



**Daniell  
Baptist  
Association**



*Partnering  
with  
churches to  
reach  
communities  
for Christ!*

# The Light



DECEMBER 2015

## Grace Notes

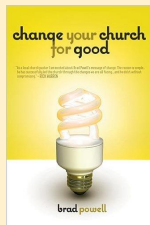
It has been a wonderful November in our Association and we give God all the Glory! Highlights include:

- Our three new ESL (English as a Second Language) classes continue to grow and bless our Hispanic communities.
- Smith Street Baptist celebrated 50 years of ministry
- Our Women's Ministry's World Day of Prayer was a blessing and our gratitude goes out to Higgston Baptist for hosting the event.
- Our yearly Minister's and Families Christmas Party was a hoot this year and we are grateful to Tabernacle Baptist for hosting. Thank you Arnold Palmer and the Tabernacle Kitchen Team for cooking a wonderful meal and thank you Brewton-Parker BCM for providing childcare.

God is doing a wonderful work in our Association and we give Him all the Glory! Thank you churches and partners for your participation and support. We are a truly blessed Association of churches.



**Cake Ministry** –We are looking to take 500 cakes to the children's home December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you can help us with this great ministry please bring cakes to Tabernacle Baptist on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> between 7 and 9 a.m. Please give us a call for cake boxes and instructions on packing to prevent freezer burn. If unable to come by to get the boxes you can drop the cakes off next Thursday morning at Tabernacle where we will have extra boxes available.



## **Book of the Month**

The church is the hope of the world when its working right...and therein lies the problem. Most aren't. This has led both Christians and non-Christians to give up on the church entirely; it has led many others to give up on all existing churches-and maybe even start new ones. But all churches can and should be transitioned to a new life. In **Change Your Church for Good: The Art of Sacred Cow Tipping**,

Pastor Brad Powell rekindles hope for the future. He provides essential tools to shake up a stagnant body of believers and infuse it with love, outreach, cultural relevance, and a renewed relationship with God. Drawing on first-hand experience with the church at NorthRidge where has served as Senior Pastor since 1990, Brad relays the trials and ultimately the triumph of restoring life and joy to a church that was dying. If you are a leader seeking a blueprint for change, or a member praying for a miracle, this living example can serve as a springboard for your church.

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During the month of December we will again be collecting loose-leaf notebook paper to be used by our prison ministry. Please bring all donations to our Ailey office.

To discover additional ways you can partner with your Association in reaching our community, state, and world for Jesus please go to <http://bit.ly/1pdc2Sr> by pasting it in your web browser. Also, as the year ends please remember your Association in your prayers (and finances if the Lord leads) as we faithfully partner with churches to reach communities for Christ.

### **Immediate Need**

I just got a call from the new chaplain at the Montgomery State Prison and they need assistance to bless the inmates at Christmas. They are looking for churches to help provide supplies for “Christmas Bags”. If your church would like to help with this immediate need please call Chaplain Houser at 912-583-3634. Items needed include: canned sodas, candy bars, individually wrapped crackers and items such as Little Debbie snacks. They have 425 inmates so things would need to be purchased in bulk.

### **Quote of the Month**

The primary problem facing the church today is the culture and language problem. The church is not making sense to people because it's not able to connect to them. Unfortunately, too many churches fall in love with the way they do ministry instead of with the reason they do ministry. –Brad Powell

Finally, we wish each of you a very Merry Christmas as you exalt the Savior and proclaim His love and forgiveness during this special Christmas season.

Blessed to Serve,

Robby

### **Ministry Partner News:**

- **Ailey, Bethel, East Gordon, Higgston, Normantown, Ohoopee, Snow Hill, Tarrytown, and United Fellowship** request your prayers as they seek God for a pastor.
- **The Way Hispanic Mission and the Cedar Crossing Hispanic Mission** requests any extra Christmas decorations that churches may not use anymore. They plan to use them to decorate both of their mission locations. Any donations can be brought to the DBA office and we will get them to Joey Davis.



# Calendar of Events



## **December 2015**

- 01-06 Week of Prayer for International Missions Continues
- 03 Bring Cakes for Baxley Children's Home to Tabernacle Baptist between 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- 23-31 DBA office closed for Christmas

## **January 2016**

- 14 Great Commission Resource Center with Dr. White, @ Smith Street Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Pastor's Roundtable, @ DBA office, 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Administrative Team Meeting, @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.

## **February 2016**

- 02 Rachel's House Banquet, @ FBC Vidalia, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Josh Hunt Conference on Change Your Church or Die, @ FBC Lyons, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Church Finance Seminar with Tony Neal, @ DBA Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 22-23 Pastors/Ministers Quail Hunting Trip, Dorchester Shooting Preserve near Savannah

## **March 2016**

- 06-13 Week of prayer for North American Missions
- 07-12 DBA Dental Ministry, @ Higgston Baptist Church
- 12 Regional VBS training, @ FBC Statesboro, 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 18-19 DBA Men's Conference, @ FBC Lyons
- 21 WMU Inspirational Meeting, @ Cross Timbers, 6:00 p.m.
- 28-31 Construction Mission Trip to West Virginia

## **April 2016**

- 01-02 Construction Mission Trip to West Virginia continues
- 05 Top Ten Tour (Evangelism Training), @Vidalia Baptist Temple, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Youth Celebration Service, @ Friendship Baptist, 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Administrative Team Meeting, @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 DBA WMU/Youth Ministry Spring Fling, @ Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Baxley, 10:00 a.m.
- 26 Pray Georgia with Dr. White, @ Higgston Baptist, 12:00 noon
- 26 VBS Commissioning Service, @ Vidalia Baptist Temple, 6:00 p.m.

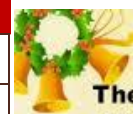
## **May 2016**

- 15 Acts 1:8/Calvin Durrence Offering
- 30 Memorial Day (DBA office closed)

## **June 2016**

- 04-10 West Virginia Mission Trip
- 13-15 Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, MO
- 21-27 Kantunilkin, Mexico Mission Trip

## DBA Treasurer's Report 2015



**Then pealed the bells  
More loud and deep  
"God is not dead, nor  
doth He sleep  
The wrong shall fail  
The right prevail  
With Peace on earth,  
good will to men"**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Budget Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
October 2015	\$17,595.46	(23,069.44)	(5,473.98)
Year to Date	139,546.58	(143,124.34)	(3,577.76)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance as of: 9/30/2015</u>	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance as of: 10/31/2015</u>
Acts 1:8	3,216.09	2,359.14	(\$800.00)	\$4,775.23

### **Out of the Box (Ideas to help churches reach people for Jesus)**



#### **General**

- Host a free garage sale
- Bring free lunches to construction workers and servicemen in your area
- Hand out free gum or Christmas candy at the city parade
- Provide free coffee at the Christmas parade
- Clean up a widow's yard
- Give out free chapstick at the park or parade
- Give out free bottled water at a busy traffic intersection
- Plan a "Back to School Bash" for foster care children. Have free food, games, and a backpack/school supply give-away
- Give out free donuts and hot chocolate to local businesses

#### **College**

- Band or sports teams: Serve free drinks or snacks at their practices
- Sports teams: Serve free bottled water at their practices
- Prepare free meals for students and faculty
- Adopt a dorm and provide desserts, cards, meals, and invitations to your church

\*Remember to use gospel tracts and church invitations with each of the above ideas. Whatever we do in word or deed we should be proclaiming Christ!

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