

# CONSOLATION'S BAPTIST BULLETIN

## Special Points of Interest for the CONSOLATION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- **Sept. 13, 6:00 pm:** House of Care Directors Meeting
- **Sept. 13, 3:00pm:** Senior Adult Committee Meeting at the Education Building
- **Sept. 25, 6:30pm:** Second Sunday School Mentoring meeting
- **Oct. 2, 11:00am:** Monthly Minister's Meeting
- **Oct. 6, 9am—noon:** Love Language Seminar at Education Building
- **Oct. 8-9:** Free Medical Exams for Ministers and spouse at Norman Park
- **Oct. 9, 11:00am:** Administration Committee Meeting
- **Oct. 15, 7:00PM:** M-NIGHT at Spring Branch
- **Oct. 25, 3:00Pm:** Annual Fall Meeting
- **Nov. 2, 11:00am:** Senior Adult Fellowship at Education Building
- **Nov. 4:** Daylight Savings Time ends
- **Nov. 5,** Day of Prayer
- **Nov. 6: 11:00am:** Monthly Minter's Meeting
- **Nov. 8, 6:00pm:** House of Care Meeting
- **Nov. 12 13:** Georgia Baptist Convention at Augusta Civic Center
- **Nov. 27, 6:30pm:** Third Sunday School Mentoring Meeting
- **Dec. 1, 11:00am:** Annual Minister's Christmas Banquet at Education Building
- **Dec. 1, 7:00pm:** House of Care Banquet
- **Dec. 4, 11:00am:** Monthly Minister's Meeting
- **Dec. 7, 7:00PM:** Associational Children's Christmas Party

## A Letter from Your Associational Director of Missions



### TONGUES AND THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today, there is a segment of the Christian population who teach that a person has to speak in tongues before he or she can be baptized by the Holy Spirit, or in some cases to show evidence that one has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. During the first part of this lesson I will reveal why this teaching is flawed in many aspects. Then during the second part of this lesson we will reveal the true teaching of the Baptism of the Spirit.

The first reason that a believers needs to be careful about stating that a person has to speak in tongues to receive the Holy Spirit in baptism is that there seems to be sound evidence that the gift of tongues ceased. In a lesson to come we will discuss what some refer to as theological and historical proof that the gift did in fact cease. We will give you the evidence so that you may decide for yourself.

The second reason why this teaching is flawed is simply that everyone did not receive the gift of tongues in the first place. I heard a man quote 1 Corinthians 14: 5, "I wish you all spoke in tongues (languages), but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks in tongues." The man went on to express that according to this Scripture the Apostle Paul was stating that every true believer was to receive the gift of speaking in tongues. The problem with his statement was that Paul was not even implying that every true believer would receive this particular gift. Paul was responding to an immature church obsession with the gift of speaking in tongues. In chapters eleven through fourteen Paul had continually to de-emphasize this gift. He even instructed them to not allow the gift in the church if no one was in attendance to interpret it (14: 28), that women were not to partake in speaking in tongues in the

public assembly (14:34); that the believers who practiced it was to speak in an orderly fashion (one at a time; 14:27). Paul also emphasized on a continuous basis that the gift of tongues was not as important as the other gifts through out the portion of Scripture. Paul even made it plain that individuals do not decide what gifts they receive but that the Holy Spirit is the One who decides what spiritual gift He would have you receive (12:11). To state that 1 Corinthians 14:5 is a command for everyone to receive the gift of speaking in tongues is in complete disagreement of all that Paul wrote about the practice of the gift. Paul was only stating that he wished all believers had this gift. He was thinking that if all believers had the gift to speak in the languages of other men the gospel could be spread more rapidly. However, he went on to state that prophesy (forth telling that which is already fore told; proclaiming or exhorting the gospel) was more important.

Thirdly, There is no place in the New Testament where there is an exhortation for believers to be "baptized in the Spirit." The reason for this is that believers are baptized in the Spirit at their conversion. It was not something that we had to seek for after our salvation or demonstrate a spiritual gift to attain. The only spiritual gift that we enjoy at salvation, is our salvation, which is a gift from God paid for by Christ.

I remember when I was a teenager and had a friend in High School named Lee. Lee was an outstanding Christian young man. I remember how he was so cautious as to do nothing that could cause him to sin. I also remember him always being so afraid that he was still going to hell because the church he attended taught that if you did not speak in tongues you were not baptized in the Spirit and you were going to hell.

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## What's Happening in the Association

### Hispanic Ministry

During our recent Executive Committee Meeting we discussed the Hispanic Missions. It seems that the last Hispanic pastor was involved in some things that caused the Hispanics to look upon our mission churches in a negative way. Both Hispanic mission pastors felt that it would be good to change the names of the missions. The executive Committee felt that the mission pastors were right and voted to do so. Each church will decide their new name. It was also decided that since all the Hispanic that visits Renacidos were mainly transients and that all who attend regularly lived a far ways off that it would be better to relocate the mission church. It was agreed to let the mission church meet at the new Education Building while they try to sale the old building and rebuild another one near Hwy 1 South.

### House of Care Building

The first phase of the of the House of Care (Our offices, medical help, and counseling) is almost completed. However, we might have to stop work because of lack of funds. At this time we only have around \$6,000.00 in our House of Care account.. We will need another \$5,000.00—\$7,000.00 to finish the first phase. I believe that if we can could secure the money that we might be able to complete the first phase by our Fall Meeting. It would be great if we could have the dedication during the Fall Meeting. Maybe some of our churches could take up a love offering or vote to contribute. I want to thank Kevin Waters, Greg Ussery, Jackie and Brenda Knox, David Reynolds, Wanda Crosby, and Janice Murray for **Cont. p 4**