

# Spring/Winter Calendar and Church News

**January 24th—26th**  
GCI Phase I  
Tabernacle Baptist Church

**January 25th**  
**7:00 PM**  
FCA Banquet  
Clarence Brown Conference Center

**January 27th**  
7:00 PM  
Ladies Prayer Gathering with Carol Richards  
Cassville Baptist Church

**February 7th**  
6:30 PM  
VBS Early Bird Clinic  
Associational Office

**February 10th**  
7:00 PM  
SPLASH Bartow Church Point Person Meeting  
Associational Office

**February 16th**  
11:30 AM  
Ministers Fellowship  
Associational Office

**February 17th**  
6:30 PM  
Constitution and By-Laws Training  
Associational Office

**March 10th –17th**  
Mission Trip to St. Vincent

**April 4th –8th**  
Spring Break  
Cartersville City and County Schools

**April 20th**  
4:30 PM  
Associational Bible Drill  
Associational Office

**April 26th**  
6:30PM  
VBS Conference  
Tabernacle Baptist church

**May 5th—National Day of Prayer**  
12:00 Noon  
Court House  
7:00 PM—8:30 PM  
Rally  
Cartersville High School Stadium

**July 11th—15th**  
SPLASH BARTOW 2011

**September 21st**  
See You At The Pole

**December 31st**  
Community Prayer Service

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We would like to extend a welcome to **Stephen Cochran** as the new pastor of **Snow Springs Baptist Church**.

We welcome **Chuck Smith** as Interim Pastor for **Glade Road Baptist Church**.

We honor **Doug Harris** for his service in the Kingdom as pastor of **Grace Baptist Church**. Bro. Doug retires from Grace at the end of January (but not from ministry) after serving for 19 years. Pray for Grace during this transition and for Bro. Doug as he follows God in various assignments in the days ahead.

Pray for **Michael Lukaszewski**, his family and for **Oak Leaf Church**. Pray for Brother Michael and his family along with several other families including **Brian and Tracy Kase** (Brian is the Executive Pastor at Oak Leaf) as they move to New York to plant a church. They will be moving to New York City this summer. Pray for them as they prepare to go. Also, pray for Oak Leaf as they are going through this transition.

## Bible Study Continues at Bartow Association Monday, January 17, 2011

Come study the book of Nehemiah and the book of Mark each Monday afternoon from 2:00 PM -4:00PM at the associational office. Dr. Warner Smith, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Emerson will be leading a study of these two books. Book information will be available in class Monday, January 17, 2011.

This is a great opportunity for you to have more in-depth study into a book of the Bible.

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## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011

7:00 PM

CASSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ladies, you are invited to a special meeting to hear Cecil and Carol Richards from St. Vincent Island share about their country. You will learn everything from their culture to their hobbies. This will give you insight on how to begin praying for women in the Eastern Caribbean. You are guaranteed to laugh, to be inspired and to be challenged to pray and make a difference in this part of the world.



## VBS 2011 Important Dates

**February 7th—6:30 PM**

Early Bird Clinic  
Associational Office

**April 26th—6:30 PM**

VBS Conference  
Tabernacle Baptist Church

## Dear Body of Christ:

2010 was an amazing year as God answered prayers in incredible ways. Please see the testimonies under our "Relentless Prayer Ministry" section. As we head into 2011, you should be encouraged about what God is doing. Let me give you two spiritual senses that God has impressed upon my heart:

**The first** is we must persevere in 2011, for it will offer new challenges. We must persevere in prayer, in serving, in faithfulness, and in our mission. In some respects I believe 2011 is a year of testing. I believe we will be tested by the enemy and also tested by God. I believe God will test us to see if we are really serious. If we will persevere, I believe that God will do even more in our area than He has been doing.

**The second** strong impression that God has put on my heart is this: No puny prayers. Let's pray big and bold and with faith. Now is not the time to ask for the little things. Let's ask God to give us all of Bartow County. Let's ask God to help us to touch the world!

As you prepare for this next year, please think about the way that God worked in such unusual ways in 2010 and be encouraged.

### Did you know that.....

LifeWay Christian resources (the people that print your Sunday School literature, all your discipleship material, etc.) sent a video team down to Bartow this past November. They recorded some of the stories of God's movement in our area. At LifeWay's National meeting of state convention leaders, these videos were shown. There were 350 leaders from across North America. Our Associational Missionary, David Franklin was asked to go and give live testimony to what God is doing in addition to the videos. If you want to see the videos that were done in Bartow, please go to the following website: [www.vimeo.com/album/1489794](http://www.vimeo.com/album/1489794). These videos, plus the SPLASH 2010 videos were shown to state leaders.

God is showing us that He wants to pour His spirit out here and use us in a special way. Let's not miss the moment.

*David*

## Constitution and By-Laws Conference

February 17, 2011

6:30 PM

Associational Office



Many of our churches are asking questions about constitution and by-laws. We have enlisted Clay Turner to lead a special conference concerning this matter. Clay just retired from the Georgia Baptist Convention where he helped churches across the state in the area of how to have good and effective constitution and by-laws. Many churches experience conflict because of the lack of good and easy to understand structure or a structure that is burdensome. Clay will help churches understand how to have a simple yet clear constitution and by-laws as well as procedures to help the church more effectively accomplish its mission.

