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Preacher Ledford with a young parishioner in Lake Chatuge, a baptism. Photo from mbchiawasseec.org.

## GMRE Center March Workshops

There are still some spaces left in our Meat Preservation Workshop on March 3, 10 a.m. until noon. This demonstration-style workshop will be conducted by Mr. Kenley Redditt, former owner of the Country Smokehouse Meat Market. Mr. Redditt will show us the ins and outs of meat preservation, including old, new and even the "make-do" methods our parents may have used. He will demonstrate using beef, pork and deer meats, and show us how make

jerky. Sanitation in the home kitchen will be discussed. We may even get to sample some treats! Please register as soon as possible, in order for us to obtain supplies. This workshop is limited to the first 50 registrants. To register for this workshop, send your name, phone number, email address and a non-refundable check for \$9, made payable to "Kenley Redditt" to: Community Council; GMRE Center, 195 GA Mtn. Experi-

ment Station Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512. Personal Safety Seminar on Friday, March 24, 2017. No need to register. Deputy Billy Percell, Union County Sheriff's Office. Learn to safeguard yourself to minimize becoming a victim of a crime. Tips on personal and home safety, and situational awareness will be discussed. Our speaker will also touch on firearm laws in Georgia. GMRE Center auditorium.

Hundreds turned out for the services in honor of Ledford, for the two Sunday visitations and his memorial, which took place on Monday, Feb. 13. The event was even live-streamed on the church's Facebook page so that those who could not be there in person could pay their respects from afar. According to his obituary, Ledford served as a trustee at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, was on the executive board of the Georgia Baptist Convention, and volunteered as a firefighter in Habersham County in previous years. In lieu of flowers, the family had requested that contributions be made to Macedonia Baptist Church. Preacher Ledford's funeral service is available for viewing on the Macedonia Baptist Church Facebook page.



Macedonia Baptist Church Pastor Harold Ledford with Associate and Youth Pastor Bradley Thomas. Photo/Katie Scott.

## Hard work equals awards for Coast Guard Auxiliary

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 2-3 had a busy meeting on February 8, 2017 as well as having training classes during January, one of which resulted in Leonard Celaya receiving his Vessel Examiner Certification, ribbon and medal at the February meeting. He is now Flotilla 23 Staff Officer for Vessel Exams. These are done free of charge and a notice will be in the paper soon for the next date.

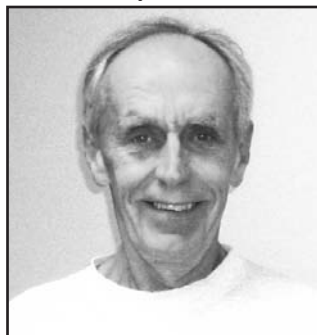
Steve Huntoon, who joined late last year, received his membership package, and Scott Royster was sworn in as a new member.

Flotilla Commander John Nixon received his 6th Sustained Service Award—each award represents 750 hours of work; he also received his Operations Award, Certificate and medals; and his Instructor Certificate and Medals.

Four of our members recently attended the Change of Watch for District 7, Division 2 at Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta. FC Nixon, his wife Shawn, Leonard Celaya, and his wife Peggy enjoyed the ceremony, dinner, and entertainment of the



Attending the Change of Watch for District 7, Division 2 at Dobbins Air Force Base are (l-r) Shawn Nixon, John Nixon, Peggy Celaya, and Leonard Celaya.



Steve Huntoon  
USCG Bag Pipe Band.



Scott Royster

Member Jan Simony has created a Facebook Page for the Flotilla: USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 2-3 North GA. Take a look and see what we are about. We have many events lined up for spring and summer.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 23 Northeast Georgia was formed in September of 2008 and their main goal is boating safety. Members pa-

trol the area lakes on weekends, do free vessel checks, and give out information on safe boating. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, Hwy. 76, Hiawassee. Anyone interested in joining this active group may attend one of our meetings.

FSO - PA Joan Crothers