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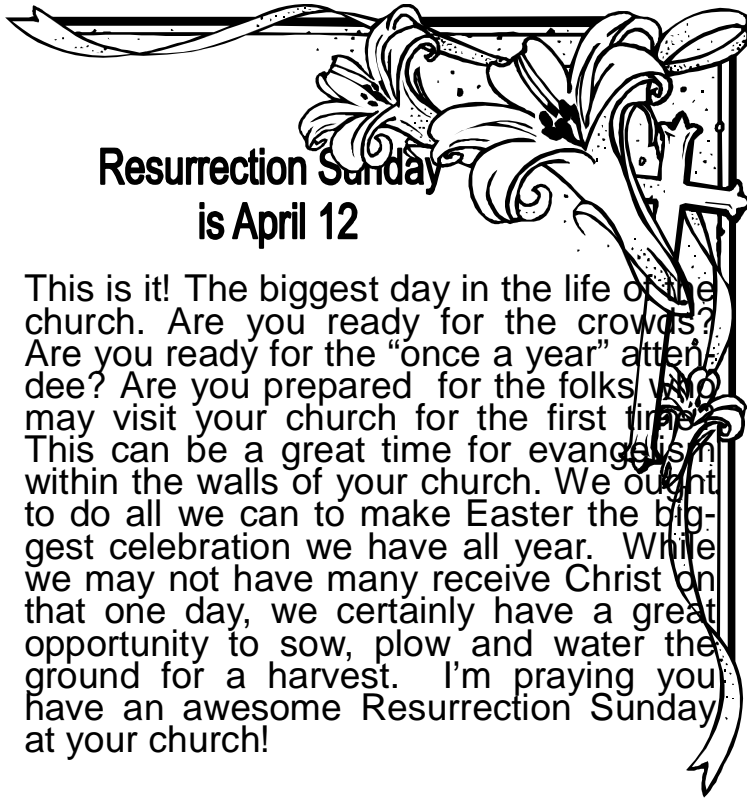
Remembering the past...looking to the

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## Resurrection Sunday is April 12

This is it! The biggest day in the life of the church. Are you ready for the crowds? Are you ready for the "once a year" attendance? Are you prepared for the folks who may visit your church for the first time? This can be a great time for evangelism within the walls of your church. We ought to do all we can to make Easter the biggest celebration we have all year. While we may not have many receive Christ on that one day, we certainly have a great opportunity to sow, plow and water the ground for a harvest. I'm praying you have an awesome Resurrection Sunday at your church!

## NEW TRACTOR PURCHASED FOR COLD SPRINGS



**Cold Springs Resident Manager Virgil Pilgrim** behind the wheel of the new John Deere 3032E Tractor, with 305 loader and standard box blade.



**Cadron Ridge members voted to donate \$1,000 toward the purchase of the tractor.** *Thank you, Cadron Ridge!* Above: Grant Jackson presents check for \$1,000 to Larry D. White, Associational Missionary.

## FBA COUNSELING CENTER OPEN

The FBA Counseling Center began operation in early March. As you know the FBA Executive Board voted in January to approve the center and to select Jerry Foshee as the first center counselor. Shortly after approval work began to set up the counseling center. Jerry is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), licensed through the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling. He is a Board Certified Professional Counselor (BCPC), certified through the American Psychotherapy Association (APA). He is also a Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor, board certified through the International Board of Christian Counselors - an affiliate of the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC). As a Licensed Professional Counselor who is providing Christian Counseling, he is subject to applicable Arkansas laws, rules, and regulations. In addition he follows the Code of Ethics of both the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC).

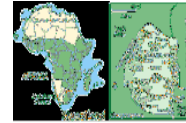
The FBA Counseling Center is a cooperative ministry of the Faulkner Baptist Association of churches, therefore the association provides office space as well as administrative assistance to the counselor. Currently the center is open one day weekly, on Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Due to time constraints the counselor is available by appointment only. You may obtain an application packet for counseling services through the associational office, or through your church office. You may self-refer or be referred by a member of your pastoral staff. While it is not our intent to exclude others, counseling services are primarily for members of FBA churches. Counseling services are for individuals and couples who are facing a life problem, life change, or issue for which they feel that some guidance would be helpful. The counseling provided by the center is considered "brief" counseling by design. The FBA requires a minimal recovery fee of \$25 per session to help offset center costs. If you have any questions about your counseling center please call the associational office.





by **Larry D. White**  
**Associational Missionary**

# MISSION TRIP TO SWAZILAND



As I am writing the first part of this article, I am in Alpharetta, Georgia at our North American Mission Board (NAMB). What a great time we are having, learning about all the work going on that our Cooperative Program dollars and resources are providing. I'll say more about NAMB in a moment. Let me share with you a few bullets of information...

**Forerunner going Online...**our next edition of the Forerunner will be available through our website ([www.faulknerbaptist.com](http://www.faulknerbaptist.com)). As a cost and time saving measure, we will be using this tool to reach a broader audience. A great deal of time and money is spent to produce the Forerunner and this will be greatly reduced by an online edition. If you can't get it online, we'll be glad to print you a copy at the associational office.

