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**Secretary’s office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

***If you have information that you would like to have included in our monthly newsletter, please call or email the UBA office by the 20th of the month. We would be happy to promote any special events (revival, singing group, special programs/ministries, etc.)***

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*We would like to welcome Bro. Marvin Ballard as a new pastor in our association. Bro. Marvin is the new pastor of Seven Mile. He and his wife, Kim, come from Weaver Creek Baptist Church****.***

**In observance of the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, the UBA Office will be closed December 24th through January 2nd. This newsletter includes information for December and January. We will not be mailing out a newsletter at the end of December.**

 Let us help you reach out to the 35 homes that surround your church. Get your church to commit to this challenge and the association will set up an eight week prayer guide to use when praying for these homes. Then, we will help in a door- to-door survey to help you find physical and spiritual needs your church can assist the residents with. A training session for your congregation called, “The Three Circles” will be given to you to use in sharing the gospel within these homes. Accept the challenge and let’s see what God will allow us to do in sharing His gospel in your community. Letters have been sent out to the pastor encouraging them to accept this challenge.

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the coming year!

Terry Mathis

Beverly Turner

***UBA theme for 2015:***

***THE POWER OF ‘AND’***

***It’s you AND me working TOGETHER to bear witness to the POWER OF JESUS CHRIST in Jerusalem, AND in all Judea AND Samaria, AND to the ends of the Earth***

**DECEMBER & JANUARY**

**Pastors’ Birthdays:**

Dec. 12 – John Windings-Worship Leader, Metropolis 1st

Dec. 17 – Ben Hottel – Hillerman

Jan. 3 – Terry Mathis, UBA Director of Missions

Jan. 26 – Matt Snell, Dixon Springs

**Pastor’s Wife Birthdays**

Dec. 5 – Janine Williams, wife of Stephen Williams,

Pastor of Simpson

Dec. 24 – Sara Forthman, wife of Frank Forthman, Jr.

Pastor of New Hope

Jan. 19 – Pauline Gholson, wife of Bill Gholson

Pastor of New Salem

Jan. 19 – Vickie O’Neal, wife of Gary O’Neal

Pastor of Cypress 1st

**Pastor & Wife Anniversary**

Dec. 24 – Jerry & Elaine Jackson, Mt. Zion

**Pastor Church Anniversary**

**December:** David “Buck” Siere – Brookport 1st, 2003

Frank Forthman, Jr. – New Hope, 2005

**January:** Terry Mathis – UBA Director of Missions, 1997

David Wright – Joppa Missionary, 2001

David Atwell – Worship Leader, Waldo Missionary, 2001

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***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in October)***

Brookport First $ 400.13

County Line $ 200.00

Cypress First $ 57.45

Dixon Springs $ 151.00

Hillerman Missionary $ 452.70

Immanuel $ 213.96

Joppa Missionary $ 758.53

Karnak First $ 597.02

Life Church Eastland $ 200.00

Metropolis First $ 4,500.36

Mt. Zion $ 366.10

New Beginnings $ 78.98

New Hope $ 2,449.33

New Salem $ 30.00

Oak Grove $ 40.46

Seven Mile $ 0.00

Simpson $ 208.00

Vienna First $ 866.68

Waldo $ 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 25.00

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