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Volunteers For The Christian Ministry Center Thrift Store

Mon. 6-1 Sherry Jones
Tues. 6-2 Nancy Patterson
Wed. 6-3 Velma Ragon & Sandra Wade
Thurs. 6-4 Pat Jenkins
Fri. 6-5 Sherry Jones
Sat. 6-6 **Closed**

Mon. 6-8 Terry Foster & Sherry Jones
Tues. 6-9 Nancy Fetner
Wed. 6-10 Teresa Gibson
Thurs. 6-11 Nancy Patterson
Fri. 6-12 Loraine Poore
Sat. 6-13 **Closed**

Mon. 6-15 Betty Kay Wheelles
Tues. 6-16 Lounell Sprayberry
Wed. 6-17 Clara Jordan
Thurs. 6-18 Johnnie Burdetter
Fri. 6-19 Sandra Wade
Sat. 6-20 **Closed**

Mon. 6-22 Sandra Wade
Tues. 6-23 Joyce Haralson & Faye Newton
Wed. 6-24 Loraine Poore & Jean Moncus
Thurs. 6-25 Ralph Conville & Jason Hanson
Fri. 6-26 Sherry Jones
Sat. 6-27 **Closed**

Mon. 6-29 Sandra Wade
Tues. 6-30 Nancy Patterson

Christmas Backpacks

Due September 21, 2020

This year our Christmas backpacks will be going to Porterdale Elementary School in Porterdale, GA. Please designate your backpack for boy or girl and K-3rd grade or 4th-6th grade. We will be joining the Ladies of Grace from Grace Baptist Church of Newton County to provide these backpacks. Our association goal is 50 backpacks. These backpacks should be turned in to the office by **September 21st.**

Include: School supplies, toys, blankets, hat, gloves, and non-perishable food products are welcomed.

Office & Thrift Store

will open regular
hours on
Monday 6-1-20

Thrift Store Hours

Mon.—Thurs. 9am-3pm
Friday— 9am-4pm

NOTICE

Executive Committee

**Sunday June 14
2:30pm at the**

**Carey Baptist
Association**

School Backpack Ministry

Due July 20

Items to include in each backpack :

Pencils, Crayola Crayons, Crayola washable markers, Crayola colored pencils, Scissors, Composition Notebooks for ages (5-8) Loose Leaf paper inside 1 inch white binder for ages (9-12), small school box, Clorox wipes, Germ X, Box of tissues. 1 special gift (toy, stuffed animal, etc.) Other items can be included. Backpacks will go to Clay County children in need. Foster children with DHR and the elementary schools will receive these backpacks.

Backpacks are due by July 20

ATTENTION Ministers

"An Hour of Power"

Saturday June 13th @ 9am
Carey Baptist Association

Food & Fellowship for Ministers

Jail Ministry Schedule

June 7 **Robbie Andrews**
June 14 **Tramaine Solomon**
June 21 **Billy McVey**
June 28 **Josh Barkley**

Cheaha Ministry Schedule

June 7 Lystra/Josh Barkley
June 14 New Fellowship/Roger Griffith
June 21 Father's Day Chris Smith/Donna
June 28 Delta/Clay Lovelady

July 5 Billy Todd/Donna Frames
July 12 Liberty/Jon Adams/Donna Frames
July 19 Barfield/John Howell
July 26 Mt. Zion/Jason Watkins

August 2 Billy Todd/Donna Frames
August 9 Bennie Yates/Donna Frames
August 16 Delta/Clay Lovelady
August 23 Olive Branch/Richie Farrow
August 30 Mt. Prospect/Brandon Owens

Sept. 6 Billy Todd/Donna Frames
Sept. 13 Billy Todd/Donna Frames
Sept. 20 Concord/Mark Kytan
Sept. 27 Corinth/ Kenneth Fuller

Oct. 4 Race Weekend— No Service
Oct. 11 Billy Todd/Donna Frames
Oct. 18 Delta/Clay Lovelady
Oct. 25 Bowden Grove/ Greg Dempsey

June 21, 2020





From My Heart

Is this “Stay At Home” stuff getting old enough for you? Well, I propose that what Jesus may have been telling His disciples in John 15 was that they were “Safer at Home,” more productive abiding in Him. Most of the time in our churches the major thought of John 15 is “you **must** bear fruit.” **That’s not the message that Jesus gave!**

In writing to the believers in Corinth, Paul said to be careful not to lose the simplicity of Christ. When Adam ate from that tree, he removed us from simplicity. In the garden of Eden all man knew was God. He had not eaten from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He didn’t even know what good and evil were. He didn’t know about doing right and not doing wrong. It was a relationship. When Adam ate from that tree, he took us out of simplicity and put us into complexity — What’s the right thing to do? What’s the wrong thing to do? How do I do it? We went from relationship to rules, from a Person to principles. It was complex.

