



# The Communicator

News from Rabun County Baptist Association Churches

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## From the Associational Missionary...



Welcome to the first edition of "The Communicator," which will be sent out each month. In this way, we hope to keep our Rabun family of Baptist churches better informed.

To do so, we need to hear from you. Please send us information about events taking place at your church where you would like for other churches to join you—revivals, VBS, special singings, etc. Or share with us news of what God has been doing in your church. This news can include updates on revivals, baptisms, homecomings, special events, or other news items of interest.

Since many of you do not know me, let me share with you the article that Ron Lawson (Wolffork Baptist Church) wrote for the Clayton Tribune. I count it a privilege and honor to be called to serve both the Rabun County Baptist Association as Associational Missionary and Wolffork Baptist Church as pastor. I am looking forward to meeting all the wonderful people who make up the

Rabun County Baptist Association and serving with you in developing strong, healthy churches and reaching the estimated 13,000 individuals across our county who are lost without Christ.

Sincerely,  
*Bill Barker*

## Rabun County Baptists Call Associational Missionary

The Rabun County Baptist Association (RCBA) voted, at their quarterly meeting on February 6, to extend a call to Rev. William (Bill) F. Barker to be the Associational Missionary for the 18 Southern Baptist churches and missions of Rabun County.

Rev. Barker has pastored and served churches in Georgia for over 30 years, and for the past 19 years, he has worked nationally with Southern Baptists, directing ministries with the thirteen states of the Appalachian region of our nation, as well as ministries in the Mississippi River region. In these ministries, he coordinated an average of 50,000 mission volunteers each year, who served the people of these regions. He also directed the annual Christmas Backpack ministry,

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and each year an average of 70,000 backpacks were filled with gifts, food, clothing, Bibles, and school supplies and delivered to the children in need in these more impoverished areas of our nation.

The RCBA is excited to bring a leader with such education, experience, and a heart for ministry and missions. "There are great opportunities before us, as we seek to support and minister with the people here in Rabun County. We can be most effective, as we cooperate as an association of churches", says Barker. "I look forward to working with these wonderful pastors, leaders, and churches here in the county."

Michael Rogers, RCBA Moderator, and Pastor of Wolf Creek Baptist Church in Tiger, says, "We believe God has led Rev. Barker to us just at the right time. He has a great vision for cooperative ministry, and he will seek to support all our churches in being most effective in worship, discipleship, outreach, and ministry. We are thrilled to have him as our associational leader."

Rev. Bill Barker and his wife Arlene live in Clayton, GA. He will begin work with Rabun County Baptist Association immediately. He will continue as pastor of Wolfork Baptist Church.

To find out more about RCBA, go to [RabunBaptists.org](http://RabunBaptists.org).

## Treasurer Report

Each month we will be publishing a Treasurer's Report for the Rabun County Baptist Association with a listing of the YTD giving by church or mission in the association. You can mail your contributions to the address below. If at anytime you feel the amount listed is incorrect, please contact us.

Tammy Whitmire, Treasurer  
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## Year End Report 2019

### Income from the following churches for the year:

Battle Branch Baptist Church	0.00
Bethel Baptist Church	\$400.00
Betty's Creek Baptist Church	\$2,839.37
Blue Heights Baptist Church	\$1,995.36
Chechero Baptist Church	0.00
Clayton Baptist Church	\$500.00
Cristo Vive Mission Church	\$321.19
Flat Creek Baptist Church	\$300.00
Head of Tennessee Baptist Church	\$1,285.25
Liberty Baptist Church	\$750.00
Macedonia Baptist Church	\$600.00
Mountain Grove Baptist Church	0.00
Persimmon Baptist Church	0.00
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	0.00
Rocky Grove Baptist Church	0.00
New Tiger Baptist Church	\$3,605.00
Wolf Creek Baptist Church	0.00
Wolfork Baptist Church	\$ 2,625.00
<b>Total Income -</b>	<b>\$15,221.17</b>

## Purpose Statement

**The Rabun County Baptist Association exists to help churches to work together to do God's will of reaching, teaching, and baptizing people through dynamic Christian fellowship and cooperative ministry.**

**Wolfork Baptist Church, Rabun Gap**, invites you to **"The Gathering,"** on Friday, March 6th, at 11:30 am. Lunch is provided. This month the program will feature artists Bill and Daphne Lisenby, who will show us Rabun County through the eyes of an artist.

**"The Gathering"** is time for adults to come together for food, fellowship, and some good fun. Ron Lawson never disappoints us with the music. Last month we enjoyed music from the 60s. Please call 706-746-2728 and tell us how many are coming from your church.



### Ladies Spring Luncheon

**Date:** Saturday, March 7

**Time:** 9:30 am-Noon

**Place:** Head of Tennessee Baptist Church, Dillard, Georgia

Change a Life.  
 Change the World.™

The program will be presented by the Refugee Sewing Society of Clarkston, GA. You will witness a simulation of what refugee women experience when forced to flee from their country because of war or violence. Also, the items the refugee women make to support their families living in the USA will be on display. Lunch is provided. There is a \$5.00 cost.

Looking ahead: The Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event will be held at Stone Mountain. Contact Judy McCracken for more information or to sign up (706-746-2037 or [judy.g.mccracken@gmail.com](mailto:judy.g.mccracken@gmail.com)).