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"Cooperating Together for Kingdom Impact"



A Word from Our Lead *Missional* Strategist

Dear Friends,

As we near the end of the year, I want to look at the amazing movement of God during 2019. I am grateful to be just a small part of what God is doing. NCFBA was part of planting two new churches and brought in another church plant during 2019. Three new plants this year, and we are anticipating planting a bi-lingual church and sponsoring another church plant in 2020 because of your faithful partnership.

Many of you have heard of the wonderful partnership we have with our **Christian Counselor, David Reed**, in our office on 39th Avenue in Gainesville. And with the closing of Country Crossroads Baptist Church, Pastor Ray DeBusk left an even greater blessing for the Association. In the NCFBA North Building on SR 121 we have two exciting developments. On the ground floor there is a church plant (**Walk By Faith**) with Pastor Cornell Denson leading the charge to reach the surrounding community. On the second floor, we are excited to announce our partnership as of June 2019 with **Identify Ministries** and Derek Paul. Derek is available to share with you and your church how you can be an authentic minister of the Gospel to those with gender dysphoria and sexual confusion. My children share just how relevant this

is today as there are multiple students in their school claiming same sex attraction. Derek can come to your church and speak to you or to your youth group. He also does discipleship with people and families in our Association struggling with sexual identity issues.

We have connected pastors, ministries and members throughout the year. We have helped partner churches find furniture, educational materials, food, equipment, and bibles to build up their members. I have had the pleasure to encourage, equip, and pray with our pastors in more than 200 meetings throughout the year. Hundreds of people have been blessed through our homeless ministries, furniture ministry, women at risk ministry, evangelism trailer, and multiple workshops in 2019. We have reached thousands with the gospel because of you and your churches. Thank you. Thank you for praying. Thank you for partnering with your time and church members. Thank you for giving. May 2020 be even more effective for the Gospel as we seek to work together.

Merry Christmas and God Bless each of you!

Jeffrey

*"Thanks be to
God for his
indescribable gift!"
2 Corinthians 9:15*



Ministry Update from your Church and Community Ministries Director

Greetings from Steven and Sylvia.

As I write this article, Sylvia and I are planning our Thanksgiving dinner. Beside several family members, we reach out to church friends that may not have family in the area, and invite them too. We love being their "family." We also love to invite those that may spend the holiday alone. Do you have someone in your church or living near you that would enjoy an invitation to your dinner? What an opportunity to share how no matter our failures, God continues to bless us in a mighty way.

Christmas is here! This is our holiday, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. God in the flesh came to live with mankind, and Jesus the Christ is present today in the life of every believer. Read the Christmas story in Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-12; and Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20.



Our December starts with FBC Gainesville serving a meal and providing fellowship with the residents of Grace Marketplace on December 7th. Then FBC High Springs serving a meal for the Helping Hands ladies on December 12th. Association churches are also providing 70 Christmas Wish List bags to Helping Hands. (We still need some items on the lists.)

It warms my heart to hear from churches on their giving activities at Christmas. From Operation Christmas Child – thousands of Children will have a Christmas. Some have Angel Trees of families in need, some are adopting families to provide a wonderful meal or Christmas gifts, and others are feeding their local community.

These acts remind us all that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Do you feel that you are not qualified, not able, or too young or old to serve God? Remember Mary. Mary was an unlikely candidate to be honored with the role of mother to the Savior. She was a young, poor female. In her day, these traits disqualified her as someone God would use for any important purpose. Like Mary, you may feel less than

qualified to serve God. But Mary trusted God and humbly obeyed him. Don't set limits on God and what he may want to do with your life. He will use you, too, if you trust in him.

We want to thank you all for what you have done in the name of our Lord! This song has been stuck in my head all day, so I wanted to share:

We wish you a Merry Christmas!
We wish you a Merry Christmas!
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
and a Happy New Year!

May God bless you, your family, your church, your pastor, and your church family!

Steven & Sylvia

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."
Galatians 5:13



Falling Upward Counseling... David's Corner...

*Hi, this is **David, Mental Health and Marriage and Family Counselor** working out of your Association building. Remember, I'm here to help. (And you get a discount.!) It's the Holiday Season and these can be tough times for all of us. I work with individuals ages 12 and up, couples, and families. If you or someone you know needs some extra support, insight, or guidance, please contact me. dreed@wedrdave.com, phone: 352/284.7718.*

I wish you a Merry season of Thanksgiving and Rejoicing. Our God is good!

David



Associational Prayer Council

The Prayer Council **is in need of someone(s)** to lead this very important ministry.



