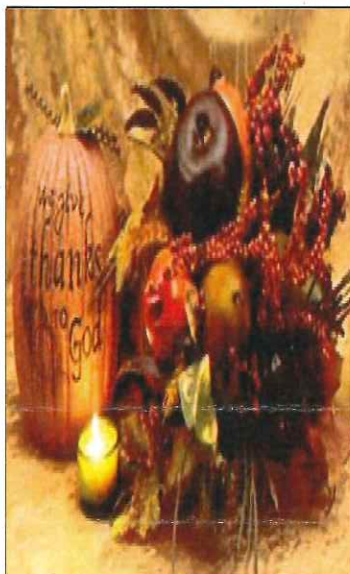


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# The Newsletter

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*Happy Thanksgiving  
November 24th*

## 195th Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting

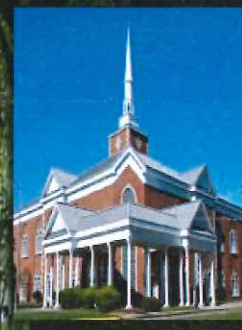
### 195th Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

November 14-15, 2016 - Savannah, Georgia

"...striving together  
for the faith  
of the gospel..."

Philippians 1:27

**UNITE**  
Georgia



Host: Calvary Baptist Temple

*November*

*Happy Birthday*

#### November

- 4 Leigh Anna Peek
- 10 Glenn Hobby
- 21 James Cain
- 26 Heather West

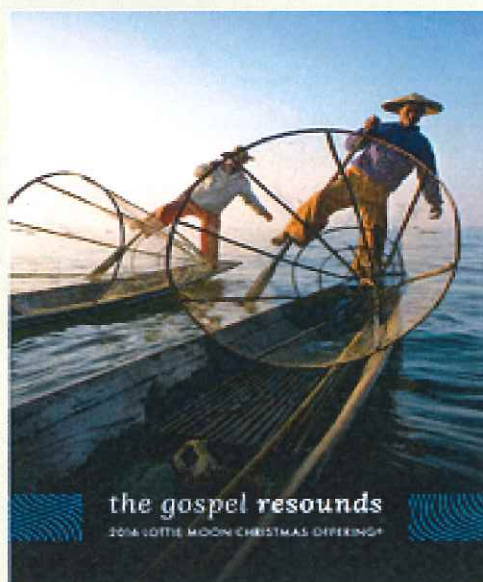
#### Happy Anniversary



#### November

- 21 Devid & Inez Rich
- 23 Stacy & Heather West
- 24 Andrew & Melodie Chaffer

## Week of Prayer & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



**LMCO**

**LOTTIE  
MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®**

December 4-11, 2016

#### *"The Gospel Resounds"*

*You have...heard about this hope in the message of truth, the gospel that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you*

*since the day you heard it...*

*Colossians 1:5-6 (HCSB)*

National Goal: \$155 million



## God Bless America or God Be Merciful to America?

As we approach Thanksgiving, we generally attempt to remind ourselves of the need to express thanks to God for all his many blessings to us. We definitely can be thankful to God for His protection, provision and pardon of our sins! I have also noticed, as we approach Thanksgiving, during an election year, we hear constantly this phrase ... "and God Bless America!" I wonder what is really meant by this statement made again and again after a political speech or even a prayer in the church. If we are not careful, this statement could come across as a demand we place upon God. God, you bless America. I would rather believe this phrase is offered as a petition to God. God, would you please bless America?

May I ask you a question? As we approach this Thanksgiving season, do we have the right

standing to ask God to bless America? Now, this question came to my mind, as I thought about a message I was privileged to hear Bro. Kerry Walsh bring a few months back at Pebble City Baptist Church. Bro. Kerry's message was titled, "Can God Bless America?" After hearing his message and contemplating this question for some time, I believe we may be praying a prayer that is not in accord with God's will and a prayer that he cannot rightfully answer at this time in our history. Why do I feel this way you ask?

Well, if you go to Deuteronomy 28, you will read where Moses is telling Israel about the blessings the Lord would bestow upon them for being obedient to His commands and also warns of the curses the Lord would bring upon Israel if they disobeyed His commands. As I said earlier, I

believe we keep asking God to bless America; however, we have not been obedient to His commands and therefore we are asking for the impossible. I believe God may be saying to us, "I can't bless you because you are not living in a way that allows me to bless America. I believe we need to come face to face with the reality that the only thing America could expect from God, at this present moment, is the curses due us for our continual disobedience to His commands.

