

THE BAPTIST HERALD

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*Thirty-six
Churches on Mission*

Big Ridge

Buff Creek

Calvary

Cashiers

Cullouhce Valley

Dicks Creek

El Centro Del Señor

East Fork

Faith

Greens Creek

Hamburg

Hyatts Chapel

Jarrett Memorial

La Primera Iglesia

Bautista De Amor

Liberty

Lighthouse

Little Savannah

Locust Field

Long Branch

Lovedale

Moses Creek

Mt. Pleasant

New Hope

New Savannah

Ochre Hill

Old Savannah

Pine Creek

Promised Land

Rockdale

Scotts Creek

Shoal Creek

Sols Creek

Speedwell

Unity

Webster

Wilkesdale

Thoughts from the Director of Missions

I write to you with a troubled heart. I try to be upbeat and look on the good side of things, but I am more and more troubled as the days progress. One of the things that is troubling me is the continual spread of alcohol in our society. This “demon liquid” has ruined so many lives and yet we continue to let its influence continue to spread. Coming up this year, possibly in May, we have an opportunity to stop the spread of alcohol sales in Jackson County.

At the January Executive meeting, I was instructed to contact the churches about their participation in protesting the upcoming vote to allow alcohol sales throughout all of Jackson County. The Association plans to send a letter to the newspapers in the County stating our opposition to this vote a couple of weeks before the vote. If you have not followed closely, you might not have noticed that this vote would allow beer, wine and hard liquor to be sold anywhere in the county. This vote would pave the way for more liquor stores and bars anywhere, even near your home or church.

We as Baptists have a long history of fighting against this scourge and I am calling for you to stand up as churches and individuals. Please pray that God will guide your church and you personally about how you can fight this vote. I will be getting a letter out to all of the churches to see if each church wants to be included in the letter to the editor from the Association and I encourage each Baptist in this county to write one of their own.

Even though I am calling for all Baptists in the county to fight against the plague of alcohol usage, I believe that the root problem is heart related. In many communities that an alcohol vote has passed, it passed because church going Christians voted to allow it in. How can Christian stand in support of such a menace? It is because we have gotten far away from our Lord and His word. As I mentioned last month, we should be “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:16) If defeated, this vote will come again unless we get serious about following after God and working for the salvation of many in our county. Please continue to pray for revival in your Association and your church, and let it begin in your heart.

May God bless,
Gerald Morris

2011 Annual Minutes Completed

Your church can now pick up the 2011 annual minutes at the Baptist Center. Each church gets two.



Pastors' Fellowship

Tuesday, February 7, 12:00
Baptist Center

Please come and fellowship with other pastors in the association. Just bring your lunch and fellowship while you eat. Rev. David Souderes, pastor of Old Savannah Baptist will be leading the devotion.

