

# White River News

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## Message from your Missionary

### Questions for a New Year!

As we enter a new year, new challenges and opportunities arise, even as we reflect on previous years with their successes and failures. That is especially true as I began my 16<sup>th</sup> year as an associational missionary on February 1. One of many questions remains for me: "What does God want to do with the rest of my life?" My desire is that I deal with that question every day till my last day and to hold a positive attitude on earth about life and ministry until my altitude has risen to heaven.

Occasionally another question arises: "What is our association doing in missions?" That is an appropriate inquiry and I will address that question here several times in 2007. In this article I want to express my understanding of the scriptural basis for missions. There are other passages, but this one expresses it well: "He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:7-8 (NIV)

The passages above points out there are some things "not for us," that there is something "for us," and that there are spheres in which "we are to serve." Jesus' statement is a response to the disciples asking concerning end times and when and to whom the kingdom would be given. Jesus' reply indicates the real question they were raising was "How big is our gospel?" The disciples' question was about the gospel being for Israel... you know, the world is made up of just "us and them." Jesus' answer indicates the gospel is big enough for both them and us.... big enough for the world! My understanding of missions is affected by that concept—the whole gospel for the whole world. That is good news!

In 2007 the spheres of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth can correspond to mission responsibility in the local, association and state, North America, and International arenas. The Acts passage does not indicate chronological involvement. In other words, it is not for us to complete and deplete all our efforts locally (Jerusalem) before we deal with our association or state. If that were to be our position, nothing beyond our local church would ever be done. Neither do we wait to do International missions until we have completed our local efforts, or in North America or within the state. The natural meaning points to simultaneous involvement in all spheres. This means that local missions must never be sacrificed to missions beyond Jerusalem, and missions beyond Jerusalem (Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost) must not be sacrificed to only serving at Jerusalem.

I am pleased to report that White River Baptist Association and the churches affiliated with it are involved in all spheres, and the involvement is widening year by year. Future newsletters will outline White River's involvement locally and beyond.

Maurice L Hitt

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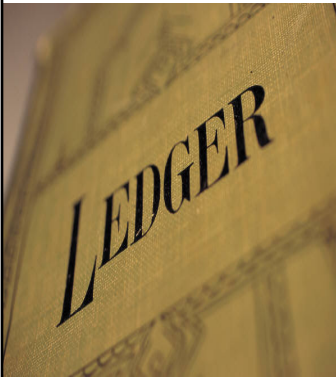
### Quick Notes:

For Those Praying for Udmurtia, go to Info Center page of [www.whiteriverba.com](http://www.whiteriverba.com)

A team from White River Baptist will be in Western Kansas on March 13-16 for a vision tour of an association, to see how WRBA can partner with them.

## White River Baptist Association Treasurer's Report December 2006

Antioch		Jordan	136.00	January 31, 2007	
Arkana	178.28	Lone Rock	411.60	Balance	\$91,016.96
Big Flat	30.20	Midway	232.00	Church Total	11,707.54
Bruno	241.05	Mtn. Home Baptist	195.94	Peel Property	24,671.25
Bull Shoals	342.57	New Hope	416.44	Other Income	16.62
Clarkridge	56.78	Norfolk	220.00.	Huskey	500.00
Cotter	65.23	Pilgrims Rest	100.00	Bank interest	<u>252.59</u>
East Oakland	33.37	Pyatt	405.25	Total income	\$ 37,148.00
East Side	2,702.28	Rea Valley	214.32	Total to be	
First Mtn. Home	3,050.00	Tomahawk	187.99	Accounted for	\$128,164.96
Flippin	1,014.34	Whiteville	75.00	Disbursements	<u>12,549.27</u>
Gamaliel	31.83	Yellville	<u>299.43</u>	Balance	\$115,978.21
Gassville	664.46	Church Total	\$11,707.54	Bank Balance:	
Henderson	304.58			Operating Funds	\$ 80,342.99
Hilltop	25.00			Church Planting	<u>35,635.22</u>
Hopewell	73.60			Total	\$115,978.21



## White River Baptist Association Upcoming Events

### March:

- 8 Executive Board Meeting  
6:00 @ Hilltop Baptist Church
- 13-16 Mission Vision Trip to Garden City, KS
- 16 Senior Adult Rally  
Place TBA
- 19 Church Development Team  
10:00 WRBA Office
- 19 Associational Church Leadership Institute

- 6:30 Gassville Baptist Church Meal served @ 5:30 RSVP WRBA office
- 23 Pastors & Staff Fellowship Breakfast, Baxter Inn 7:30

### April:

- 2 DR General Meeting at Lone Rock BC 6:30
- 4 OMC meet WRBA office 10:00 AM

- 6 East Oakland Good Friday Service "The Seven Words Of Christ" 11:00 - 1:30
  - 9-18 Mission Trip to Udmurtia
  - 13-14 State WMU meet at FBCMH (call Alice 425-3582)
  - 19 Administrative Team meet 6:30 in WRBA office
  - 30 SMCGP\* meet at Norfolk First Baptist Church 6:30
- \*Smaller Membership Church Growth Plan

### Prayer Requests

1. Pray for Vision Trip to Udmurtia, Russia this spring and that God puts the team of pastors and laypersons together for the trip (April 9-18, 2007). The purpose of this trip is evangelism, encouragement, and gaining a vision for reaching this people group.
2. Pray for the team planning the On Mission Celebration for April 2008. Pray for churches to agree to be a part of the OMC. Pray for the missionaries who will be speaking in all the participating churches.
3. Pray for the speakers who will be here on March 19, 2007, to lead conferences for the Church Leadership Institute at Gassville Baptist church.
4. Pray for our pastors who serve the churches of WRBA, that they may care, lead, and proclaim as men of God with servant's hearts.