I believe a more fitting prayer for America at this time is not God Bless America but God Be Merciful to America. God be merciful to America is a prayer that would acknowledge to God that we understand we have failed in obedience to his commands and we understand we deserve nothing more than his promised curses upon this nation. God be

merciful to us would be a prayer that acknowledges we fully understand, in our present condition, God cannot bless America. A prayer that pleads for mercy while we seek again his face and turn back in obedience to His commands. A prayer that indicates hearts aware of our standing before God and spurs us on to be obedient to His commands, which bring about His blessings. A prayer that brings us again to the place where God can bless America! So, until we again sense true revival in our land, my prayer will be God be Merciful to America.

Bro. Chad

## Minister & Wives Christmas Party/BACKPACKS for Appalachia

Minister's & Wives  
You're invited to a  
Christmas Party  
Tuesday, November 29th, 6:30 PM  
at  
Lost Creek Restaurant  
in Sale City  
Everyone will order from the menu.  
RSVP is a MUST  
336-7574 or 886-0598



CHRISTMAS  
**BACKPACKS**  
for  
Appalachia

**Tucker Baptist Goal:**  
**200 BACKPACKS**  
**We Received: 304**  
**Thanks to the churches that participated!**

## Upcoming Events

Broad stripes and bright stars... gave proof... that our flag was still there.

**Veteran**

I was a proud veteran  
That served my country well  
To those that would listen  
I had many stories to tell.

We fought for America's freedom  
In far away places on foreign land  
Wherever the battle for democracy raged  
America's finest made a stand.

We fought for your future  
And the right to remain free.  
For we saw what freedom meant  
To those not blessed with Liberty.

For you and yours  
We would gladly have given our life.  
We faced the fears and perils of battle  
We braved endless turmoil and strife.

Please remember us veterans  
And the sacrifices we made for you.  
Please share the blessings of freedom.  
Proudly wave the red, white and blue.

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November 11, 2016

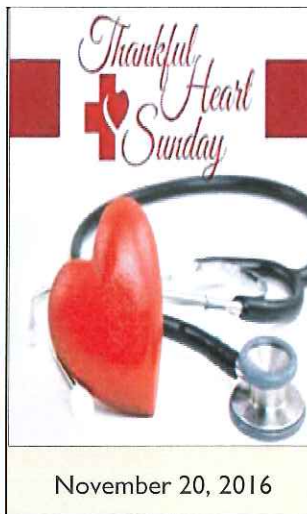
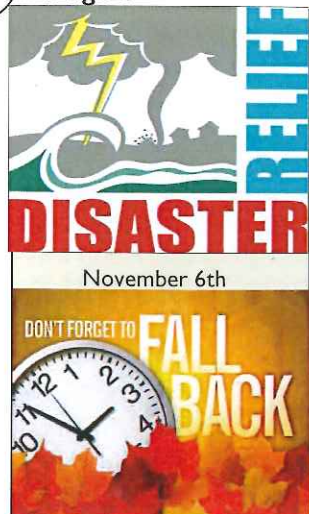
### November

- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends, Disaster Relief Appreciation Day (SBC)
- 7 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Beulah Baptist Church, 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 State Executive Committee Meeting, Duluth
- 14-15 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA
- 24 **THANKSGIVING DAY**, TBC, Closed 23rd at Noon thru 25th
- 29 Minister's & Wives Christmas Party, Lost Creek Restaurant, Sale City, 6:30 p.m.

### December

- 4-11 Week of Prayer & Missions Study for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 5 Prayer Coordinator's Meeting, TBC, 11 a.m.
- 13 State Executive Committee New Member Orientation, Duluth
- 25 **Christmas**, TBC Closed: Dec. 22nd, 2p.m., and will reopen Jan. 2nd, 2017





## Treasurer's Update

Mr. Elmer Conley  
Associational Treasurer  
P.O. Box 332  
Pelham, GA 31779  
November 2016

Balance	Sept. 30, 2016	\$ 24,937.08
Monthly Income	10/31/16	21,004.32
Monthly Expenses	10/31/16	(7,590.30)
Current Liabilities	(+/-)	(2,334.01)
October 31, 2016		\$ 36,017.09
Designated Funds		(14,318.25)
Total Current Liabilities		( 542.06)
Total Operating Funds		\$ 21,156.78