Jesus came to restore us to simplicity. And on that final night there was one supreme call placed upon our lives – **abide** in Christ, **rest** in Jesus. He illustrated it for us as a vine and branches. Branches do not produce fruit. The only responsibility of the branch is to stay intimately connected to the vine. In the New Covenant, we are already placed in intimate union with the vine.

So what does Jesus mean when He says to “abide” in an imperative form of a verb? It simply means to “**stay where you are.**” Stay put. Don’t look for life in anything other than Jesus. Why do we stay intimately connected? Why do we not look for life in things other than Jesus? Because Jesus is the only One that can produce fruit. We don’t produce fruit. We bear it.

Galatians 5:22-23 talks about the fruit of our lives, “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;*” When it talks about the fruit of our lives that gets expressed through us to others, it’s called the “*Fruit of the Spirit*”, not the fruit of the believer. Fruit is never for the Tree, it’s for others to enjoy.

We have entered into a life that can fill us so completely that we don’t have to strive and achieve to add to that fullness. We can instead rest content in it and express it so that others can come and taste of the God who lives in us, and find that He is good. By His Grace, they will put faith in Him as we have put faith in Him, and in turn, become fruit bearers.

Your associational missionary.

Bruce

Apologetics

An Apologist is a person who gives a defense of a belief or idea. A Christian Apologist is one who makes a defense of the Christian Faith in Jesus Christ. Ravi Zacharias was one of the very best at this ministry. Born in India, immigrated to Canada in 1966 and lived in Atlanta, GA for the past 36 years - died Tuesday morning May 19 at age 74, a few months after being diagnosed with cancer.

I have been reading about Ravi, studying apologetics this past month and recommend you reading his testimony or watching some of his interviews. This article is about some of the things I have picked up in witnessing to faith in Jesus by doing the very thing I am recommending.

We live in a very Pluralistic society and culture these days. Pluralism is believing in more than one source of ultimate reality. It’s where persons or groups ethnically, racially or religiously hold beliefs, traditions, ethics and culture in common. We are trying to reach people of different worldviews. There is even a “new spirituality” that says make your own rules, own laws, own beliefs, own authority, path to God – your own spirituality. So when you are trying to reach someone, be sensitive to what he/she holds valuable.

Ravi would put it this way, There’s been such a shift in the cultural way of thinking about religion and spirituality. People will say things like, “I’m not into religion, I’m into spirituality.” The new spirituality has become a smorgasbord of ideas. Pulling together this and that from ancient and modern ideas making it look sophisticated. Basically this new spirituality is a different path to making Self god and the end result is the same, leaving one empty with a God shaped vacuum that only God is big enough to fill.

Zacharias saw people’s objections and questions not as something to be rebutted, but as a cry of the heart that had to be answered.” People weren’t logical problems waiting to be solved; they were people who needed the Person of Christ. So as an apologist, do your homework and know how to present the answer, but do it with gentleness and meekness. Ravi would say, 1 Peter 3:15 would be the verse he would leave with you, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (KJV)

Reopening Supplies

From Dr. Rick Lance
Facebook Post Reply

One Source Office Products in Northport was able to help us out said Seth Hood.

www.Onesourceop.com

A Religious Organization in Colorado Springs, Colorado - Outreach Inc. Discounted hand sanitizer, dispensers and face masks www.Outreach.com

Daniel Smith replied with Wholesale & Supply Store, Paper Plus of Athens AL www.Paperplusofathens.com

Enterprise Paper & Janitorial

is where we got hand sanitizer and a product called HALT to mix disinfectant spray said Mona Crawford. See their Facebook Page.

Fast Fixing Foods Boaz, AL They have in stock Ultimate Sanitizer a gallon concentrate for \$19.90. You mix 1 ounce of concentrate with a gallon so would get 128 gallons of sanitizer per gallon concentrate.

www.fastfixinfoods.com

Keith Hinson said, “For my home, I ordered hand sanitizer that also serves also as a surface sanitizer from a firm in Pelham, Alabama. It is “NON-GEL” and took a little “getting used to,” but we’re happy with it.

<https://researchsolutionsstore.com/>

My Pillow in Chaska, Minnesota has Face Masks. Founder Mike Lindell has a powerful Christian Testimony in his book.

www.mypillow.com/face-masks.html

Pants Store has hand sanitizer and masks. www.pantsstore.com

Tracy shared Wells Printing, Promotional & Mailing business service in Montgomery AL

www.wellsprinting.com

D Whitt Hibbs posted the company Pro Chem Inc., in Alpharetta, GA

www.prochemic.com