



# North Central News

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

May 2011



## Georgia Baptist Convention

*Serving & Sharing Christ Throughout the World*

### 2010 Certificates of Recognition

*The Georgia Baptist Convention has issued 2010 Certificates of Recognition to the following churches for baptisms.*

#### Highest Number of Baptisms

- First Baptist Canton - Etowah
- Concord Baptist Church - Hightower
- First Redeemer Church - Lanier
- First Baptist Alpharetta - Roswell

#### Leading Ratio of Baptisms per Resident Member

- Talking Rock Baptist Church - Etowah
- Canaan Baptist Church - Hightower
- Island Ford Baptist Church - Lanier
- Bridgeway Church - Roswell

### "100 Fastest Growing Sunday Schools"

*The Georgia Baptist Convention recently completed research which identified "100 of Georgia's Fastest Growing Sunday Schools in the Georgia Baptist Convention."*

Churches from the North Central Area were recognized as follows:

Cherokee Baptist Church - Etowah Association  
Ranked #5 in the intermediate size church classification

First Redeemer Church - Lanier Association  
Ranked #11 in the mega size church classification

First Baptist Cumming - Lanier Association  
Ranked #14 in the mega size church classification

### 2010 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

*The Georgia Baptist Convention has issued 2010 Certificates of Appreciation to the following churches for their Cooperative Program giving.*

#### Leading Contributor Per Resident Member

- Foothills Community Church - Etowah
- Concord Baptist Church - Hightower
- Cumming Baptist Church - Lanier
- Crabapple First Baptist - Roswell

#### Largest Percentage Contributor

- Toonigh Baptist Church - Etowah
- Concord Baptist Church - Hightower
- Family by Faith - Lanier
- Crabapple First Baptist - Roswell

#### Leading Contributor

- First Baptist Canton - Etowah
- Concord Baptist Church - Hightower
- First Baptist Cumming - Lanier
- Crabapple First Baptist - Roswell

*Note: Data for these certificates and recognitions was taken from 2010 Annual Church Profile information submitted by churches to the Georgia Baptist Convention.*

**Georgia Baptist  
Children's Home  
Offering Day**



**May 8, 2011**

*"For more than 139 years, we have equipped children and families with the tools they need to build a better life on the foundation of Jesus Christ. We could not care for these precious children without your help. God has entrusted these children to all of us. Please encourage your church to participate in Children's Home Day."*

Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries



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.



**Saturday, June 25, 2011**

**Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, Perry**

Plan to attend with your men's group, family, friends or on your own!

Cost is \$10 per person (age 5 and older)

**Breakout Sessions for men, women and youth**

Hunting calls · Family activities · Prizes

Fun games and events for the kids

**WIN**

- Ranger Z21 bass boat with 250 mercury engine
- Honda 4-wheel ATV
- One-week vacation getaway for two

*But the real prize, and the primary purpose of the event, is that unchurched people you invite will come face to face with the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Information regarding the event and ticket purchase can be found at [hankparkerandfriends.com](http://hankparkerandfriends.com).

*Sponsored by Hank Parker and Friends and Men's Ministries of the Georgia Baptist Convention*

**Is Your Church Planning a Mission Trip in 2011?**

We would like to include your trip in the "North Central News" to let other churches know of your plans so that they may:

- ◆ Pray for your mission trip
- ◆ Assist in recruiting additional volunteers if needed
- ◆ Provide supplies, equipment, etc. in the event these are needed.

Please provide the dates, location, purpose and any needs that you might have.

Information may be emailed to [curtis@northcentralga.org](mailto:curtis@northcentralga.org) or you may call the office at 770-384-8538.



**Girls' Conference**  
**February 10-11, 2012**  
**First Baptist Canton**

All girls 5<sup>th</sup> grade – college are invited to join us!  
Moms are welcome as well!

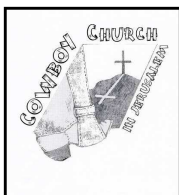
We will have additional information available very soon and should have a website and brochure ready in the next few weeks.

*First Baptist Canton invites girls and moms from all North Central area churches to participate in this conference. For additional information, contact [candacemcdowell@fbccanton.org](mailto:candacemcdowell@fbccanton.org) or call Candace at 770-479-5538.*

# “North Central Area Missions Project for 2011”

Undoubtedly, your church is already gearing up for the various missions projects for this year. In reaching our “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and uttermost parts,” the places, resources, mission’s agencies, and tools for taking the Gospel out seem unlimited. This is a blessing, yet it can be overwhelming. It is statistically verified that churches offering missions projects have more contented members and their giving naturally increases. With our economy struggling, travel expenses spiking, and the need for more work days to make ends meet, we would like to offer a missions project that is perfect for this year’s economic challenges while allowing you to continue to train your people in being involved in missions.

