



Regional Hispanic Ministry

Interpreted for members/ prospects in Jackson and Haywood Counties at schools, doctors, mechanics, and hospitals.

Held "Cine y Cena (Dinner and Movie) Fellowships with both congregations. We showed the film, "Candle in the Darkness: The Story of William Carey." This went with our theme of International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas offering. At El Centro del Señor our Missions Team prepared a meal to sell in order to collect for our Christmas offering. The event in Cullowhee was held on Dec. 17th. Casa de Dios had its Fellowship on Dec. 23rd at the Haywood Baptist Association building.

Casa de Dios has moved its Friday Bible

Study to the Haywood Baptist Association building. We have grown in attendance. This has meant that the homes of our members are not big enough. This is a challenge that we are glad to have!

Fruitland's new Sylva Campus for Hispanic students had a successful first quarter. Currently, there are 16 students enrolled for these Saturday morning classes. Our winter quarter began on January 7, 2012.

The children of both congregations were given Christmas gifts provided by Christians in Haywood and Jackson Counties. Bethel Baptist (Canton) took care of all the kids at Casa de Dios. **Scotts Creek Baptist Church** and The Christmas Store (Sylva) made sure that all of the children of El Centro del Señor were provided for. We are especially grateful to Francis Burris (Bethel), Elaine White (Cullowhee Methodist and the ladies of Scotts Creek Baptist.



Dedicated in Honor of Hazel Monteith

The 2011 Annual Minutes are dedicated in honor of Hazel Lola Monteith. She was born on November 1, 1923 at Balsam, North Carolina.

Hazel went to Tuckaseegee Elementary School grades 1-3, then Cullowhee and graduated Cullowhee High School. After high school, she went to business school in Del Rio, Texas.

She married Olin C. Monteith and they had two children. - Jerry Monteith of Cobden, Illinois and Pam Crane of Summerfield, North Carolina. She has two grandsons: Matthew Monteith, a college freshman in Chicago, Illinois and Jackson Crane, a sophomore in college at UNC Charlotte.

Hazel has always been active in the church. She has served as Sunday School teacher, assistant pianist, church clerk and as a member of the building and grounds committee. One of her favorite times was when she taught in the Junior Department and had a Junior choir, taking them to sing at other churches. She and Olin also had many, many ball games in the field behind their house.

She has always been involved with the WMU and supported missions. Her interest in missions took her to Brazil on a mission trip when John Reid was Director of Missions in the Tuckaseegee Association. She has served as different officers in the association and on committees.

Hazel is presently a member of the choir at Lovedale, pianist for the nursing home ministry, assistant Sunday School teacher and is responsible for sending birthday, sympathy and get well cards to the Lovedale members.

Dedicated in Honor of Rev. Charles Carnes



The 2011 Annual Minutes are dedicated in honor of Rev. Charles Carnes. Charles "Sunny" Carnes was born on July 8th 1935. He married his wife, Eula, on March 8th, 1958. They have two children, Billy and Erika. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Charles accepted Christ as his Savior in 1958 at Long Branch Baptist Church. He then announced his call to preach in 1966. He became the pastor of Locust Field Baptist Church in August of 1971 where he remained until his retirement in 2007.

Between 1973 and 1974 Charles had the opportunity to baptize 23 people. That was the most baptisms of any church during that year. In addition to pastoring for so many years Charles also has taken the time to teach several Bible studies in churches throughout our area.

Dedicated in Honor of Rev. T. Walter Middleton



The 2011 Annual Minutes are dedicated in honor of Rev. T. Walter Middleton. He was born in 1918.

Walter held several leadership roles in the association before becoming the Director of Missions of Tuckaseegee Baptist Association. He held this position from 1968 until 1976. He was the minister for several churches in this area and helped in a lot of revivals. He is an outstanding storyteller and has written several published books about his experiences and stories he has heard throughout his life about Western North Carolina.

Walter Middleton survived more than 3-1/2 years of imprisonment by the Japanese during World War II. Starting with the Bataan Death March (a forced march of 70,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war captured by the Japanese in the Philippines), followed by a China Sea crossing in the Hell Ships, and finally liberation from a slave labor camp in Mukden, Manchuria, he saw humanity at its worst and at its best. His salvation from his ordeal was his Christian upbringing, and he turned to God as he had been taught all his life.