Someone with passion as a **Prayer Warrior!!** We will be praying for and lifting up the needs of our churches, pastors, our communities, our country and the

LOST!!! YOU can be a part of this

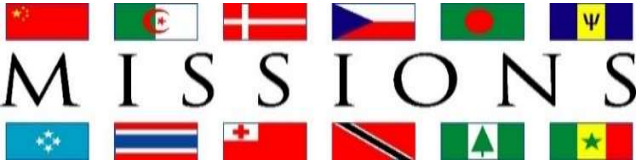
amazing group. The Prayer Warriors will be **meeting at the Association Office** in December.

Come **WORSHIP** in prayer and be blessed. Join us **Saturday, December 7th from 10 am to noonish.**



Prayer Requests

The **"World Impact Fund"** is available to our



churches!!! This fund is for individuals and churches who wish to send a gift to help with mission trips. This money will be used for future Mission Trips where church members of the Association can request help with financial assistance. It could be the first bit needed to get started or even the last few dollars to make a trip happen. Your gift to this fund will allow individuals to seek out the lost who are starving to hear Good News!!



And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ~Mark 13:10

Lifting Up Our Missions...

WE would **love to hear about your mission journeys!!** If you want to send some highlights and pictures, they can be shared with everyone who reads our newsletter. If you are planning a service to **share about a mission trip** we would love to let folks know when and where it will happen. Don't miss this opportunity to share God's amazing work!!!

The Missions Trailer has been rolling....



The **Mission Trailer** traveled many miles this year!! Lots of fun, food and fellowship were found wherever the trailer landed! As you prepare for the 2020 year, why not plan an event with the Mission Trailer?? This ministry trailer has so much to offer to our community folks and is a great way to share the gospel to those who aren't about an "official" church setting. The Mission Trailer can **share the love of Jesus!!** Call the office for additional information and details on how YOU can use this awesome trailer! **Put it on your calendar for 2020!!!**

One More Child/ Florida Baptist Children's Home

Dear Friends,

The FCBH/One More Child Annual Diaper Drive officially ended November 10, 2019. Thank you to all the churches, community members, and individuals who collected diapers for our local, statewide, and overseas ministries.



We want to send our warm thanks to Northwest Baptist Church who delivered approximately 1200 diapers and report more are headed our way. A big thank you to First Baptist Horseshoe Beach Church who delivered 746 diapers. Special thanks to College Road Baptist Church in Ocala, FL who delivered 3809 diapers. Although the Diaper Drive ended, One More Child is always in need of diapers and wipes for the children who are placed in our foster homes. Large sizes (3, 4, 5, 6 and pull ups) are an on-going need.

November has always been a month of thanksgiving. One More Child is especially grateful to the following churches and groups who have blessed us with their time, treasures, and talents:

- Westside Church's Bohannon small group who organized our storage unit
- Destiny Church cleaned our vacant Foster Family Home in preparation of a new family
- Quilters Guild who made 20 large quilts and 20 quilted tote bags for our foster children

- First Baptist Church of Archer donated a bountiful amount of paper goods and personal hygiene products

We cherish all of our donors and want to shine a light on the goodness of their hearts. We are sincerely sorry if we overlooked anyone

One More Child is always in search of Christian families who have an interest in fostering but want to know more about the process. Every month, One More Child hosts an Information Meeting at our Gainesville office, usually the first Tuesday of the month. (Please see the date/time/location information posted at the bottom of this article). During the information meeting we share how FBCH became involved with fostering and discuss the great need in our community to provide Christian homes. We explain what is required for you, as a married couple or single person, to become a licensed foster parent.

Not ready to foster? Would you consider encouraging your church or ministry group to learn about how to provide Wrap-Around support for foster families. There are multiple volunteer opportunities available as well. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Damaris Arroyo at 352-672-6112 or Damaris.Arroyo@OneMoreChild.org.



One More Child in Gainesville will host an Information Meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6:00-8:00 PM at our Gainesville Office. Refreshments will be served; child care not available.

Our next foster parent training class begins January 9th through March 5th 2020. The classes will be held every Thursday from 6:00-9:00 PM. Location TBA.

There is also a training class in Tallahassee January 18, 25, Feb 1, 8. Four Saturday from 9-4 (one-hour lunch) located at 8415 Buck Lake Road, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

To learn about becoming a foster parent, please contact Jennifer Hewitt, Licensing Specialist at 352-672-6112 or Jennifer.Hewitt@OneMoreChild.org or Mary.Griffis@OneMoreChild.org

O: [352.672.6112](tel:352.672.6112) C: [352.281.1052](tel:352.281.1052) F: [352.505.6196](tel:352.505.6196)
3700 NW 91st Street Suite B-300
Gainesville, Florida 32606



www.FBCHomes.org | www.OneMoreChild.org

NCFBA 2018 Event Calendar



DECEMBER 2019

3rd **Lottie Moon Tea** – 11-1pm @ NWBC
7th Grace Market Place Meal – FBC Gville
12th Helping Hands Meal – FBC High Springs
23rd – Jan 4th Association Office closed – (available via email and phone)

JANUARY 2020

4th Grace Market Place Meal 4:30 – NEED
9th Helping Hands Meal – NEED
23rd **IRS/Investment Retirement WkShop** 10-12

February 2020

1st Grace Market Place Meal 4:30 - NEED
12th Helping Hands Meal – NEED

December Happenings...

