baptist Association) celebrated the ordination of their new pastors, Senior Pastor Brian Colbert, and Associate Pastor, David Hays.

Brian was already a deacon at Battlefield when the church began to seek a new Pastor - and help from BRBA. David had been working for several years in youth ministry in churches in the Hagerstown area.

In October, Battlefield Church asked the BRBA for assistance in screening these two leaders for ordination. On November 21st - ministers from within the Blue Ridge Baptist Association met to serve as an ordination council for the church's request. That team of 8 pastors - after a thorough examination of the candidates - voted unanimously to support the ordination of these fine men to the gospel ministry.

On the evening of the 29, 2012 the sanctuary at Battlefield was full of people gathering to

affirm God's call on the lives of these two great Christian men.



The worship music was offered by Cresthill Baptist Church's Praise & Worship Team, led by Dr. James Painter - Senior Pastor, and Mrs. Janice Wood, Music Department Director for Washington Bible College.

Several designated guest speakers gave their charges to the candidates - and there was a traditional laying on of hands prayer session involving all ordained deacons and ministers present.

The Pastor and members of Smithsburg Valley Baptist Church were also there (they are sponsoring Battlefield under watchcare in the Association) to assist with childcare, and audio work for the evening.

This is one of many examples of how churches in Association with each other works ... and works well. Pray for Pastors Brian and David - as they lead Battlefield Bible Church for greater Kingdom impact. Come alongside of them when you can - and offer help as they boldly move forward to reach Fairplay, Maryland and the surrounding area with the love of Christ!



A TIME TO BUILD BUILDING CONFERENCE

On March 31 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, First Baptist Church of Laurel will host A Time to Build: Building Conference.

This Conference will provide answers to these building questions and more. You will hear from and meet pastors who have done it and are doing it!

You will meet contractors who have proven to be worthy of their hire. You will hear about Capital Fund Raising and loans. You will

learn about the latest in worship audio/visual technology. You will hear about how volunteers can build you a first-class building yet save your church thousands of dollars!

Building Conference is for Senior Pastors, building team members, staff members, elders, deacons, and even building skeptics!

Cost: FREE

Location:

First Baptist Church, Laurel
15000 First Baptist Lane
Laurel, MD 20708

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2012



Register Online: See registration form at bcmd.org/building-conference

Event Summary:

- What are the basics you need to know before you build?
- Where do you start after

God says, "Build?"

- What does it cost to build in today's economy?

Contact Misty Pearson,
mpearson@bcmd.org, or by phone at
800-466-5290 x 202 with any questions.



Event Calendar

Feb 1 - 28 - True Love Waits Emphasis Month

Feb 12 - Racial Reconciliation Sunday

Feb 13- 19 - Focus on WMU

Feb 18 - Children's Ministry Day

Feb 1 - 8:00 AM - Minister's Fellowship Breakfast at Bob Evans in Frederick

Feb 4 - Who Puts Me Together Children's Conference at Covenant Church in Columbia. See bcmd.org/childrens-seminar for more info.

Feb 24 - VBS Expo at The Church at Severn Run, See bcmd.org/vbs-training2 for more info.

Feb 26 - 4:00 - 6:00 PM - Deacon Training Conference at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with Dr. David Lee.

March 4 - 11 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions.

March 7, 8:00 AM - Minister's Fellowship Breakfast at Bonnie's at The Red Byrd in Keedysville

March 10 - Disaster Relief Training at Hughesville Baptist Church in Hughesville, MD. See bcmd.org/2012-dr-trainings for more info.

March 16 - 17 - Minister's Wives retreat in Annapolis. See bcmd.org/rejoice for more info.

March 31 - A Time to Build Conference at First Baptist Church of Laurel. See bcmd.com/building-conference for more info.



Birthdays

FEB

5 Tunnea Burt
9 Larry Rickard
15 Kathryn Rich
15 Deb Youngbar
23 Millie Housam

MARCH

13 David Coblentz
13 Pam Eubanks
23 Delbert Pope
26 Shane Wilt

Anniversary

March 2 Coblentz
March 12 Smith
March 17 Crawford



In the Churches

South End - Frederick:

We will be hosting the **InService Training** for BRBA on February 20 from 6:45-9:00.

Smithsburg Valley - Smithsburg:

February 11 is our Girls' Valentine Tea & Luncheon from 11-1:00

On February 17 we will host our Family Movie Night featuring the film, **COURAGEOUS**, beginning at 6:30 PM



NorthStar Community Church - Ijamsville:

On February 11, we will be holding a Prayer Walk at 1:00pm. We will return back to Centennial Memorial Church at 3:00 pm. The feeding will begin at 5:00pm. At 6:15, after the meal, join us for a Contemporary Worship Service and encourage our guests to join you! This outreach will take place at: Centennial Memorial Church, 8 West Second Street in Frederick, Maryland.



Summit Trace Church - Frederick:

On February 12 & 26 we will be hosting our Annual Table Tennis Tournament beginning at 1:30 PM

February 25 is our Women's Snow Tubing trip to Ski Liberty from 9:00 -11:30 AM

PARAMOUNT - Hagerstown:

February 11 is our Sweetheart Dinner 6:00 PM.

This will be an opportunity for you and your sweetheart to enjoy time away together. Ages youth thru adult. Italian décor, music, & meal.



IMPACT Frederick 2012

This summer 450 students from the Frederick area and elsewhere along the East Coast are going to do a weeklong mission trip to repair 40-45 homes in Frederick County. The event is being hosted by Hometown Hope, which includes Lakeview Church, Summit Trace Church, and First Baptist Church of Green Valley. The Frederick County Board of Education has already given approval to use Linganore High School as a place for the students to sleep, eat, and worship.

You have two ways that you can be part of this event. First, you can be a Participating Church by having your youth groups and students sign up to be part of the work crews. Second, you can become a Partnering Church by adopting a worksite. Adopting a worksite means your church provides lunches for the work crews. By doing so, you will be building a relationship with the homeowner and the neighborhood that will last beyond when the work crews leave.

If you are interested or would like more info, check out our website – www.impactfrederick.org or send an email to HometownHope@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this opportunity to IMPACT the Frederick Community with the love of Christ.

Dan Housam

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PRAYER LIGHTS:

Wow! Praise from Paramount: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal Exceeded! Our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering to help support foreign missionaries was \$10,000. We have collected \$14,476.12!

412 youth will be participating in the “**30 Hour Famine**” in February. The youth will be engaged in raising money to help feed the hungry. During the fast juice will be provided during the evening, next morning, and throughout the day on Saturday. The activity will end with a time of worship followed by Communion and a celebration dinner.

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Please pray for this Summer Missions Project. (More info can be found on page 9)

Bruce Conley’s Surgery

Bruce’s Surgery has once again been delayed due to troubles with his insurance company. Please be in prayer that this situation can be resolved quickly.

Praise: New Life Church reports having 92 baptisms on the last Sunday of January. We celebrate with them.



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