There is no cost for this training/conference.

# Praying On....

## Relentless Prayer Ministry

### First Friday Prayer and Fasting

Here is a prayer testimony that you need to hear:

Bruce Thompson, Chamber of Commerce President Elect, shared with a group of ministers the following testimony: "The announcement of thousands of jobs coming to Bartow is no accident. We thought we had a commitment for these jobs to come to area and then we lost it. The people happened to be driving down I-75 and stopped in Bartow County on their way to look at another location. They so fell in love with Bartow County they decided to put their new business here bringing 2000 jobs here. They will begin breaking ground April 1 and will spend an initial 160 million dollars. This could lead to even more jobs in the future." Bruce finished by saying thank you to the Body of Christ for praying about jobs. Prayer partners, we prayed for jobs last year and God has answered in a dramatic way.

Also, you know that we have been praying for teenagers. Did you know that in ten weeks last fall we saw over 400 recorded decisions for Christ among teenagers? WOW! We have been praying that there would be a hunger for God's Word. Did you know that in multiple schools this past fall, students have been asking for a Bibles? Some have come back and asked for a Bible for their father or mother or grandparents who are wanting to read the Bible. As you hear these testimonies, please know that there are many others. Let these encourage you to be praying with faith, asking God for greater and greater things.

As we begin looking at 2011, here are specific prayer requests that we want to ask you to bring before our Father:

1. Humbly thank God for all that He has been doing in the Bartow area.
2. Pray for a continued hunger for God's Word in every generation.
3. Pray for true revival to come in every church.
4. Pray for continued unity in the Body of Christ.
5. Pray that this year, Jesus will truly be made Lord in Bartow County.

### Next First Friday Prayer and Fasting February 4th.

Another one has gone to the mission field from Bartow County. Matthew Early has gone to Cameroon, Africa with Jars Aviation as a pilot. Pray for Matthew and his parents, Allen & Joy Early. They are members at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

# On the Mission Field:

## Mission Trip to St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

Our first trip will be March 10-17, 2011. This team will be comprised of ministers from our area as well as ladies from our churches. Our ladies will be ministering to the ladies of St. Vincent. Our ministers will be preaching in churches on Sunday, prayer walking the various islands in which churches need to be planted and catching a vision for ministry in the Grenadines. Please pray for this team and for the islands in the following ways:

1. Pray that God would open doors so that churches would be planted on every island in the Eastern Caribbean.
2. Pray for God to grant us a vision and strategy for church planting.
3. Pray for genuine revival among the believers.
4. Pray that there would be a growing hunger for God's Word. There is great confusion on the island concerning Jesus. Pray that God's Word will bring clarity to this.
5. Pray for favor of our ladies as they connect with the ladies of St. Vincent.

Also, we are working on a SPLASH Caribbean Trip in late July or early August. We are talking with the people in St. Vincent about bringing a team of college students and adults to lead their youth camp. We would lead them to SPLASH the Caribbean. We will know the details by the end of this month. We will post details on our website.

## Local Missions:

Many of you have inquired about how to buy a Bible that will be given to a student in one of our schools. We are giving out FCA Bibles in our schools: each Bible costs \$7.00. If you want to participate in this, you can send the money to:

Bartow-Polk FCA  
P O Box 3879  
Cartersville, GA 30120

Please designate on your check that it is for Bibles. Make your checks payable to Bartow-Polk FCA.

### FCA Banquet is January 25th at 7:00 PM

Clarence Brown Conference Center

**Speaker: Jeff Francouer**

Contact Michael Boatfield for tickets

Email: [michaelboatfield@att.net](mailto:michaelboatfield@att.net)

Or call 770-490-3820

# Training & Growth Opportunities

## Great Commission Initiative Training January 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Tabernacle Baptist Church

This is the special training from the International Mission Board that our missionaries receive before they go overseas. This training teaches you how to think and function like a missionary here in our area. A number of our ministers have started going through this training. Each has said it has been incredibly beneficial. Jim Slack from the IMB will be one of the key presenters. He is one of the lead missionologists in the world.

Times: Monday-Tuesday 9:00 AM—8:30 PM  
Wednesday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM.

Cost for the conference will be \$250.00 (includes 3 lunches, 2 dinners and snacks).

# SPLASH

SHOW PEOPLE LOVE AND SHARE HIM

## SPLASH BARTOW 2011 July 12-15

Plans for SPLASH are being made right now. Our first SPLASH Meeting will be February 10 at the association office at 7:00 PM. We are asking each church that wants to participate in SPLASH to send a SPLASH point person. At this meeting you will be given all of the details for SPLASH Bartow 2011.

Please pray for Pam Loy, our 2011 SPLASH Coordinator. Also, pray as we are recruiting team leaders in January. These team leaders will be recruiting adults for their teams beginning in February. God is continuing to use SPLASH in an incredible way.

## Leadership Summit July 11-12, 2011