Lottie Moon Tea – Join us on **Tuesday, December 3rd, 11:00-1:00 at Northwest Baptist Church** for a time of fellowship, food and missions. Our guest will be Rachel Nichols from North Central Baptist who will be sharing about her and her husband's International Mission travels over the years. Come and hear what one of our "own" missionaries have experienced. **Call the office to register.**



Identify Ministries
The Lord is my banner!

Invites YOU to **Identify's Big Give Fundraiser** on **Thursday, December 5th, 6:00-7:30pm**. We want you to see what **"new creation"** healing and redemption looks like. Please join us for fellowship and light food in our new headquarters at 6:00pm, followed by an uplifting and memorable presentation of testimony and education from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

Location:

11411 N. State Rd. 121
Gainesville, FL 32653
2nd Floor- Identify Ministries HQ

RSVP online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/identify-s-big-give-fundraiser-tickets-83221715391>

Happening at The Oaks:

The Oaks Church will be hosting **AWANA Missionary**, Bruce Jernigan, on **Sunday, December 8th** for AWANA training. Any church that is considering launching AWANA next year is welcome to attend. Training will begin at 1:00 pm and conclude by 4:30pm Sunday, **Please RSVP** to theoakschurchgainesville@gmail.com or call 352-372-2730 so we can be sure to have adequate materials for everyone.



AWANA Training

The Oaks Church
4610 SW Archer Road
Gainesville, Florida 32608

Happening at FBC Hawthorne:



First Baptist of Hawthorne is having a **Christmas Toy Drive** now through December 14th!! You can contribute to this drive at the Dollar General in Hawthorne or drop off gifts at the church on Mondays and Tuesdays,

10:00 – 2:00pm. If you know a family in need of help (toys for their children), please contact Diane or Paul Armstrong at 352.258.9953. Gifts will be available at the church on Saturday, December 21st.



Food for thought...

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6

January Happenings...



IRS/Investment Retirement – January 24th, 10:00am till noon there will be an informative workshop in assisting church leaders in navigating the confusing tax and retirement landscape of America. Come and make sure you are saving correctly for your future. Call the office to register or for more information.



"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." ~Mark 10:45



Volunteer Churches are **NEEDED!!!**

Our churches in the Association provide a meal (approx. 200) to the folks at **Grace Marketplace** on the **FIRST Saturday** each month.



AND, we provide a meal (approx. 30) to a group of women who go to the **Helping Hands Clinic** on the **SECOND Thursday** each month. Both of these opportunities provide a time of fellowship, witnessing and a ton of blessings!!

Call the Association office if you or your group are interested. You will be BLESSED!!



There is a spot for you at Sira....

Volunteers are vital for the daily function of the pregnancy center. This may be the opportunity you have been praying for.

WHO: College-age through retirement status, BOTH men and women.

WHAT: One-Evening Volunteer training session.

WHEN: Thursday January 23rd, 2020 from 6-9pm
– dinner included

CONTACT: Marlene at 352.377.4947 or MarleneGardner@siragainesville.com for an application and more information.

Join us in spreading #helpandhope to our community! Thank you!



CHRISTIANS CONCERNED
FOR THE COMMUNITY

Invites you to join them for a "Fantastic Evening" dinner and fundraising event on Tuesday, December 10th, 6:30pm. Social time will start at CCC location and dinner at 7:00pm at Ridgeview Baptist Church (across the street). 1903 SW 35th Avenue, Gainesville 32605

This is an opportune time to show our local overcoming families how much they are loved and supported by the local Church community with your financial gift. We can't wait to see you here!!!

*Please RSVP by November 30th:
352.358.1768 office@ccc Gainesville.org.
352.358.1768*

ALSO....

Save the Date!



PARTICIPATE!

Prep: December 6
8:00am – 2:00pm
Work Day: December 7
8:00am – 2:00pm



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CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

**TREASURE'S for those
Needing or Wanting!!**

URGENT NEEDS... CRITICAL MINISTRY...

CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY #1: We believe in prayer. Our Association is only as good as the prayer warriors that stand in the gap for our 50 churches. Would you or someone you know consider being our **Associational Prayer Coordinator?** The current Associational Prayer Coordinators, Bruce and Isabel Smith, are retiring from leading the monthly Associational Prayer meeting. We are looking for someone passionate and interested in leading this critical ministry for our Association. The prayer team meets on the first Saturday of every month often at a different member church. As the Coordinator, you will connect with the Lead Missional Strategist, Jeffrey Haglund, and receive a monthly list of prayer items from around the Association. You will also be invited to go to churches and lead in prayer activity as desired or lead by God.

CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY #2: We need a contractor type who can help pull permits and lay outside plumbing for a new church building. Mrs. Mittie and Dr. McRae, Pastor and First Lady of Faith Tabernacle MBC, are searching for a person who can help them with this critical need for their church. If you can help or know someone who can and will help, please contact the NCFBA office and express you want to help the McRae's!



Ochwilla Baptist is in search of a 12-15 passenger van. They are growing so much; they need some transportation help!! Praise God!! If you

know of some organization or you have a reliable van that is either up for grabs or a price that can be negotiated, please contact the church at 352/316.2789.



Westside Samaritans Clinic is a faith-based organization providing medical care for low-income, uninsured residents of our community. The clinic is open on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30 at Greater Faith Church, 1029 NE 9th Street, Gainesville.

We have an immediate opportunity in the position of **Office Manager**. This is a grant-funded, paid position for 15 hours per week. Responsibilities include all aspects of managing clinic volunteers, establishing and maintaining office procedures, administrative tasks and maintain statistical logs of volunteer hours, patient services provided, and other statistics as needed for grant reports and accounting. We have a great network of medical professionals, volunteer coordinators, student volunteers, and faith volunteers. Come be a part of this wonderful ministry. Please call Steven at 352-317-5631, stevenatncfba@gmail.com for additional information

Nation's Family Church is looking for... a small sound system (Fender Passport) to use for their worship services. IF anyone has a used one that they would love to "move along" or know where to find a reasonably priced system, please contact Bishop Kevin Lewis at 352.682.0429 or bishoplewis669@yahoo.com



First Baptist Church Perry, FL ...

First Baptist Church of Perry, Florida is searching for a part-time worship leader to join their staff. The successful candidate must be a dedicated Christ follower, preferably proficient in leading worship with guitar and or keyboard. The job description and application instructions can be found at our web site, www.fbcperryfl.org.



Internship

The Oaks Church is looking for a part-time **Ministry Intern.**

If you know of a young man or woman who has a sense of calling from God to work toward Christian vocational ministry and interested in serving, The Oaks Church is the place for you. Some of the duties will be: lead/develop the sports ministry, participate in a Life Group/Leadership training, coordinate volunteers with the Student Ministry and assist the pastor in outreach/ministry to students and their families. If you know this person or feel led, please contact Pastor Danny Austin at thoadkschurchgainesville@gmail.com or 352.372.2730.



The Korean Baptist Church...

Looking for a part-time youth pastor.... Plan and oversee youth 6th - 12th grade for activities during the semester, retreats, mission trips, youth praise team and other special events. Bilingual (English and Korean) is preferred, but not required. Please send resumes to Dr. Joon Sung Lee at joonsunglee@ufl.edu. For additional information, contact Pastor Min-Seok Sohn at minsohn@gmail.com.



As we are reminded:

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats

will brim over with new wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10

Thank you for your church's contribution to your association.

Church	YTD Giving
Alachua	4,548.63
Aletheia	275.00
Centerpoint	500.00
Country Crossroads	521.01
Cristiana Misionera	1,785.36
Eden	3,118.98
Eliam	2,124.52
Evangelica	1,196.50
Faith-Tabernacle	70.00
Fellowship	574.12
First Missionary Baptist	300.00
Forest Grove	8,399.00
Gainesville	4,929.08
Gainesville Gospel Chinese	200.00
Grace	3,399.29
Greater Faith	50.00
Hague	0.00
Hawthorne	1,456.33
High Springs	15,384.23
Hispana Alachua	100.00
Hispana Archer Road	0.00
Hispana Gainesville	0.00
Island Grove	0.00
Korean	500.00
Lake Butler	2,200.00
Living Covenant	1,833.00
Micanopy	1,897.10
Mount Carmel	350.00
New Hope	300.00
North Central	7,225.94
N. Pleasant Grove	2,059.46
Northwest	2,499.92
Oak Park	1,553.03
Ochwilla	1,229.42
One Way Filipino	0.00
Parkview	3,020.00
Pine Grove	365.00
Pleasant Hill	550.00
River Cross, Haile Plantation	550.00
Sardis	1,600.00
Springhill Missionary Baptist	600.00
Summit	2,031.19
True Worship Missionary	0.00
Waldo	960.00
Walk By Faith	550.00
Westside	46,948.00
Wings of Eagles	41.05

TOTAL YTD Giving for 2019: \$127,995.16

For November 2019: \$9,602.63

2019 Monthly Budget Requirements: \$10,805.00

2019 Yearly Budget Requirements: \$129,659.00