

The Light

Daniell Baptist Association

Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ!

August 2013

Grace Notes

God has been blessing our Association in so many ways this past month and we give Him all the praise and glory!

Our DBA SURGE Camp was a great success with 94 students and 7 of those gave their lives to Christ while many more surrendered to God's call to ministry. The week was filled with great music and preaching, mission work, recreation, and great small group times. Thank you Camp Ministry Team and counselors for all your planning, hard work, and love for students.

Our **Becoming the Best Church for YOUR Community** conference with Bryan Nowak was a wonderful blessing with over 50 of our church leaders attending. If you were unable to be there please go to www.dbachurches.com and click on the podcast with Chester Proctor and Bryan Nowak to hear some of what was presented that evening.

This Saturday, August 3rd will be our Sunday School Training conference at Hawhammock Baptist in Swainsboro. This will be a great opportunity to train your church leaders how to reach your community through Sunday School. For more information and to register please go to <http://bit.ly/13m6lts>.

We are collecting loose leaf notebook paper for our prison ministry. If you can help with that need please bring your donations to our DBA office in Ailey.

On September 9th beginning at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting **A Night of Discipleship** at Trinity Baptist in Vidalia. This will be a great night of inspiration, training, and fun. Classes to be offered:

Making Disciples through Sunday School/Small Groups –*Jonathan Jordan (State Missionary)*

Making Disciples through Preaching –*Randy Mullinax (State Missionary)*

Making Disciples through On-Campus Groups –*Alan Folsom (State Missionary)*

Making Disciples One on One –*Greg Riner (Atlanta Missionary)*

Making Disciples through Bible Storying –*Robby Smith (Associational Missionary)*

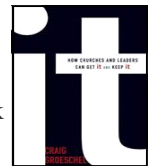
All topics will be repeated to allow participants the opportunity to attend two sessions. Make plans now to join us for this very special time of training.

Quote of the Month -Our lack of spiritual power in Christianity today is not due to the sermons we preach or the songs we sing. Rather, it is due to our lack of prayer. –Steve Gaines (*from Pray Like It Matters*)

Blessed to Serve,
Robby

It: How Churches and Leaders Can Get It and Keep It by Craig Groeschel

Some ministries have **it**. Some don't. Most churches want **it**. Few have **it**. When a church has **it**, everyone can tell, according to Craig Groeschel in this book. Craig states that he doesn't really know what **it** is, but he goes on to talk about where **it** comes from, what contributes to **it**, and, if you have lost **it**, how to get **it** back and guard **it**.



A church which has **it** has a contagiously exciting atmosphere, with many people coming to Jesus and lives being changed. One of the things which contributes to **it** is an effective vision. Another contributing factor is divine focus, where a church concentrates on doing a few things well, rather than a lot of things poorly. Other contributing factors include unmistakable camaraderie, innovative minds, willingness to fall short, hearts focused outwards, and kingdom-mindedness.

The book is fairly short, but addresses a serious issue in an insightful manner. God's special favor is something that can't be controlled or predicted, but there are various things which we can do and other things which we can avoid doing in order to make **it** more likely.



Creative Ideas to Help us Reach Our Communities for Christ



6 Ways to Connect with People using your Cell Phone *(adapted from Outreach Magazine)*

- **Encourage People** -Send subscribers weekly words of encouragement, support and inspiration as well as the occasional joke.
- **Plan Meetings** -Plan meetings and assign readings for small groups.
- **Share a Thought of the Week** -Set up a new keyword for each youth group meeting and then have attendees text the keyword to discover a core message from the Bible.
- **Rally Emergency Volunteers** -If your church, community, or group has an immediate need a text can get the information out immediately.
- **Make a Church Announcement** -Using a simple text as a reminder is a wonderful (inexpensive) tool for publicity.
- **Sermon Clarity** -Some churches encourage texting at the end of worship services to ask questions about the message. This is a great way to help attendees to understand the message.

Ministry Partner News:

- **Beulah, Cross Timbers, Mt. Shady, Smith Street and Stuckey Baptist** request your prayers as they seek God for a pastor.
- **The Way** (DBA Hispanic Mission in Wheeler County) rejoices in having their first three salvation decisions last Sunday.
- If any DBA church is in need of the DBA's old copy machine (B & W copies only) please contact our office and your church's name will be put into a drawing for the old machine. The deadline for this will be August 31, 2013.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

August 2013

- 03 -Sunday School Training workshops (Swainsboro)
- 06 -Evangelism Team Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ DBA office
- 22 -Pastor's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. @ Vidalia Shoney's

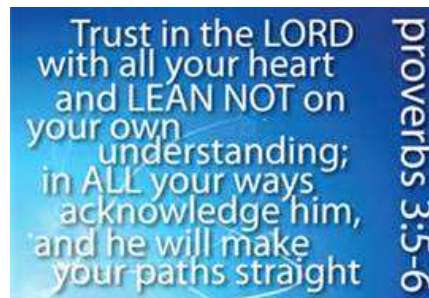
September 2013

- 09 -A Night of Discipleship 6:30 p.m. @ Trinity Baptist
- 12 -Administrative Team Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ DBA office
- 16 -Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ DBA office
- 26 -Pastor's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. @ Vidalia Shoney's
- 30 -Mission Trip to Mexico (continues until October 5)

October 2013

- 20 -Annual Fall Celebration 6:00 p.m. @ FBC Vidalia
- 21 -Annual Fall Meeting 6:00 p.m. @ Boiling Springs Baptist
- 24 -Pastor's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. @ Vidalia Shoney's

If you know of someone in need of air conditioning and they cannot afford to purchase a unit, Keith Horne (Missions Service Corp. Missionary) has refurbished several small units, and is offering them to anyone in need within our association area. If you know of a need for one of these please contact the DBA office and we will get you in touch with Keith.



DBA Treasurer's Report 2013

	Budget Offerings	Designated Gifts	Expenses	Net
June 2013	12,079.73	-	(11,527.27)	552.46
2013 - YTD	64,433.98		(66,996.81)	(2,562.83)
Acts 1:8	Bal. as of 06/01/2013	Gifts	Disbursements	Bal. as of 06/30/2013
	8,277.91	1,988.41	(1,150.00)	9,116.32

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 Deadline for submitting information for "The Light" is August 22.