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**The Newsletter
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 Association
 "Living Faith,
 Sharing Love,
 Changing Lives"**

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Please send your announcements for the Advancer to 814 Webb Circle, Lenoir City, TN 37771 or e-mail to: traci@lcchurches.com

Announcements must be in by the 10th of the month to be inserted into that month's newsletter.

The Advancer



**Building Powerful Ministry
 Teams Workshop led by
 Willie McLaurin
 September 5-6, 2008
 Fri. 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Sat. 8:30-12:00 noon
 At the Loudon County
 Baptist Association Office**

This life-changing and ministry-changing workshop helps ministry leadership walk away with clear biblical principles for building a great ministry team, fix a broken one, or improve one that is already in touch with God's heart and God's ways. Bring your ministry team and join us for this **FREE** workshop! To learn more about this event or to RSVP contact our office at 986-2292.

**Loudon County Baptist Association
 Financial Activity Report
 July 2008**

Budget Account:

Beginning Balance	\$12367.11
Receipts	\$14,711.08
Expenses	\$17,112.98
Account Balance	\$9,965.21

Going Beyond Designated:

Beginning Balance	\$1044.71
Receipts	\$50.00
Expenses	\$0
Account Balance	\$1094.71

Building Fund Designated:

Beginning Balance	\$6,344.50
Receipts	\$
Expenses	\$1,159.72
Account Balance	\$5,184.78

On Mission Celebration Designated:

Beginning Balance	\$62.35
Receipts	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Account Balance	\$62.35

World Changers Designated:

Beginning Balance	\$2716.27
Receipts	\$1303.76
Expenses	\$4020.03
Account Balance	\$0

Hispanic Ministry Checking Account:

Beginning Balance	\$5,236.54
Receipts	\$3,160.91
Expenses	\$4,525.76
Account Balance	\$3,871.69

Tennessee Baptist Foundation Balance \$10565.28

**Ladies Night Out
 Thursday, September 18, 2008
 at Dixie Lee Baptist Church**

The year's Ladies Night Out entitled "Called To Love" is scheduled for Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Dixie Lee Baptist Church. The special Guest Speaker is Rosalie Hunt, president of Alabama WMU. The cost is \$15.00 per person. The registration forms and fees will be due no later than September 8. If you need additional registration forms or more information about this event, please contact the association office. We will be collecting baby diapers and wipes for this year's mission project. You may bring those on that night.

Bob's Banderol...



The 29th Olympiad has begun with a flurry. The Opening Ceremony was unbelievable with the Chinese putting on a great show. The things that they did were awesome. There has been drama with the Hamm twins having to pull out due to injury in gymnastics and the father-in-law of the men's assistant volleyball coach being killed by a crazed man. Yet excitement fills the air with some great action taking place. The Men's gymnastics team, even without the Hamm twins, dug deep down and pulled out the bronze medal. Michael Phelps is on pace to break Mark Spitz's mark in winning 8 gold medals in a single Olympic game. There continues to be story after story coming out of these Olympic games which are both heartbreaking and triumphant. For stories of some of the Christian athletes go to www.bpsports.net. The athletes either shine on the international stage or many fall on their face. Each one handles the pressure differently. They strive for the goal. They struggle to reach for the prize. They each want to participate in the greatest sports arena in the world, the Olympics.

The Bible says in Hebrews 12:1 that we are to put off anything that weighs us down and run the race that God has put before us. How are you running your race? Have you set aside those things that are holding you back? Is there any unconfessed sin in your life? The Olympic athletes train for 4 years to run their race. Many of those races are over in seconds yet they commit to that time for many years. Only a select few will earn medals yet they all prepare to participate in their event. We are in the race of life. How are you running? Do you prepare yourself everyday to run the race of life? Do you have a time of prayer and Bible reading each day? Are you being faithful to God? Will God be able to say to you at the end of your life, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Hope Resource Center is coming to Lenoir City in September. What is this center all about? Here are some of the services they offer: Pregnancy test, peer support groups, educational classes, STD testing, ultrasound, and a Just Wait abstinence program. They will also need volunteers to help them with this center. If you would like more info please go to their website: www.HopeRC.org. You can also call their office @ 865-525-4673. Let's pray that God will use this ministry in our community!