We would like to introduce you to the **“Cowboy Church in Jerusalem.”**



**Ropin, Ridin, Eatin, Singin, and Preachin Christ!**

The Cowboy Church is located in Pickens County in a community called, Jerusalem, GA, just off Hwy 53 west of Jasper, near Fairmount. It is a working horse ranch that specializes in seeking and reaching under-privileged children (though they minister to all children) and providing them a structured setting for equestrian training, farming, “cowboy” manners, and deportment, all around a Biblically-

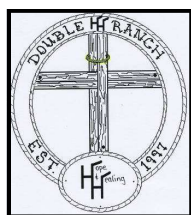


Alan Morris and congregation at Cowboy Church



Alan Morris preaching at Cowboy Church

centered atmosphere that honors and lifts up Jesus Christ. The 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.



Rebecca Hampton

One particular ministry that Cowboy Church is involved with is the Living Waters for Girls ministry in Ball Ground, GA, providing equestrian therapy for these sexually exploited children. This ministry is showing great success in unquestionably one of the most ghastly areas of vile behavior that has ravaged our state and country. Few people have offered a lasting solution with such phenomenal results as horse therapy does for the Living Waters for Girls. Praise God for a place that is making a real difference in these girls, giving them honor and dignity, and reversing the effects of a society that views and treats them as disposable. This ministry is worthy of our respect and support as they take on what is probably one of the most destructive practices that is going on right here in the Atlanta area.

The North Central Area Missions focus week for missions at the Cowboy Church is **July 10-17, 2011** and will feature a “horse camp” during the day for boys and girls to learn roping and riding, construction teams to fix up the ranch and barn, and a nightly tent revival. There are various construction projects that desperately need to be done and your church can assemble a team that can work one, two, three, or more days at the ranch putting up dry wall, flooring, ceiling, painting, or repair on window treatments, as well as drainage and landscaping tasks. These repairs are necessary for Cowboy Church to continue to reach and rescue the perishing through their God-honoring ministries.

**Will YOU organize a team to do a missions project at the Cowboy Church this year?** Your team can work any time this year, not just the focus week, but we are urging as many churches as can to pray with your leadership, form a team, schedule a couple of days with Rebecca, and provide a missions project that is flexible, affordable, close, and guaranteed to bring lasting results.

The Cowboy Church information is:

**Cowboy Church of Jerusalem  
The Double H Ranch  
9906 Henderson Mountain Rd  
Fairmount, GA 30139  
706-337-4774**

Call and speak to Mrs. Rebecca Hampton to coordinate your project.

Bless you for reaching out to assist this worthy ministry. This could be a family project, a men’s or ladies ministry project, or some combination. Finding a worthy project could never be easier this year. Pray for the Cowboy Church and decide how you would like to be involved.

Alan Morris

*For additional information regarding the North Central Missions Project at the Cowboy Church, please email [curtis@northcentralga.org](mailto:curtis@northcentralga.org) or call us at 770-384-8548.*

Hickory Road Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the position of **Senior Pastor**.

Resumes may be sent via email to hrbcpastorsrch@windstream.net or by mail to Hickory Road Baptist Church, PO Drawer 959, Holly Springs, GA 30142.

### *Quotations for Mother's Day*

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

~Sophia Loren, *Women and Beauty*

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. ~Abraham Lincoln

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love. ~Mildred B. Vermont

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. ~Tenneva Jordan.

### *Happy Mother's Day*

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## May 2011

- 2 **Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 5 **Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)**
- 8 **Mother's Day**
- 10 **Roswell Executive Ministry Team Meeting and Pastor's Lunch**  
Atlanta Street Baptist Church, 10:00 AM (EMT Meeting)  
Pastor's Luncheon hosted by Atlanta Street Baptist Church - 11:30 AM
- 14 **Hightower Baptist Association Food Bank (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)**
- 19 **Lanier Executive Ministry Team Meeting and Pastor's Lunch**  
First Baptist Cumming, 10:00 AM (EMT Meeting)  
Pastor's Luncheon - Place TBD - 11:30 AM
- 24 **New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer**  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 30 **Memorial Day (GBC & NCAM closed)**
- 31 **Etowah Executive Ministry Team Meeting and Pastor's Lunch**  
First Baptist Holly Springs, 10:00 AM (EMT Meeting)  
Pastor's Luncheon - O'Charley's in Canton - 11:30 AM

## 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

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