

**“See You at the Pole” –**

**September 25th**

Pray for students, around the nation, as they meet around the flag pole to pray for their schools and teachers.

**Pastor Birthdays**

**Sept. 5 – Glenn Coram, Immanuel**

**September 12 – David Atwell**

**Music Director, Waldo**

**September 17 – Jimmy Wilson,**

**Oak Grove**

**Pastor Church Anniversaries**

**Ben Hottel, Hillerman (2011)**

**Cliff Easter, Youth Minister**

**Metropolis First (2002)**

**Baptist Children’s Home Fall Festival**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**

Enjoy lots of game booths, a free lunch, entertainment, quilt auction, and a silent auction of crafts and specialty items.

UBA CHURCHES: Please bring your items for the silent auction to the UBA Office by **Wednesday, the 18th**. We have volunteers who will take them to the home. We’re asking our churches to please bring a lot of cookies! The free food tent ran out last year.

***SEPTEMBER 2ND***

***OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED***

*A big thank you to the following churches who have given to our 2013 Annual Love Offering:*

*Joppa Missionary, Simpson, County Line, Dixon Springs, New Hope, Waldo, Metropolis First, Mt. Zion, Karnak, Cypress, Oak Grove, Hillerman, Brookport, and Immanuel. Our total Love Offering to date is $4,326.86!*

 We live in a world where everyone is so busy. This also falls over into the ministry of the gospel. Many congregations have a very high expectation from their pastor, yet he is as busy as everyone else. Thom Ranier ran a recent survey that asked lay people of various churches how many hours a week they expected their pastor to spend in certain areas. The result was very surprising and not realistic. Here are the results of the survey:

* Prayer in church – 14 hours
* Sermon Preparation – 18 hours
* Outreach & Evangelism – 10 hours
* Counseling – 10 hours
* Hospital & home visits – 15 hours
* Administrative functions – 18 hours
* Community Involvement – 5 hours
* Denominational Involvement – 5 hours
* Church Meetings – 5 hours
* Worship & preaching – 4 hours
* Other – 10 hours

Yet, in this survey, I did not see any requirements for personal growth. So many times, we expect unrealistic requirements from our pastor and avoid giving him the most important time he needs - time with family and time for personal growth with God. Without either, a pastor is not going to be very productive for the Lord.

If you want to help your pastor do a better job, give him time to do these two things more and less pressure to do the other activities listed above. I guarantee you that God will bless your pastor, your church, and your ministry to the community.

Serving the Lord Together,

Terry Mathis, Director of Missions

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

***Church Contributions for Budget***

***(rec’d & deposited in July)***

Brookport First $ 527.00

County Line $ 200.00

Cypress First $ 0.00

Dixon Springs $ 221.00

Eastland $ 291.00

Hillerman $ 534.45

Immanuel $ 250.69

Joppa Missionary $ 993.75

Karnak First $ 583.40

Metropolis First $ 2,350.00

Mt. Zion $ 315.24

New Beginnings $ 386.13

New Hope $ 2,265.05

New Salem $ 33.00

Oak Grove $ 54.25

Seven Mile $ 0.00

Simpson $ 208.00

Vienna First $ 433.33

Waldo $ 466.67

Weaver Creek $ 0.00

***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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