



Bartholomew Baptist
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Serving Bradley and Drew Counties

March-April 2012

BCM@UAM Students to Minister in Kansas over Spring Break

CALENDAR

Week of Prayer for NAMB/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	Mar 4-9
Live Sent book study @ Ebenezer Bapt.	Mar 10
BCM Mission Trip to Kansas	Mar 17-23
Good Friday (BBA Office Closed)	April 6
Easter Sunday	April 8
Bi-Vocational Ministers Retreat	April 20-22
KALEO Conference - "Is God Calling Me?"	April 20
Ouachita/Williams Scholarship Apps. Due	May 1
Assoc. Council Mtg.	May
Exe. Board Mtg. @ Immanuel, Mont.	May 7
Hungarian Football Camp Mission Trip	May 16-24
BBA Children's Camp	July 9-12

NOTES:

- * If you or your church has news, please share it with us. We'll include it in the newsletter and/or on the web page!
- * We can put photos of your events on the web, too!

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry @ UAM, led by new director Phillip Slaughter, will take a mission trip to Kansas over Spring Break. A group of about 22, including sponsors, will be going to work at both the Potawatomi Indian Reservation and at Haskell Indian Nations University.

The students will work during the day on the Reservation, teaching Bible Club to the children of the Boys and Girls Club. They will do some landscaping work there, as well.

Their evenings will be spent back in Lawrence, holding various events to minister to the students who are left on campus during Spring Break because their homes are too far away. This will be a great time of relationship-building.

Bro. David will also have an opportunity to make plans for our summer ministry on the Haskell campus.

Please pray for these students to be receptive and open to the gospel. Pray also that our BCM students and sponsors will be **bold** in sharing **Christ**.

Free Yard Signs Available

The BBA office has a box of yard signs which say "This house believes in PRAYER", along with Jer. 29:12. These are free from the ABSC.

If you would like one for your yard, stop by the office and get one or call us and we'll get one to you. If you would like to make them available to your church members, call the ABSC. They will send them for free!



From Your Missionary...

The first quarter of 2012 is almost over. Things will be going at hyper speed as Spring Break gets closer. I know you all are going to be super busy around your churches and that is exciting for me to hear of all the plans you have in the works.

Things around our house have gotten a bit crazy of late. There are eleven people living at the Mitchell house right now! Wow, fun times on Oak Street in Warren! Matt and Nicole and their four children have moved in with us for a period of time while they seek a place of service. The kids are all settled into the Warren schools and seem to be doing OK—for now! Elsa and her two children are still with us and will be until the court decides what to do with the children. Thank you for your prayers for her and her children. They have been felt and have helped.

Over Spring Break, Fran and I will be going with the BCM to Kansas. Fran will be leaving the mission team mid-week to fly from Kansas City to Portland, Oregon to help take care of Christy after her surgery on the 23rd. Christy is our oldest and has been battling health issues for several years now. Finally, a doctor has decided to take care of some of her health issues with this surgery. Fran will return home April 3, if all goes well for Christy. Your prayers for her are always appreciated and we thank you for them.

Now on a personal note, I will be starting a new adventure for me! I have begun the application process to enroll in the Doctor of Ministry program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. This program is completed mostly online, with only a small amount of time required to be on the campus. If all goes well and I get everything in on time, I will get started this August. I am both scared and excited about this adventure. The Personnel Committee has been supportive of me in this endeavor and has encouraged me to move ahead with the application process. I will know sometime before our next Executive Board meeting if I will be fully accepted for the fall trimester. I will let you know. Thanks for your support and your encouraging words to me about this grand adventure.

Lord Bless You,

David O. Mitchell

Ouachita Football Coaches Lead a Football Camp in Hungary!

Through our association's partnerships in Hungary, the football coaches at Ouachita Baptist University have been invited to lead an "American Football Camp". Bro. David and Fran will be leading this mission trip May 16-24. Two Hungarian and one Romanian team of adult football players, consisting mostly of blue-collar workers, will train with the Ouachita coaches at a sports camp which was built during the communist era for Olympic training. This will be a unique trip where our coaches will be able to share their faith openly and live it out on the football field. Please pray for these men as they open new doors of ministry!

