

AL Raceway Ministries
Annual Report
October 2019 - September 2020
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!**

Fall Race Oct. 2019

- 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. Drama team presented a drama.
- Mike Alexander led the prayer before the Saturday race.

Spring Race

Because of COVID-19 AL Raceway Ministries were unable to attend.

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

Baptist Campus Ministries, Calhoun College
Annual Report
October 2019-September 2020
Submitted by: Willie Alexander/ Will Faulkenberry

- The fall semester was highlighted with weekly students' Bible study.
- BCM was involved in other events during the fall semester: International Retreat at World Song with 2 Calhoun students attending. We supported the campus Soul Food event designed to expose students to cultural foods.
- A team of students (various universities) and campus ministers took backpacks to Charleston Missouri in December. The backpacks were collected from BCM in the state. We helped with distribution of backpacks and worked at a weekly food bank preparing and distributing food items. We participated in 2 worship services with students leading the afternoon service before departing for home.
- Attended the AL state convention's college Pursue in Montgomery in February.
- March -on campus was out due to COVID Our spring mission trip was cancelled as well.

Bro. Willie Alexander retired in May 2020

Bro. Will Faulkenberry, pastor of Mosaic City Church, Huntsville, and UAH's BCM assistant has taken on the role of BCM director for the Decatur Calhoun campus.

- Will was asked by Calhoun's student director if BCM would host the welcome back event at Calhoun main campus and the ART center, in downtown Decatur. These events went very well.
- With COVID still around, it is hard for BCM to be up and going to it fullness. Many students are doing online classes.

Thank you for your support of these college students.

**The Caring Place
Annual Report
October 2019-September 2020
Submitted by Virginia Alexander**

Statistics:

• Active volunteers	43
• Families served CP and Bible study	844
• Individuals served	2532
• School supplies/ number of children	29
• Christmas children sponsored	34
• Bible study average 8 adults, 4 children, (5 volunteers)	17

Appreciation:

- Items donated: food, towels, monetary, school supplies, clothing, misc.
- Active volunteers
- School and church groups (youth, VBS, Senior adult, WMU)
- Christmas family sponsors
- Hartselle school food drives
- Retired education food donation
- Lowes for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals

Caring Place Needs:

- Towels and blankets
- Socks
- Men's pants size 34, 32, and smaller and 40 and up
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste)

During the first of COVID-19, The Caring Place had a drive through food distribution. The Caring Place also, partnered with Hartselle School and gave out coupons for the students' family in the free lunch program.

Thank you for your wonderful support through donations and prayers!

Morgan Baptist Disaster Relief Summary

(October, 2019 – September, 2020)

Submitted by: Geno Shirey

We had an active year for the Disaster Relief Team. We worked on 29 different activities, involving 195 volunteers. Highlights for the year are:

- October – Assessment teams to Adamsville, TN (wind damage)
- November – Feeding and Chainsaw teams to Adamsville, TN (wind damage)
- December/January – Chainsaw teams to Town Creek, AL (tornado damage)
- January – Chainsaw teams to Morgan County (storm damage)
- March – Donated masks and gloves to Decatur-Morgan General Hospital
- April – Assessment/Chainsaw teams to Carbon Hill, AL (tornado damage)
- April – Chainsaw team to Morgan County (wind damage)
- July – Feeding team to Hartselle, AL (Serve day lunch)
- September – Assessment team to Lake Charles, LA (Hurricane Laura)

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.

Literacy, English and More
Ex- Committee Report
October 2019 – September 2020
Submitted by Debbie Pirkle

Last semester I worked with five Hispanic students during the school day at two different elementary schools in Decatur.

This semester a door opened for me to go to the Excel Center housed on the campus of Austin Junior High School in Decatur.

I am still working with one elementary child on Tuesday morning but have started to work with two ESL Hispanic middle schoolers from Mexico and Guatemala.

I am going on Monday and Wednesday mornings to do one-on-one tutoring.

I learned Wednesday that one of those students had gotten into serious trouble at school.

Our Bible study group is still meeting on Fridays.

Our Chinese student has one more semester at Calhoun College and then plans to transfer to Athens to finish her teaching degree. Fall semester was a very difficult and frustrating one for her, but she managed to make A's and B's in her classes. She shared about some personal issues that she is dealing with concerning her grown step-children and step grandson. I have maintained contact with her grown son who is presently working in Dayton, Ohio and have been able to spend some time with him on three different occasions. My son who is a co-pastor of a church in Cincinnati has also been in touch with him.

One of our Japanese ladies had to put her husband in a nursing home in a dementia unit. This has been very difficult for her and her grown children. Two of her sons live out-of-state (Texas and Georgia) Her daughter is here, but her husband has serious health problems which may take his life soon. This daughter has one daughter who is a student at UAB and wants to be a traveling nurse. Her other daughter is a junior in high school.

One of our ESL ladies from Colombia is unable to attend because of her husband's health...physical and mental. She is also dealing with the possibility of putting him in a similar setting. Presently she is the caregiver in her home with assistance from Hospice.

One of our former ESL students and her family from France are spending one year in Atlanta, Georgia. My husband and I have plans to get together for a weekend with them in March.

Prayers are needed for each of these situations.

It seems like the past several years have been heavy on the MORE side of English and More. Yes, these folks need English, they need help with their problems, but most of all they need Jesus! They have asked me so many questions that I feel so inadequate to try to answer.

Due to COVID-19 we did not meet for the second semester.

Thank you for your prayers and support of English and More.

Literacy
Tutoring Children and Adults
Annual Report
October 2019 - September 2020
Submitted by: Betty Rubin

This spring Betty Rubin has the pleasure of tutoring a student in reading. Please pray as Betty teaches the child reading, he will also grasp the love of Christ. Betty uses many teaching tools and she works Bible stories in with her material.

Thank you for your prayer and support for literacy ministries.

**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.