



# White River News

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## Message from your Missionary

### Associational Missions in "Samaria"

*"... and you shall be witnesses to Me in ...Samaria... ." Acts 1:8, NKJV*

"Samaria" was the place the meticulous Jews stayed away from and where they preferred to miss. Yet Jesus told his disciples that was one of the places they would be witnesses for Christ. Nineveh was Jonah's "Samaria". He did not want to go there and surely did not have the desire to see the Ninevehites repent. But God sent him there. Also, Samaria was the nearest place away from home that had people a little different from themselves. So for us, Samaria can represent areas we prefer to stay away from, or places nearby that represent different values or dialects. From that perspective, Samaria could be anywhere from Arkansas' Delta area to New York City, and any place between. Perhaps we can safely call Arkansas and most of North America our Samaria.

The appropriate question arises: "What has (and is) White River Baptist Association doing in our Samaria?"

Some of White River's current "Samaria" missions-ministry efforts include:

1. **Disaster Relief** Team and ministry responds further to Samaria as well as Jerusalem and Judea . Since 2004, WRBA Disaster Relief teams have served in Florida (4 trips), Mississippi, Louisiana (2 trips), Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas
2. **Construction** Team and ministry respond both to Samaria *and* Jerusalem and Judea. In the last 2 years, teams have worked in South Louisiana, Marshall, AR; Marmaduke, AR; Siloam Springs, AR; ??
3. I mentioned the **Calico Prison** relating to Jerusalem and Judea, but for some, the prisons and local jail and law enforcement chaplains are working in Samaria. Fortunately we are supporting the work at Calico, and know local Baptists pastors and laymen working in these ministries.
4. **Kansas-Nebraska Partnership** with Arkansas churches and associations has involved churches from WRBA. There has been several partnership mission trips to Kansas in the last 2 years, and we are expecting at least 2 this summer:
  - June 9-16, Lone Rock Baptist Church will take a construction team to Salina, KS, to help finish a new facility for Kansas-Nebraska Baptist Assembly.
  - July 14-21, WRBA volunteers will conduct VBS at Dodge City and Mineola in Western KS.
  - There is a request for teams to prayer walk in some of the 11 counties in Western Kansas where no Baptist work exists, and where little evangelical ministry is taking place. We are looking for someone to lead such a group for a September date.
  - We are anticipating construction work in Dodge City next summer: 2 teams possible.
5. There are still needs for repair teams to **New Orleans** to work on homes as ministry from Arkansas churches to needy people there.

All of the above missions and ministries are opportunities for volunteers to Pray, Give, Go, and to Grow through service to and from the local church. We will discuss missions *to the end of the earth* in the next White River News.

Because He lives,  
Maurice L Hitt



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## Quick Notes:

SBC Registration Cards are available at WRBA Office

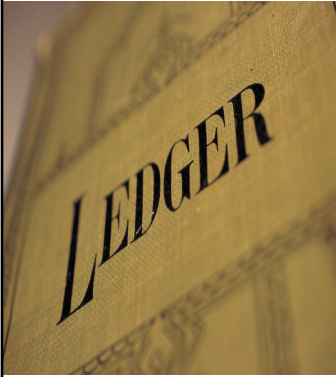
For Those Praying for Udmurtia, go to Info Center page of [www.whiteriverba.com](http://www.whiteriverba.com)

Be on the look out for Associational Missions Week material.



## White River Baptist Association Treasurer's Report April 2007

Antioch	300.00	Jordan	86.00	March 2007	
Arkana	201.52	Lone Rock	611.25	Balance	\$119,862.51
Big Flat	38.39	Midway	258.00	Church Total	12,955.13
Bruno	241.60	Mtn. Home Baptist	213.93	Note Rec.	500.00
Bull Shoals	454.39	New Hope	664.53	Bank interest	<u>418.09</u>
Clarkridge	40.66	Norfolk	173.00	Total Receipts	\$ 13,873.22
Cotter	56.04	Pilgrims Rest	100.00	Total to be	
East Oakland	19.65	Pyatt	550.22	Accounted for	\$133,735.73
East Side	3,156.77	Rea Valley	179.65	Disbursements	<u>10,572.93</u>
First Mtn. Home	3,050.00	Tomahawk	181.02	Balance	\$123,162.80
Flippin	987.78	Whiteville	75.00	Bank Balance:	
Gamaliel	22.77	Yellville	<u>377.05</u>	Operating Funds	\$ 64,207.77
Gassville	672.07	Church Total	\$12,955.13	Designated Funds	23,114.80
Henderson	134.34			Church Planting	<u>35,840.23</u>
Hilltop	25.00			Total	\$123,162.80
Hopewell	84.50			04-30-07	