Pulpit Supply List 2012

Dennis Dodson	367-5855
Carl Hayes	224-0434
Billy Biggs	308-5232
Ron Graham	367-4246
Jim Newman	460-0307
	723-8211
Leonard Russell	609-9481
	367-3726
Josh Dutton	370-6535
Joe Chambers	367-8250
Dave Patterson	367-9478
Dennis Green	379-1795
B.K.Harris	469-8395
	866-5550
Wally Ferguson	226-3282
	723-0447
	367-9434
Tony Campagna	718-3659
Andy Atkinson	692-6435

All of the above numbers are in the 870 area code. If you need someone to fill your pulpit, give one of these guys a call!

It's Scholarship Time!

If your church has a graduating Senior who plans to attend Ouachita or Williams, our association has a scholarship! All applications and letters of recommendation are due by -

MAY 1.

Backpack Ministry: You can be involved!

We are planning to distribute backpacks to four Native American Reservations in August. This means 800 backpacks! We have about half of these already. If your church group would like to help with this, we have a source that can get nice, **new backpacks** for only **\$3.00!** Decide how many your church would like to buy and send the check to the BBA office with a note stating the money is for the **"Backpack Project"**.

Once we get the backpacks, we will also need to fill them with school supplies. We are still waiting on the supply list from our missionary, but wouldn't it be great to have your kids bring school supplies as their VBS offering? It's something they can **relate** to, something that is **desperately needed** on the reservations, and would make for a great **competition** between the various age levels or between the boys and the girls!

If your church would like a copy of the list, please let Bro. David or Tammy know. We will make sure you are included!

Make Plans for Summer Children's Camp!

July 9—12 are the dates that have been set for this year's Children's Camp. The theme will be based around the idea of being a prisoner for Jesus.

We will be going to Beech Springs again this year but we will be holding our own camp as we have many times in the past.

The cost this year will be \$150, which includes a T-shirt. Our association will be helping each camper with this cost through a scholarship. (Amount has yet to be determined)

It's not too early to get this on your church calendar and start signing kids up! We'll get the registration information to you as soon as it's ready.

Next Executive Board

The meeting will be at Immanuel Baptist Church in Monticello on May 7. The meal will be at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:45.

WMU Offerings for Hungary Mission Trip

The WMU has been collecting money to help with meal expenses for our Hungary Mission team. If your church would like to help, send your contribution to the BBA Office with a note that it is for Meals in Hungary.

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On Mission at Home and Around the World



Pastor Portrait

This section will highlight one of our association's pastors, his family, church and ministry.

Bro. Jimmy Albrecht has been pastor of Second Baptist, Monticello, since March 1, 2005. Jimmy has a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. He has been in the pastorate for 25 years, serving churches in Waco, San Juan and Orange, TX before moving to Texarkana, AR., where he served for 9 years.

Jimmy grew up in Portland, TX, near Corpus Christi. He attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX. During college, Jimmy participated in many mission trips and developed a love for missions ministry. In fact, he met his wife, Tammy, on one of those mission trips. They

have been married almost 31 years and he still calls her "his young bride." Tammy serves as our Associational Ministry Assistant. They have two grown chil-



dren. Their daughter, Christie, is married to Eric Yates. They live in NC, where Eric is in his third year at Wake Forest Medical School. Christie is a graduate of SAU. Their son, J.J., is a Vocal Music major at UALR. Bro. Jimmy would say, "I'm blessed!"

Jimmy and Tammy both have a great love of missions. They have led many trips in the states and have both been on numerous international trips, as well. Jimmy believes strongly in leading his congregation into a deeper love of and involvement in missions in our Jerusalem (Monticello), Samaria (the USA) and to the ends of the earth (over seas).

Jimmy's favorite verse is Isaiah 40:31. He says, "This verse helps me to learn to be patient while waiting on God as I minister to His people."