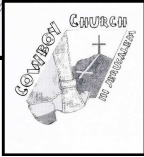




# North Central News

Serving the Churches of the Etowah, Hightower, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Associations

June 2011



## North Central Area Missions Project Focus Week July 11-14, 2011 Cowboy Church, Highway 53, Jerusalem, Georgia

### Schedule for Monday thru Thursday

**8:00 AM**

Devotion, Prayer and Flag Ceremony

**8:15 AM**

Begin construction/maintenance projects,  
children's activities/horse camp

**12:00 Noon**

Brown Bag/Picnic Lunch - Drinks provided

**12:45 PM**

Back to projects

**2:45 PM**

Snack break (snacks and drinks provided)

**5:00 PM**

Work and horse camp ends  
Cleanup for dinner and tent revival

**5:30 PM**

Dinner provided by North Central Area Missions

**7:00 PM**

Tent Revival with area pastors speaking and  
special music

*Friday, if necessary, is available for finishing  
projects.*

### Featured Activities of NCAM Focus Week

- "Horse Camp" during the day for boys and girls to learn ropin' and ridin'
- \*Construction teams to fix up the house, ranch and barn\*
- Nightly tent revival

\*There are various projects and maintenance that desperately need to be done, such as:

- drywall, flooring, exterior siding, interior/exterior painting, repair to windows
- general plumbing and installing fixtures
- drainage and landscaping tasks
- general non-skilled maintenance and clean-up on horse barn
- yard work and fence repair.

These repairs are necessary for Cowboy Church to continue seeking and reaching under-privileged children (though they minister to all children) and providing them a structured setting with equestrian training, farming, "cowboy" manners, and deportment, all around a Biblically-centered atmosphere that honors and lifts up Jesus Christ.

### ***YOUR CHURCH CAN BE A PART OF THIS VERY WORTHWHILE MISSIONS PROJECT***

**Your church can assemble a team that can work one, two, three or four days during this Missions Focus Week. Snacks, drinks and dinner will be provided. Each volunteer should bring a sack lunch.**

This is a mission project that:

- is close to home and will not cost volunteers anything except gas to get to the site
  - is open to men, women, youth and children
  - provides assistance to individuals in the area in which we all live
- will allow us to share the gift of Jesus Christ to those in our Jerusalem (Acts 1:8)
  - will be loads and loads of fun for all ages

Contact North Central Missions at [curtis@northcentralga.org](mailto:curtis@northcentralga.org) or call 770-384-8548 for additional information or to volunteer.

*Cowboy Church is a ministry of the North American Mission Board and provides worship services on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday evenings of each month, weekly student Bible Studies for various ages of children through young adult, Praise Team lessons, Dance Team lessons, classes in horsemanship, and horse camps. The Cowboy Church meets at The Double H Ranch (stands for Hope and Healing), the property of Mrs. Rebecca Hampton, the hardest working cowgirl in the state.*



**REMEMBER 9-11**

Remembering 9-11 honors the innocent and inspires each of us to live courageous lives.

**HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

Come honor Forsyth County First Responders for serving us in times of crisis.

**FIND HOPE**

Come hear inspiring stories of hope our of hopelessness despite the atrocities of 9-11.

**CELEBRATE AMERICA**

Our enemies sought to destroy us. But our flag still waves. Join us as we honor the men and women who have served us in the past and those on active duty today.

**WHAT & WHERE**

The Cumming Fairground is the place for an All-American Day of activities for the entire family at the best price possible -

**FREE!!!.**

Planned and organized by First Baptist Cumming

Visit: WWW.FORSYTHFAMILYFEST.COM for more information.

**Tornado Victim Assistance/Rebuild**

If you or your church would like to provide assistance to tornado victims in Georgia, contact information is provided below for the Georgia Baptist Associational offices in the affected areas.

