



# White River News

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## Message from your Missionary

### Associational Missions “to the ends of the earth”

*“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 1:8, NIV*

The concept of “to the ends of the earth” is found in different forms of the Great Commission in the New Testament. The Matthew 28:18-20, passage includes “in all nations” and “to the end of the age.” Mark 16:15 records “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (the whole creation).” Luke 24:46 uses the phrase “all the nations;” whereas Acts 1:8 emphasizes “the ends of the earth”, which carries the idea that the testimony for Christ is to be given to the last place on earth.

Therefore, we have a Great Commission that includes all peoples, nations, the world, every person, even to the last person or the last place, and until the last of the days. And, *the ends of the earth* responsibility is simultaneous to the Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria tasks.

Again, the appropriate question arises: “What has White River Baptist Association been doing about the ends of the earth?”

For this article, “TTEOTE” will be used as an abbreviation for “to the ends of the earth,” and international missions will be the focus as to what TTEOTE refers.

1. As in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, TTEOTE ministries primarily will be church-led missions. Since 2004, the following countries have been visited by local church volunteers: Brazil, Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Romania, Russia, India, China, Bulgaria, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Turkey, and Haiti. Mission volunteers involved in the above missions have come from the following churches: East Side, FBC Mountain Home, New Hope, Arkana, FBC Flippin, Rea Valley, Bull Shoals, Mountain Home Baptist, Pyatt, and FBC Yellville. Of course, the above listings come from my personal knowledge, and therefore either or both could be incomplete.
2. A mission fair was hosted by FBC Flippin in August 2005 and on April 19-23, 2008, an On Mission Celebration will be held in most WRBA churches (see page 4). The speakers for that event will include TTEOTE missionaries as well as those from Judea and Samaria ministries.
3. In the fall of each year, the WRBA Women’s Missionary Union organizes a Baptist Women’s Day of Prayer to emphasize a TTEOTE mission area and to call local women to the powerful ministry of prayer.
4. In June 2007, the association encouraged all the WRBA churches to place the Russian Republic “Udmurtia” as a prayer and fasting priority for achieving breakthrough toward this “unreached people group.”

Are the churches of WRBA “on board” with the TTEOTE part of the Great Commission? Is your association encouraging and being involved in local and world missions? From my perspective as associational missionary, I believe the answer to both is “yes!”, just as it should be. Could WRBA be doing more to encourage more Acts 1:8 involvement? Probably. But hang on, the TTEOTE task is unfinished, and neither is God finished with us.

What is your association doing in missions? The newsletters from January to now have addressed that question. However, another appropriate question is “What are you and your church doing about the Acts 1:8 challenge? That answer is in your hands.

Because He lives,  
Maurice L Hitt



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## Quick Notes:

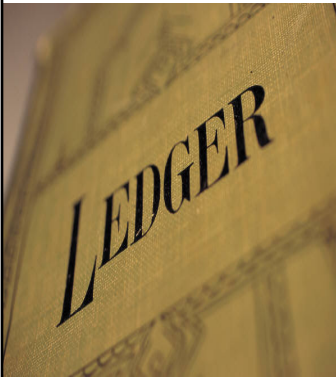
For Those Praying for Udmurtia, go to Info Center page of [www.whiteriverba.com](http://www.whiteriverba.com)

Pray for Midway Baptist Church as Pastor Bob Moon retires as of July 1, 2007.



## White River Baptist Association Treasurer's Report January 1—May 31, 2007

Antioch	1,278.40	Hopewell	443.75		
Arkana	1,099.19	Jordan	291.00	Bank Totals	\$ 67,197.10
Big Flat	175.58	Lone Rock	2,770.89	Account Receivable	2,500.00
Bruno	1,222.12	Midway	1,569.00	Other Income	1,900.00
Bull Shoals	2,748.57	Mtn. Home Baptist	1,144.60	Bank Interest	<u>1,720.79</u>
Clarkridge	263.13	New Hope	1,752.78	Total Income	\$ 73,317.89
Cotter	304.09	Norfork	1,052.00	Disbursements	<u>52,552.06</u>
East Oakland	73.88	Pilgrims Rest	500.00	Net Income	\$ 20,765.83
East Side	17,830.10	Pyatt	1,741.03		
First Mtn. Home	15,250.00	Rea Valley	1,166.85	Balance as of May 31, 2007	
Flippin	6,483.69	Tomahawk	1,057.67		
Gamaliel	175.93	Whiteville	397.83	Operating Funds	\$ 56,821.66
Gassville	3,621.64	Yellville	<u>1,968.31</u>	Designated Funds	29,964.80
Henderson	944.28	Church Total	\$67,197.10	Church Planting	<u>36,016.79</u>
Hilltop	150.00			Total	\$122,803.25



## White River Baptist Association Upcoming Events

### July:

15 Week of Mission trip to Dodge City, KS. Led by Indian Springs Baptist Church in Bryant, and Pyatt Baptist Church.

20 WRBA Senior Adults, 10:30 AM @ Mountain Home Baptist Church.

30 Final SMCGP\* meet at Gassville Baptist Church 6:30

\*Smaller Membership Church Growth Plan

### August:

1—15 English as a Foreign Language trip to Udmurtia, Russia.