## White River Baptist Association Upcoming Events

### May:

#### 10 Executive Board

Bruno Baptist Church 6:00

#### 13 Mother's Day

14 Senior Adult Task Force  
FBCMH 11:30 AM

18 Pastor/Staff Fellowship Break-  
Fast @ Baxter Inn 7:30 AM

18 Fishers of Men Dinner  
6:30 PM FBCMH

20 -27 Associational Missions  
Week

21 English as a Foreign Language

6:30 PM WRBA Office

27 World Day of Prayer & Fasting

31 English as a Foreign Language

6:30 PM WRBA Office

### June:

11 Disaster Relief Leadership Meeting  
3:30 PM WRBA Office

15 English as a Foreign Language  
6:30 PM WRBA Office

17 Father's Day

28 Missions Ministry Team Meeting  
10:00 AM WRBA Office

### Future Events

**August 1-15** Trip to Udmurtia

**September 6** Executive Board  
Meeting at East Oakland Baptist  
Church.

**September 8** Area Wide Senior  
Adult Conference

**September 29** White River Baptist  
Association/North Arkansas Baptist  
Association Disaster Relief Training  
Session @ East Side Baptist Church

**October 22** Annual Meeting  
@Jordan Baptist Church

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. 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.
2. 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.





## Two important Prayer events in May 2007

### Associational Missions Week — May 20-27, 2007 or whatever week is best for your church

We have Prayer Guides and Associational Informational folders for each church. They include a scripture and list of prayer needs for each day of the Week of Prayer for Associational Missions.

In 1707, the first Baptist association was established in America, and Baptist associations have existed and served Baptist churches for these 300 years. This year we celebrate 300 years of continuous missions and ministry of Baptist Associations, and the 167th year of missions by White River Baptist Association.

### Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization — May 27, 2007 This year the Udmurts of Russia are the emphasis for that day of prayer and fasting. That is same area where local pastors and others have been working over the last year.

CD's and/or VHS videos of the prayer needs in Udmurtia are available at the WRBA office, or you can contact IMB at <http://ime.imb.org/dayofprayer/> or call (800) 999-3113 and ask for the "Loving the Udmurts of Russia" video and other resources they offer.

**YOU ARE INVITED!**  
**Pastors and Staff Fellowship**  
**at Baxter Inn, Mountain Home:**  
**7:30 AM, May 18**

**Interested in a trip to Alaska?**  
September 7-19, 2008  
Contact Max Pyron at FBC Mountain Home  
425-6961—Informational meetings in May 2007

#### **CORRECTION:**

The Area Senior Adult Leadership Conference is scheduled for **September 8, 2007** instead of September 9 as was listed in last month's White River News.

This conference will have been over a year in its making when it occurs. Churches and associations from our region of Arkansas have been working to deal with this important subject. This conference will deal with understanding, reaching, and ministering to Senior Adults, while offering some important models of getting it done. Be on the lookout for promotional material coming your way soon.

#### **Welcome**

**Tommy and Susan Cunningham, New Pastor and Wife, Mountain Home Baptist Church.**

**David and Michelle Holman, and daughter Bethany, New Pastor and Family, Jordan First Baptist Church.**



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**Missions Opportunity**

**A VBS Team is needed to go to Western Kansas and conduct VBS's in Dodge City and Mineola from July 15 to 21, 2007. There is also a need for a plumbing team for the same week to work on restrooms in the Dodge City church.**

**Contact Maurice at WRBA office to volunteer.**

**WRBA Bible Drills**

Three churches were involved in Bible Drills this year: FBC Bull Shoals, FBC Mountain Home, FBC Yellville.

14 children participated in associational and district drills. Laura Dyuran qualified for state drills and won there. Congratulations to Laura, and all participants.

Your Associational Bible Drill Leaders are:

Brenda Meagher 870-404-8709  
Sharlene Brewer 870-405-0802

**On Mission Celebration 2008 Commitments  
April 19-23, 2008**

1. Clarkridge Baptist Church
  2. East Oakland Baptist Church
  3. East Side Baptist Church, Mountain Home
  4. First Baptist Church Mountain Home
  5. First Baptist Church, Yellville
  6. First Baptist Church, Jordan
  7. First Baptist Church, Cotter
  8. First Baptist Church, Flippin
  9. First Baptist Church, Bull Shoals
  10. Gassville Baptist Church
  11. Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church
  12. Hopewell Baptist Church
  13. Midway Baptist Church
  14. Rea Valley Baptist Church
  15. Whiteville Baptist Church
  16. Pyatt Baptist Church
  17. Mountain Home Baptist Church
  18. Bruno Baptist Church
  19. Tomahawk Baptist Church
- And*
20. Baptist Collegiate Ministry, ASU MH



Please send your commitment form to WRBA, P.O. Box 358, Flippin, AR 72634. We are hoping for 9 more churches to participate.