## Church News

**Hinsonton:** Our annual Fall Festival will be held on November 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to come. Rev. Stacy West, Pastor

**Pelham First:** The October 5th Sunday Sing will be on Sunday, November 6th during the evening services (moved because of the Fall Festival) The Veterans breakfast will be held on the November 11 from 6-9 a.m. The dedication service for our newly renovated sanctuary will be held on November 13, during the morning services. The youth will host a luncheon to raise funds following the services on the 13th. No Awana on the 23rd due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Children's Choir will present their December program on Sunday, December 4, during the evening service, with finger foods and fellowship after the program. Rev. Matt Peek,

**Trinity:** We will have Homecoming on November 6, 10:30 a.m. The Undivided Trio from Panama City Florida will be in concert starting at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow. Everyone is invited. A love offering will be taken up at the end of the service. Rev. Greg Fenn, Pastor

**Year to Date**  
Church Contributions  
Receipts January-October 2016

	<b>Office</b>	<b>Camp Tucker</b>
Baconton	929.13	242.00
Camilla First	10,959.75	754.00
Cool Springs	1,450.00	0.00
Delwood	3,346.44	1,462.61
East Pelham	1,150.00	0.00
Harmony	4,837.35	0.00
Hinsonton	3,333.34	1,166.66
Hopeful	5,000.00	580.00
Lake Pleasant	3,664.00	900.00
Lakeside	900.00	900.00
Liberty Hill	0.00	0.00
Mt. Carmel	944.11	600.00
Mt. Olive	1,750.00	120.00
Mt. Zion	480.00	0.00
Newton	800.00	0.00
Pebble City	1,500.00	200.00
Pelham First	9,776.01	1,540.00
Pine Cliff	4,343.78	2,171.88
Pleasant Grove	2,000.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	5,301.24	2,120.51
Sale City	2,848.00	629.00
Southside	7,670.79	0.00
Trinity	1,000.00	0.00
Union Grove	1,791.11	943.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,775.05</b>	<b>\$14,330.63</b>

## Operation Christmas Child



**Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes Collection Week**  
**Nov. 14th-21st**

Monday, Nov. 14th - 9 AM-12 Noon  
Tuesday, Nov. 15th - 9 AM-12 Noon  
Wednesday, Nov. 16th - 9-12 Noon  
Thursday, Nov. 17th - 9 AM-12 Noon  
Friday, Nov. 18th - 10 AM-12 Noon  
Saturday, Nov. 19th - 9 AM-12 Noon  
Sunday, Nov. 20th - 2 PM-4 PM  
Monday, Nov. 21st - 9 AM-12 Noon  
For more information call Kim Fenn at 294-6117 (home) or 200-4615 (cell). Collection will take place at Union Grove's Fellowship Hall located at the back of the church.



## THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Tucker,

On behalf of the Mitchell County Food Bank I would like to thank all of the area Baptist Churches for your support. Your quarterly donations are most welcome because with you we would not be able to buy all of the food that we need. We have been serving the needy in Mitchell County for over 10 years. Some on this list have been donors for all of those years.

If your church is on this list give yourself a big pat on the back, if not please consider a donation. Mitchell County Food Bank, P.O. Box 107, Pelham, GA 31779.

Cool Springs, Delwood, Pelham FBC, Harmony, Hopeful, Lake Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, and Sale City.

God Bless You,

Jim Lapham,  
President



October 18, 2016

John 1:12

Chris Hobbs, Vice President of Communication

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Tucker Baptist Association,

On behalf of the staff and children at Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, I want to thank you for participating in the truck loading ministry! We know there are other non-profit ministries you have chosen and are overwhelmed of the faithfulness and generous donations you give to us. Your partnership to this ministry enables us to continue to reach out and restore hurting children and broken families.

Your support will allow us the opportunity to show these children their lives can be restored and healed through the hands of a loving God. Please continue to pray for each staff member that we will produce and restore a generation to trust and depend on God for complete healing and their future. Again, thank you for your generosity as you support us with you gifts and financial offerings.

Prayer for you is that God will continue to bless our partnership with the churches and associations as we all continue to work and experience the warmth of God's love. **If you did not get to participate in the annual truck loading this year, hopefully and prayerfully you will consider participating next year!**

Serving HIM,  
Sandra Hammonds, Truck Loading Coordinator—  
Communications Department Georgia Baptist Children's Homes