**Cold Springs Retreat...**great things are happening at Cold Springs. Our CS Board has been working hard in recent weeks to follow up on our Master Plan that Rik Sowell has produced for us. We are excited to share with you at our next Executive Board meeting, April 23.

Also, we have two great summer camps coming up for Children and Youth. Many of our churches travel all over for a summer camp experience, but I'm convinced the best bargain (\$75) and one of the best spiritual experiences for children and youth will be at Cold Springs this summer. We will begin registration soon. The dates for children are June 22-26 and youth are July 13-17.

**Summer Missionaries...**we we have hired three college-age summer missionaries. If your church would be interested in using these missionaries to work with VBS, Children's Church, Youth ministry or other events, please call me. There are still some open weeks for them, but time is closing in on us.

**Kansas...**Matt Pryor (Pastor of Wooster and our Moderator) and I, recently went to Kingman, Kansas for a vision tour. We were exploring the possibility of a new work in the county of Kingman. There are around 8,000 people in the county with no SBC work. April 27-28, we will making another trip to Wichita to explore more possibilities. If you are interested in either of these opportunities let me know.

Now, a brief word about NAMB. ...I'm pumped about NAMB. We have great leadership in place leading this organization. If you are ever in the Atlanta area, you should stop by the ministry headquarters there. They would be glad to show you around and tell you about the vast ministry opportunities in North America. Your Annie Armstrong Offering is going to great use throughout our nation. Their budget is 40% of that one offering. So keep on giving and praying for NAMB!

I am excited about working together for missions and evangelism in Faulkner County!

I am extremely grateful to all of you who contributed to my trip to Swaziland, Africa. As you might imagine, it was a life-altering experience.

Someone on the trip made the comment that *we need Africa more than Africa needs us*. In many ways, this is a very true statement.

Currently, I am still in "processing" mode. Over the next several weeks, as I work through the thoughts, feelings, emotions and ideas, I will be indebted to those of you who made the sacrificial contribution to this journey.

In short, know that we were able to provide food, love, and support to some of the poorest people on the earth. The work of Children's Hope Chest ([hopechest.org](http://hopechest.org)) in Africa is inspiring.

Please keep them in your prayers particularly, Tom and Emily Davis (stateside), Jumbo and Kriek Gerber and Jodi and Marius Deetlefs and the D-Team Musa, Xolani, Deli, Zodwa, Hlob-sile, Ncobile, (all actually in Swazi).

Thanks again and blessings,  
Chad Denmon



Applications for  
Associational Scholarships to  
**Ouachita Baptist College**  
and  
**Williams College**  
are available at the FBA office.

Deadline for applications is  
June 1, 2009.

# Mission Trip to China

**Tracy Watson, Baptist Collegiate Ministry**

Our platform to be in China was a culture exchange with college students there. They got to experience a taste of US culture by talking with us, and we got to "chow down" on Chinese culture while we were hanging out with Chinese students from 8 am until 10 pm. We would go into freshman and sophomore English classes all morning. The students would break up into groups, and one of us would go to each group. We would rotate around the room from group to group. All of these students were English majors, so many of them spoke English very well. They would ask us questions about our lives and America, and we would answer and ask questions in response. Our goal in this time was to answer questions in spiritual ways. For example, the most common question I was asked was, *What is your American university life like?* I would tell them what class was like and about what I did for fun. But I would always include that I was involved with some Christian clubs. Sometimes, I would share with them that I go around the dorms and tell people about Jesus and invite people to come together and study the Bible, and things of that nature. I also told them I go to church on Sundays. That is something they would usually ask questions about. From the classroom, we would set up lunch, dinner, and just hang-out dates to go be their friends. Typically, we would get into deeper conversations one-on-one about God. Through this trip, God has taught me a better way to do outreach ministry. He has also taught me a deeper meaning of loving people. I love lost people. Out of the 3 million people in the same city in China as me, not even 1% of them knew God. In John 13, Christ says, *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.* God promised that if I love loudly like He did, then those people around me that I would have never been able to reach by talking to them, some of them will notice there is something different, and that I belong to Someone greater than myself.

## Pastors' Breakfast



Monday mornings at 8:30, Bro. Larry hosts breakfast for pastors. It is a time for food, fellowship, and sharing. Seventeen were in attendance this past week.

Clockwise: Robert McDaniel, Easterwood; Larry D. White, Associational Missionary; Danny Smith, Crosspoint; Jerry Foshee, Counselor.

Bro. Robert McDaniel, Easterwood, helps with the cooking (right).

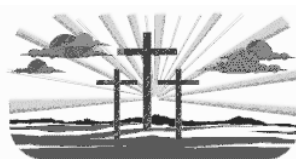
# ASSOCIATIONAL SUMMER CAMPS

Registration begins  
**May 1, 2009**

**Children's Camp**  
June 22-26  
\$75 per camper

**Youth Camp**  
July 13-17  
\$75 per camper





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