

# The Light

JANUARY 2016

## Grace Notes

God is moving in wonderful ways in our Association of churches and we give Him all the glory. Please be sure to read through the enclosed calendar to find ministry and training opportunities that will help you become a disciple making believer and church in 2016.



Please remember we are beginning a monthly **DBA Prayer Rally** which will take place the first Monday of each month to specifically pray for our community. Our first rally will take place at FBC Mt. Vernon on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Our second one will be February 1<sup>st</sup> at Cross Timbers Baptist. Leading our time in prayer each month will be Mark Mirza who is himself a prayer warrior. Please invite anyone you know (no matter the Christian denomination they belong to) who has a heart for eradicating spiritual darkness in our communities to join you and others as we seek God in prayer.



Our Spiritual Leadership Team has invited nationally known speaker Josh Hunt to lead a special conference for us February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at FBC Lyons. **Change Your Church or Die** is a great conference that every pastor, staff member, and church volunteer will benefit from attending. This conference will address real problems many smaller and larger churches are facing and will give each participant some very practical and useful ideas on how to take a church from where it is today to where God would have it be.



God is doing a wonderful work through our DBA Prison Ministry and we give Him all the Glory! At the end of 2015 we conducted Graduation from our Prison Bible Leadership Institute and through the preaching of God's Word we saw at least 12 inmates give their hearts and lives to Christ just during that service alone. We are currently offering 7 Bible Studies in the prison where dozens more have received Christ and we have now equipped 7 inmates to teach in the prison which will allow us to expand our ministry to more inmates.

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**Daniell Baptist Association**

*Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ.*

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A goal we have set for 2016 is to establish a Transitional Center (and Church) for former inmates where we can disciple and help them in their transition back into society. Please be in prayer as we increase our efforts in this area. Specifically pray for the following:

- Favor with residents and town officials
- Land and Buildings to be used for the center
- Finances for the center
- Job opportunities for the residents
- Volunteers to help us with the planning

During the month of January 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 our Association in reaching our community, state, and world for Jesus please go to <http://bit.ly/1pdc2Sr> by pasting it in your web browser.

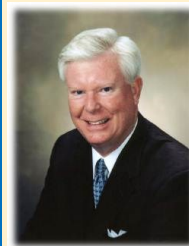
Blessed to Serve and Excited for Ministry in 2016,

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**Thursday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Smith Street Baptist Church**



This conference is designed to encourage church members to use existing relationships and interest groups to share their faith with others. Whether its riding motorcycles, hunting, reading a book-of-the month or scrapbooking, Christians can use natural connections as conduits for the Great Commission.



Dr. Robert White, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Convention will be present to share in the discussion.

**Ministry Partner News:**

**Ailey, Bethel, East Gordon, Harmony, Higgston, Normantown, Ochoopee, Snow Hill, Tarrytown, and United Fellowship** request your prayers as they seek God for a pastor.

**Vidalia Baptist Temple** invites everyone to their annual New Year's Gospel Sing, featuring: "Hand In Hand" from Dublin. Friday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. Free admission and refreshments will follow.

# Calendar of Events

## **January 2016**

- 04 DBA Prayer rally with Mark Mirza, @ FBC Mount Vernon, 6:30 p.m.
- 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**

- 01 DBA Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, @ Cross Timbers, 6:30 p.m.
- 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 DBA Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, @ North Thompson 6:30 p.m.
- 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
- 04 Bible Drill for Association, @ DBA office, 6:00 p.m.
- 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.
- 14 State Bible Drill, @ FBC Statesboro
- 14 Ministry Safe, @ FBC Vidalia, 6:30 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**

- 12 Men's Evangelism Rally, location and time TBA
- 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

## **July 2016**

- 04 DBA office closed (Holiday)
- 11-15 Children's Camp in Adrian
- 18-22 Youth Camp (SURGE) at Brewton-Parker College
- 28 Administrative Team Meeting 5:30 p.m.

## Out of the Box



*Creative ideas to help reach communities for Christ (by Church Fuel)*

A church that has a [culture of inviting](#) is likely going to be a growing church. And now is the perfect time to start working on that culture. Here are 18 ways church leaders can encourage church attenders to invite the unchurched:

- 1. Stop asking for a few weeks.** If you constantly say something like “don’t forget to invite your friends next week” people might tune you out. Leave it alone for a while, so you can...
- 2. Then ask big.** Instead of a small mention each week, devote a considerable amount of time to talking about inviting. Let the congregation know next week’s service is designed for new people, share stories and ask big.
- 3. Provide invite cards.** You can make it easier for people to invite by giving them simple tools like printed cards.
- 4. Encourage Social Media Use During the Service.** During a welcome, encourage everyone to take out their phones and share a status update or Tweet. People don’t have to wait until later in the week to invite someone, they can do it from their phones at church.
- 5. Provide lawn signs.** Print up a few lawn signs and make them available for people to put in their front lawns. If people will do it for politicians, some will do it for their church.
- 6. Make an invite page on your website.** Create a page on your website with graphics, sample Facebook posts, and ideas for people to invite their friends.
- 7. Create shareable content.** Sometime it’s scary for people to invite their friends to church. So create helpful content that is easier for people to share. It might be an inspirational quote or a helpful article.
- 8. Write Facebook Posts for People.** Instead of just telling people to invite their friends on Facebook, create a post they can cut and paste. Remember, the easier you make something, the more people will do it.
- 9. Send a text reminder on Saturday.** Use this sparingly, but text your members, volunteers or regular attenders on Saturday night and ask them to invite a friend to church tomorrow.
- 10. Give away t-shirts for guests and those who bring them.**
- 11. Thank people personally.** When someone brings a friend, thank them personally. Send a thank you note that says, “Jimmy came to church Sunday and he said you were the one that invited him. Thank you so much for extending that invite.”
- 12. Tell stories of inviting.** There is no better form of communication than stories – it’s how we learn best. So make sure you’re telling stories about inviting in your sermon and throughout your service.
- 13. Always welcome guests.** Even if there are 15 people in the church service and they are all related to you, intentionally welcome guests and let them know what to expect.

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**14. Talk to guests in your sermon.** Make sure every message has a moment where you're addressing new people. If you reference a series, make sure you provide context for guests. If you say the name of a ministry, make sure you explain what that means to guests.

**15. Create a custom audience on Facebook.** This is slightly technical, but you create a group of church members on Facebook (it's called a Custom Audience) and then only display posts to that segment of people. It's perfect for reminding people to invite, and driving them to the inviting resources you created for them. You can even promote online giving to your church (while they are online and able to take action).

**16. Display names.** Ask your church to write down the first names of people they would like to see come to church and find a creative way to display these and pray over them.

**17. Prayer Time.** Organize a time of prayer, either in person or online, to pray for those who need to be invited.

**18. Tear Off Postcards.** Send a perforated postcard to the homes of your members or regular attenders. One half talks about inviting and the other half is designed to give to a friend or neighbor.

### DBA Treasurer's Report 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Budget Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
November 2015	\$11286.67	(11,639.22)	(352.55)
Year to Date	150,833.25	(154,763.56)	(3,930.31)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance as of:</u> <u>10/31/2015</u>	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance as of:</u> <u>11/30/2015</u>
Acts 1:8	4,775.23	5,051.42	(\$800.00)	\$9,026.65

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