

# DeKalb Baptist Association



December 26, 2019

**We are so thankful someone has volunteered to carry the outdated literature to Decatur.**

**The Association office will be closed for the holidays beginning on December 19 and will reopen on January 6, 2020.**

**Please remember the Association office is now closed on Friday.**



**Five generations that have been in church in the DeKalb Baptist Association all their lives! From left to right: Lydia Brown, Megan Wilks (holding Hudson Boone Wilks), Jeanette Johnson, Rev. Kenneth Johnson.**

#### **From the Interim DOM:**

What a wonderful time of year to be a part of the DeKalb Baptist Association! One of my most enjoyable responsibilities as your interim DOM is the opportunity to visit with our churches and experience the multitude of Christmas ministries that are being done. I've seen churches of all sizes do a big number of the OCC shoe boxes, people are putting together Christmas backpacks, food boxes, angel tree gift packages, and so much more. As always, there is the critical Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for International Missions. Please pray for our IMB missionaries and support them financially through the LMCO.

We have two new pastors in DeKalb Association: on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Fort Payne First called Marshall Henderson as senior pastor, and Ruhama called Mike Miller as their senior pastor. Marshall has served as Student Minister at Fort Payne First since 2015, and as interim pastor since last April. Mike and his wife Sharon have been on the mission field in South Korea for the last 17 years, and now God has provided them a place of service in their hometown. I look forward to working with these pastors in the future.

The Christmas and New Year's schedule for our office is listed in the newsletter, so please take note of that. You can still call me if necessary even if the office is closed. A very important date is coming up in January: Dr. Rick Lance, the Executive Secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, is speaking at our weekly pastors' conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. Pastors, please join us if at all possible.

Finally, please continue to pray for our DOM search committee, and pray that God would send us a webmaster to help reach people for Christ in today's digital world.

Merry Christmas!  
Chris Murdock  
Interim Director of Missions

#### **AMONG OUR CHURCHES**

**Collinsville**-is seeking a piano player for Sundays and Wednesdays. Please contact Pastor John Morgan for more information 256-524-2661.

**Fort Payne First**-has called Rev. Marshall Henderson as Pastor.

**Ruhama**-has called Rev. Mike Miller as Pastor.

**Second**- is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music to lead in a blended worship service consisting of traditional and praise and worship music. For further information, please call 256-845-3112.

Please continue to pray for the Director of Missions Search Team as they seek God's man for our Association. The members are Chairman, Rev. David Cofield, Dr. Keith Atchley, Rev. Bryan Bell, Rev. Chris Andrews and Mrs. Debbie Early.

#### **Minister's Conference Schedule January 2020**

January 6

Rev. Pete Chadwick

January 13

Rev. Orien Ledford

January 20

Dr. Rick Lance

January 27

Rev. Jerry Simmons

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