9—11 Leadership Summit @ FBC Mountain Home.

13 Disaster Relief General Meeting @ El Chico's Café (conference room).

16 or 23 Administrative Team @ WRBA office 6:30 PM.

### September:

3 Labor Day — Office Closed

6 WRBA Executive Board meets @ East Oakland Baptist Church. Meal @ 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30 PM

8 Area Senior Adult Conference @ FBC Mountain Home, 10 AM — 4:30 PM

15 Dennis Swanberg @ FBC Mountain Home

29 Area Disaster Relief Training @ East Side Baptist Church: 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

### WRBA Annual Meeting

October 22 @ Jordan Baptist Church  
Sessions at 4 PM and 6:45 PM

Annual Message: Dr. David Johnson  
Doctrinal: Dr. Leonard Griffiths

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the English as a Foreign Language team serving in Udmurtia, August 1—15.
2. Pray for the team planning the On Mission Celebration for April 2008. Pray for the churches as they participate in the OMC. Pray for the missionaries who will be speaking in all the participating churches.
3. 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.
4. Pray for the teams going to Dodge City during July 15-20: Pyatt Baptist Church and Indian Spring Baptist Church of Bryant, Arkansas



## Disaster Relief News



### 1. Basic Disaster Training Opportunity

September 29, 2007 at East Side Baptist Church  
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

This Basic Training is necessary to be recognized as a Disaster Relief volunteer. And we need more volunteers!

### 2. Disaster Relief Tractor

The Executive Board of White River Baptist Association meeting at Bruno Baptist Church on May 10 authorized the purchase of a tractor to use with our Disaster Relief ministries and therefore authorized the raising of funds toward the purchase. We anticipate the cost to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

## Mission Service Need and Opportunity

**The Principles & Applications for Life**, also known as the “PAL” Program, is taught by area ministers and laymen at the Calico Rock Prison. Chaplains C. M. Howell and Alton Harrison enlist the ministers and laymen to lead studies that will affect the inmates lives whether in or out of prison. Despite successes in this program, additional teachers are in constant demand.

To serve as a teacher for the PAL Program would involve one day a week for 3 hours, 7:30 to 10:30 AM. In addition, the prison requires a 2 day state training conference held at Tucker Prison. Expenses would be borne by the participant.

If you are interested, contact Chaplain C. M. Howell at either 870-425-0733 (Home) or 870-297-3344 (Office).

## Scholarship Applications Available

Ouachita Baptist University and Williams Baptist College scholarships for 2008 are available through a WRBA application process. One scholarship to each school will be granted to high school seniors from our association. Please contact the associational office for more details. Go to **Info Center** on [www.whiteriverba.com](http://www.whiteriverba.com) to find and print a copy of either Scholarship Application, or contact WRBA office: 870-453-2575.

**Copies of a DVD presentation of the “PAL” Program at North Central Unit at Calico Rock are available at the WRBA Office.**

**Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church has offered a challenge to all WRBA churches: to match their \$1000 contribution toward the purchase of the DR tractor.**

The **Area Senior Adult Leadership Conference** is scheduled for **September 8, 2007**.

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.

## Senior Adult Ministry News

**July 20, 2007 — Mountain Home Baptist Church**  
10:30AM — 12:00 Noon

**Area Wide Senior Adult Leadership Conference**  
September 8, 2007 — FBC Mountain Home

**Area Wide Senior Adult Encouragement Night**  
September 15, 2007 — FBC Mountain Home  
Featuring Dennis Swanberg



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**Newsletter Change**

**We are changing the production of our newsletter from monthly to bi-monthly, due to postage increases. Hence, this newsletter is listed as June-July 2007.**

**The Newsletter is available at the Info Center at our website ([www.whiteriverba.com](http://www.whiteriverba.com)), and can be emailed to you upon request.**

**WRBA Bible Drills (Corrected)**

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. In addition to Laura Dyuran mentioned last month, Taylor Williams, Travis Williams, and Annie Sykes qualified for state drills and won there. Congratulations to Laura, Taylor, Travis, Annie, and all those who participated.

Your Associational Bible Drill Leaders are:  
Brenda Meagher 870-404-8709  
Sharlene Brewer 870-405-0802

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

1. Bruno Baptist Church
2. Bull Shoals First Baptist Church
3. Cotter First Baptist Church
4. Clarkridge Baptist Church
5. East Oakland Baptist Church
6. East Side Baptist Church, Mountain Home
7. Flippin First Baptist Church
8. First Baptist Church Mountain Home
9. Gamaliel Baptist Church
10. Gassville Baptist Church
11. Hopewell Baptist Church
12. Jordan First Baptist Church
13. Lone Rock Baptist Church
14. Midway Baptist Church
15. Mountain Home Baptist Church
16. New Hope Baptist Church
17. Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church
18. Pyatt Baptist Church
19. Rea Valley Baptist Church
20. Tomahawk Baptist Church
21. Whiteville Baptist Church
22. Yellville First Baptist Church



**And  
23. Baptist Collegiate Ministry, ASU MH**

Please send your commitment form to WRBA, P.O. Box 358, Flippin, AR 72634. We are 6 churches from having every WRBA church committed to participate.