

**AL Raceway Ministries
Annual Report
October 2018 - September 2019
Submitted by Virginia Alexander**

NASCAR, Talladega Speedway has eight AL Baptist Convention sites. Each site conducts a 9:00am worship service on Sunday of the race. Along with children and adult activities and hand out tracts for the weekend. **Thank you for your prayers and support!**

- Raceway team handed out **over 2000** tracts at each race.
- Children painted and raced their Pinewood Derby cars. While the children paint their cars, the team shares Christ with them. Also, at the pinewood car race family and friends gather around for the excited derby race. A devotion is given before the race.
- Our host table attracted adults and children with snacks and tracts along with driver's cards.
- The "Corn Hole: tournaments have been full of laughter as groups join in the fellowship. The tournament has grown each race. Race fans come to watch and cheer their teams on.
- Building relationships for Christ is what it is all about. We shared Christ with folks standing around waiting their turn to play. People stay around and waited their turn.
- Each Sunday at 9:00am worship service will be held at 8 campsites conducted by AL State Convention's team. We have the honor of conducting the Worship at our site. At the spring race, Christ touched two brothers' hearts. We were able to prayer with the men and share Christ with them.
- Drama Team presented a drama.

Thank you for being a part of this ministry through prayer and support

Calhoun Annual Report 2019

The Calhoun year began with the Annual Pursue Conference held in Montgomery. The conference provides students opportunities for spiritual growth seminars, worship services, mission opportunities and fellowship with students from across the state.

BCM participated in Calhoun's Annual Spring and Fall Feast on campus. We have the opportunity to pass out Bibles and other Christian literature along with taking prayer request from students. BCM was invited to participate in Calhoun's Connect Day this summer focused on freshmen students enrolling this fall. BCM provided sponsorship and passed out promotional materials to students.

Raceway Ministries continues to be an event for present and former BCM students to share in activities designed to minister to race attendances. Raceway Ministries gives me the opportunity to share in a unique ministry to a people group that I have very little contact with. Thanks to Virginia for the privilege to share in this ministry with Calhoun students.

The Spring Break Mission Trip was to Marianna, Florida. I was with a team from UAH and Madison Baptist Association Disaster Relief team to do clean-up work from storm damage. This was a much needed work because of the large amount of damage done in the area. Calhoun students work schedule during spring break kept them from being part of the team.

Finally BCM continues to hold Bible study on Thursday in the Brewer Library. We are excited about the library's openness to BCM ministering to students. There are schedule BCM promotion activities scheduled at the library around gum and playdough day. BCM will sponsor these activities.

Thank you for your support for reaching students for the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely

Willie Alexander,

Campus Minister, A&M/Calhoun

**The Caring Place
Annual Report
October 2018-September 2019
Submitted by Virginia Alexander**

Statistics:

• Active volunteers	43
• Families served CP and Bible study	837
• Individuals served	2529
• School supplies/ number of children	36
• Christmas children sponsored	34
• Bible study average 14 adults, 8 children, (6 volunteers)	28

Appreciation:

- Items donated: food, towels, monetary, school supplies, clothing, misc.
- Active volunteers
- School and church groups (youth, VBS, Senior adult, WMU)
- Christmas family sponsors
- Volunteer Center of Morgan County and WAFF can-a-thon
- Vacation Bible school donations
- Retired education food donation

Caring Place Needs:

- Towels and blankets
- Socks
- Boys size 4-6, shirts and pants
- Men's pants size 34, 32, and smaller and 40 and up
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal

Caring Place Bible study is doing well. Walter Blackmon is leading the study. The Bible study has been a blessing to everyone that attends. The class has become a family. They are learning and asking questions. Bonnie Harbin and Ann Ballew have a Bible study with the children as the adult have their study.

We had Santa come to visit the children at our Christmas party. Kid and adults alike enjoyed Santa. Santa told the children to Christmas story of Christ's birth! Special thanks to Liberty Baptist for opening their church up for a place to meet.