**Catoosa County (Ringgold)**

Jerry Little, Associational Missionary  
Catoosa Baptist Association  
ccbaptist@catt.com

**Bartow County (Cartersville)**

David Franklin, Associational Missionary  
Bartow Baptist Association  
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**Floyd County (Rome)**

Jim Reynolds, Associational Missionary  
Floyd Baptist Association  
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**Fayette & Spalding Counties**

Charles Clark, Associational Missionary  
Flint River Association  
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The mission of Friends for Families in Williamsburg, KY is to provide Families in the Appalachian Region and through out the World with Physical and

Spiritual Assistance in the following areas: Nourishment, Clothing, Home Repairs, and teaching them through Christian Education and Creative Ministries.

NCAM invites you to join us June 25-July 1 for a week of VBS, Revival Services, and Construction projects at Elm Street Baptist Church. Cost is only \$25 per day at the mission center which includes a bunk bed, shower, and 3 meals a day. Transportation is on your own. [Come for a few days or stay all week]. Contact Curtis ASAP at 770-384-8548 or [curtis@northcentralga.org](mailto:curtis@northcentralga.org) if you are interested.



**2011 Sunday School Training Workshops Presented by the Georgia Baptist Convention**

**Workshop locations convenient to churches in the North Central Area are as follows:**

**August 6**

**Beech Haven Baptist Church, Athens  
Trinity Baptist Church, Calhoun**

**August 27**

**First Baptist Church, Cleveland  
Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta**

**The sessions will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude at 12:00 Noon.**

**For additional information, you may go to [ssog.gabaptist.org](http://ssog.gabaptist.org), email [tsmith@gabaptist.org](mailto:tsmith@gabaptist.org) or call 770-936-5287.**

# Report on Haiti Mission Trip

It was only with a few weeks notice but, when I was asked to join a mission team headed for Haiti, I was determined to go. After a round of necessary shots and after filling a prescription for malaria pills, the course was set. Foothills Community Church in Marble Hill, a member of the Etowah Association, had been planning the trip for months. The Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief asked that teams be limited to eight per church. One of the Foothills members needed to drop out, opening the spot for me. The team members were: George Harbour, Leslie Burson, Misty Wise, Sara Naff, Jean



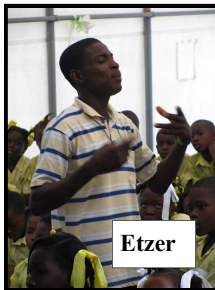
**Foothills Mission Team**

Sanner, and John and Margaret Bryan. There were also two other teams at the Georgia House in Haiti as well. Our hosts were Mark and



**The whole Georgia household**

Mickie Carr from Blairsville. The home we were staying in was set up like a compound with a walled fence and gates, very secure. The limited electricity provided by a generator was appreciated and even the cold showers were welcome in the sweltering heat. Our cooks provided wonderful meals, a mix of American and Haitian. Each team was assigned an interpreter and a security man. Our young men (Etzer and Voltaire) were awesome. We were also taxied around in Tap-Tap's (a small pickup with two benches in the rear covered with a top). Hence, when you wanted



**Etzer**

to stop or go, tap-tap. Otherwise, the pedal was to the metal, so hang on.



**Pastor Milot**

The week began with worship on Sunday at Pastor Milot's church where we would also conduct Bible school



**Pastor Milot's Church**

throughout the week. Little did we know the enormity of our task, since the church is also host to a school. Our number of children was overwhelming, between 180-250+, each day. We were told to prepare for 30-100, and the Foothills group had done a superb job of preparing and bringing supplies for crafts, games, and Bible stories. I must admit that I am still amazed at how God blessed with stretching the supplies, giving creative ideas on how to manage the number of children, and we were all thankful to the other



**Lunchtime!**

groups for pitching in each evening as we got ready for the next day. God is so good! Although the number was large, we were still able to connect with some children that just tugged on your heart strings. They were starved for attention and wanted to connect with each



**Picture time!**

of us in some way. Whether through help with a craft, singing songs, playing games, or a story, as the week progressed their fondness for us and more so our fondness for them grew. Leaving on Friday after the last session was heart wrenching. The parade out to the tap-tap was like a mosh pit. We had left behind all sorts of items like games, clothes, Bibles, water containers, etc but leaving the message of Jesus' love was the greatest gift we could leave. The beauty of this gift was its return to us from 100's of children as they held on to us out the gate. All we can do now is pray for Pastor Milot's church and the school as they continue to put their trust in a faithful God who loves them unconditionally.