Living Faith, Sharing Love, Changing Lives Bob

Iglesia Bautista LaCruz

Maria, our girls and I had a marvelous mission trip to Venezuela. I think I had mentioned that we worked with four local churches in Venezuela and coordinated volunteer teams from four U.S. churches to minister together in the Venezuelan Andes mountains. We conducted four free medical clinics and two VBS activities. Nearly 400 individuals made decisions while we were there. Please pray now for the pastors and church leaders that are doing the follow up work there. Upon our return to the U.S., I was very pleased with the reports that were shared about the Iglesia Bautista La Cruz. Valentin Navarro, my apprentice at La Cruz, did an outstanding job ministering the Word and encouraging the saints. Attendance and offerings stayed strong and ministry continued. Our first Sunday back the church had planned a reception for us complete with tasty tamales and delicious rice pudding dessert. We are thankful to God for their kindness, because it indicates to me that the church loves us and has accepted me as their pastor.

The first weekend of August we held VBS at the church. I was pleased with the participation of our church members, however, would have liked to have reached more children. We enrolled 29 people and had one adult saved. Most of the children that came were under 5 years old, so consequently we did not push or manipulate them to make decisions. However, we praise the Lord for the adult man that prayed to receive Christ.

This past weekend was a great time of fellowship for all of our Baptist Hispanic churches in East TN. We held our 2nd annual Hispanic Family Camp -Out at Camp Ba-Yo-Ca in Sevierville. Over 150 people participated from 5 churches. We had a great time of worship, which was led by the worship team from La Cruz, challenging messages and conferences to encourage the family from Jaime Betancourt and myself. The youth, singles and children also had conferences and activities designed to strengthen their walk with Christ. Sunday, August 10 all of our churches gathered together in Bean Station, TN at beautiful Harrell Park on Cherokee Lake for a joint worship and baptism service. Over 600 people were in attendance and 30 people were baptized into the body of Christ! Of those 30 people baptized, three of them are from La Cruz. Please pray for our ESL ministry that began August 11 and will continue through the school year every Monday at 7 p.m. We are thankful for the ESL ministry team that God has given us and their obedience to His CALL!! God Bless you.

Blessings, Brother William

WMU Highlights



SEPTEMBER 7-14 IS THE 2008 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS AND GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS
2008 Theme *"Time to Tell The Story"*



Don't forget about the WMU Leaders Training on August 23rd @ Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville. Conferences for all Church Mission Leaders. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Make checks payable to TBC along with the registered number of attending and mail to: TN WMU, PO Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024. If you need to carpool, please call the association office.

Attention Girls In Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Children in Action! JAM is coming on October 11 at First Baptist Church, Morristown, Tennessee

What is JAM? An exciting one-day missions event for children in grades 1-6 and their leaders, including members of Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Children



Thanks again LCBA for the donations to the Mission house. We received sheets, towels, paper products, donations to buy a new vacuum cleaner, dvd player, cd player, and many other things. The response was awesome! Thank you for your support!

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

Mark your calendars! On November 3 we will be hosting The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer at the Loudon County Baptist Association Office. Look for more information in next month's issue of the Advancer.

Church News

First Baptist Church, Lenoir City is now an Extension Center for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Fall Session begins August 18. The three classes offered this semester are Personal Spiritual Disciplines, Church History I, and Church History II. For more information contact First Baptist Church at 986-9066 or Southern Seminary at 1-800-626-5525.



A Worldcraft Party hosted by Corinth Baptist Church, Loudon on Monday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. For more information, you may contact Carolyn Shope at 458-2315.



You are invited to a Revival at Silver Ridge Baptist Church, Lenoir City September 8-13 7:00 p.m. Jerry Vittatoe and Luke Kidwell's messages that week will bless your heart. The worship through music will be incredible! You don't want to miss it!

Association News

Each month we will be adopting a school in Loudon County. Loudon Elementary School is our first project this year. They have requested headphones, Kleenex, wide-ruled notebook paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes, Germ X, Expo markers, and 1" white vinyl notebooks. If you would like to participate in this project, please collect items and bring them to the association office by September 12.



Association Wide Disciple Now **THE journey** Event Informational Meeting will be on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Loudon County Baptist Association Office. All pastors, youth directors, and youth volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Seminary Extension classes will resume at the LCBA office building on September 4 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the association.