**White River Baptist Association  
Associational Church Leadership Institute  
March 19, 2006**

Hosted by Gassville Baptist Church 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
(Meal served at 5:30, RSVP WRBA office by March 14)

Conferences/Leaders:

**Transforming Your Church Using the Peacemaker Church Strategy**, J.D. Stake, Leadership and Worship Team Member, ABSC

**Being an Everyday Witness**, Schanon Caudle, Evangelism and Church Growth Team Member, ABSC

**Worship that Wins**, Carlos Ichter, Leadership and Worship Team Member, ABSC

**Loving God Inside Out**, Andrea Lennon, Leadership and Worship Team Consultant, ABSC

**The Velcro Factor**, Dave McClung, Evangelism and Church Growth Team Member, ABSC

**Understanding Islam**, Coy Sample, Leadership and Worship Team Consultant, ABSC

(The Institute is jointly planned and sponsored by the WRBA Church Development Team and Leadership & Worship Team of ABSC)

Hope Migrant Mission Center

**Tele: 870-777-8219      Fax 870-777-1393      Email: [hmmc@absc.org](mailto:hmmc@absc.org)**

If your church's mission group is looking for a meaningful Mission Project, why look any further? The Hope Migrant Mission Center has been a continuous project supported by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for more than 30 years. And we invite your church to become involved with "hands on missions" at the **Migrant Mission Center**.

The Center is always in need of the following:

1. **Travel Size 2 oz** items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap, hand lotion, shaving cream, children and adult toothbrushes, and .85 oz tubes of tooth-paste.
2. **Regular Size** bars of hand soap, men's and women's combs and brushes, wash cloths, disposable razors, and emery boards.
3. For **Children** we use ballpoint pens, #2 pencils, and 8 count boxes of crayons.
4. **Baby Items** of shampoo, powder, lotion, and oil.
5. **Bags**. We give away large numbers of cloth bags each week and we are always in need of them. For many years the Center has received bags hand made by folks just like you.

There are two sizes that we now use and the finished sizes are as follows

12" x 12" and 10" x 10". Two kinds of draw strings are used: heavy cotton or nylon.

6. **"Color Me Book"** and **"Use Me Book"**. If you have interest in this please call Bro. Bob for more information. This is the material that we give to the children ages 4 - 11. This material is copied and a sample will be sent to you upon request.

**Please send the above items via UPS to:**

Hope Migrant Center    235 Smith Rd    Hope, AR 71801

If you would like to give donations with check or Money Order for the Purchase of Bibles, tracts or other items please mail to the ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION clearly marked for the **HOPE MIGRANT MISSION CENTER**. Also, please **designate the purpose** that you desire the donation be used.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention    P.O. Box 552    Little Rock, AR 72203    Attn: Mission Ministries Team

**Women's Missionary Union**

The WRBA WMU would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of WRBA to attend the WMU State meeting to held at First Baptist Church, Mountain Home April 13 and 14. For additional information call Alice King, 425-3582, Bonnie Margason, 424-3174, Mary Lou Ross, 435-6649, Lana Colley, 499-5197, Leona Kirby, 481-5681, or Evelyn Denton, 430-5334. These ladies are your WRBA WMU Officers.

**Your WRBA Church Development Team Members**

Dale Sykes, Team Leader                      Jim Monroe, Church Leadership  
Mark McManus, Church Growth    Joe Goeke, Church Music

**Your WRBA Family Ministry Team Members**

Jerry Backus, Team Leader                      Tommy Foster, Youth  
Gayle Brooks, Senior Adults, Tim Beal, Youth, Suzie Evans, Single Adult



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Work of God's Kingdom**

**Our Vision: To Equip Our Churches to  
Make Disciples in Our Communities and the  
World by the Power of the Holy Spirit!**

We are on the Web:  
Visit us at  
[www.whiteriverba.com](http://www.whiteriverba.com)

**Ministry Opportunity**

The Midway Baptist Church is looking for a dedicated Christian couple to start a Children's Ministry at Midway Baptist Church.

If interested call the Midway Baptist Church at 870-481-5683, Bro. Bob Moon 870-431-4404 for details or send your resume to Midway Baptist Church at P.O. Box 239, Midway, AR 72651

**WRBA Bible Drills**

The children are learning the books of the Bible and certain verses from the Bible. They each have a sheet that they are to learn. The State Drill will be held in April. If the students win and go to State, they will be rewarded with a trip to Silver Dollar City this summer. (Of course, this is with parent's approval)

Your Associational Bible Drill Leaders are:

Brenda Meagher 870-404-8709

Sharlene Brewer 870-405-0802

The following dates have been set-aside for the drills:

Associational Drill--April 19, 2007--7:00 PM

Bull Shoals Baptist Church

District Drill--April 20, 2007--7:00 PM

First Baptist Church, Mountain Home

State Drill--April 28, 2007

Sherwood, AR--9:30 AM First Baptist Church

**Pregnancy Resource Training**

will be held March 12-17, 2007 from 6-9 PM (M-F) in the Fireside Room at FBCMH. On Saturday, the training will be held 9AM -3PM. Contact person—Gwen Buege at [prcmtnhome@aol.com](mailto:prcmtnhome@aol.com)

**On Mission Celebration 2008**

**“OMC”**

- Churches who have committed to participate in the OMC 2008 are:
- First Baptist Church Mountain Home
- First Baptist Church, Yellville
- East Oakland Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church, Cotter
- Gassville Baptist Church
- Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church

Please send your commitment form to WRBA, P.O. Box 358, Flippin, AR 72634. We are hoping for 22 more churches to participate.