Thank you for your wonderful support through donations and prayers!

**Sycamore Bargain Center
Annual Report
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Submitted by: Virginia Alexander**

As Luke 19 states, Zacchaeus was seeking to see Christ as He passed by. Therefore, he climbed a sycamore tree in hopes to see the Lord. We at Sycamore hope customers can see Christ through us as we wait on them.

Syc-a-more (Seek-A-More)

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Sycamore is more than a bargain store. It is a place where one may seek-a-more for your money. But most of all one may Seek-a-more than earthy goods. Not only can a person shop in a relaxed Christian atmosphere, but also, enjoy the fellowship of volunteers greeting them.

Sycamore Bargain Center is a ministry to folks that wish to buy but need a little help. Therefore, Sycamore’s prices are low enough for folks to be able to buy instead of receiving items free through The Caring Place.

Sycamore has held up to its name and others have found more than earthy goods. To God all glory and honor given.

Thank you for all the donations that make this ministry possible.

Morgan Baptist Disaster Relief Summary

(October, 2018 – September, 2019)

Submitted by: Geno Shirey

We had an active year for the Disaster Relief Team. We worked on 46 different activities, involving 277 volunteers. Highlights for the year are:

- October – Chainsaw and Feeding teams to Dothan, AL (Hurricane Michael)
- March – Cleanup teams to Colbert County (Tennessee River flooding)
- April – Cleanup team to Savannah, TN (Tennessee River flooding)
- May – Cleanup team to Glenwood, IA (Missouri River flooding)
- June – Chainsaw teams to Flint community and Circle Ranch
- July – Cleanup team to Hardin, IL (Mississippi and Illinois River flooding)
- August – Help check out new State Feeding Unit in Prattville, AL
- August – Cleanup team to Valley Park, MS (Mississippi River flooding)

Preparation and training are ongoing efforts to be ready to respond in various disaster areas, such as chaplains, cooks, chainsaw, cleanup, administration, HAM radio communications, or shower/laundry. The Disaster Relief team appreciates the support received from a number of churches in the association.

English and More Annual Report

October 2018- September 2019

Submitted by Debbie Pirkle

August 27, 2019

Our ESL groups looked differently this past year due to some challenges that life threw our way. The English and More students traveled to the Somerville Senior Citizen Center to have class and to do some activities with the senior adults attending. We began doing this because one of our students could not come to Decatur for class. Her husband still went to the center during the week for meals but had health issues that didn't allow him to be left alone. This setting gave our students more interaction time with English speakers. Social media has allowed us to remain in touch with students during the summer months when we did not meet.

Our Friday morning Bible study group met throughout the school year. Some American ladies who were not able to go to church on Sundays due to work, joined our group. It was a great experience for all those involved. We did not meet during the summer, but plan to start off the new school year with lunch at a local restaurant and resume Bible study the following week in September.

Some of our former ESL students from previous years left the US to return home or to settle in other countries with their husbands' jobs but have come back to the States to live. One Japanese student came to South Carolina but has since moved to Ohio. God strategically placed one of our former ESL teachers in South Carolina who renewed their friendship and started a Bible study with the student. Attempts have been made to help connect the student with someone who could help with her transition to Ohio. A French student and her family arrived in Atlanta, Georgia in August and plan to be there for one year. Several emails have been exchanged in hopes to be able to plan times that we can get together.

During the school year, I was able to go to Austinville Elementary School to tutor several Hispanic 1st graders. I have been talking to one of the ESL teachers who travels to four different elementary schools. We are trying to arrange for folks to assist some of the students that she works with. Hopefully, this will open some doors to discovering parents who might be interested in improving their English skills as well.

Alison Blackwood has been working with a Chinese lady this past year and hopes to continue lessons once she works out a schedule with her new job.

Doris Bueto continues to teach two Chinese students one morning a week in a local restaurant.