My perception of Haiti, although I have never

been there before, was realized. The people are gracious and open. However, the conditions in which they live is heart breaking. The number of people still in temporary housing is in the



**Tent City**

1000's, the number of homes still in disrepair is huge, and the amount of debris and trash is never ending. Yes, we are blessed as Americans, but the blessing of hope, love, grace, forgiveness, etc available from a loving God is all the more abundant. I pray that my priorities will continue to shift from the things of this world made up of the temporal to heavenly things that are everlasting. These are available to all who believe in the precious name of Jesus no matter where one lives, Amen.

In closing, I want to thank the people of Foothills for the opportunity to go on mission with them. Also, a big thank you to Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief for making the lodging and logistics seamless in our travels.

Please know that if I can help you plan a mission trip (or just join in) whether it is near by or across the globe, do not hesitate to call.

Serving HIM,

Curtis Meador

Your Associate Area Missionary



**Transportation Option**



**Earthquake Destruction**

## PASTORAL CHANGES

**Rev. Lee Weeks** has resigned as **Associate Pastor of Evangelism & Missions at First Baptist Cumming.**

Lee has accepted the **Senior Pastor** position at **Foothills Community Church** effective June 1, 2011.

We welcome Lee and his wife, Dawn, and their children, Anna, Lydia, Caleb and Avery as they serve at Foothills.

**Mt. Hope Community Church** has called **Rev. Craig Miles** as their **Pastor**. We welcome Craig and his wife, Suzy, and their children Tabitha and Caleb.

**Rev. Hutch Matteson** resigned as **Senior Pastor** at **North Lanier Baptist Church** effective May 31, 2011. He and his wife are beginning a ministry to young adults with disabilities. Our prayers are with Hutch and all those involved with this much needed ministry.

**Shoal Creek Baptist Church** has called **Rev. Wayne Jacobs** as **Senior Pastor** effective May 1, 2011. Wayne has been serving as Interim Pastor at Shoal Creek for several months. We welcome Wayne and his family to this senior pastor position.

**Shoal Creek Baptist Church** has called **Rev. Scott Bosier** as **Associate Pastor** effective May 1, 2011. We welcome Scott and his family as they serve at Shoal Creek.

**Kevin Bragg** has resigned as **Minister of Music/Worship** at **First Baptist Holly Springs**. He has accepted a Music Minister position in North Carolina. Our prayers go with Kevin and his family as they begin this new ministry.

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## Return Service Requested

### North Central Area Missions Team

Alan Morris - Area Missionary  
Curtis Meador - Associate Area Missionary  
Janice Dinsmore - Administrative Assistant  
Ramona Lively - Financial Secretary

For articles to be placed in the *North Central News*, they must be received no later than the 15th day prior to that month's publication.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## June 2011

- 2 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 6 Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 11 Hightower Baptist Association Food Bank (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- 14 - 15 Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, AZ
- 16 Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Meeting/Luncheon, First Baptist Cumming, 11:00 AM
- 19 Father's Day
- 28 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## July 2011

- 4 Independence Day (GBC & NCAM closed)
- 4 Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 7 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 9 Hightower Baptist Association Food Bank (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- 11-14 Cowboy Church Mission Project sponsored by NCAM (See Page 1)
- 21 Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Meeting/Luncheon, First Baptist Cumming, 11:00 AM
- 26 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## Quotations for Father's Day

- 4 years: My Daddy can do anything!
- 7 years: My Dad knows a lot...a whole lot.
- 8 years: My father does not know quite everything.
- 12 years: Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.
- 14 years: Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years: Oh, that man-he is out of date!
- 25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
- 30 years: I must find out what Dad thinks about it.
- 35 years: Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.
- 50 years: What would Dad have thought about that?
- 60 years: My Dad knew literally everything!
- 65 years: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

**Unknown**

*"A father is a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be." -- Unknown*

*"Train up a child in the way which he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6*

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