

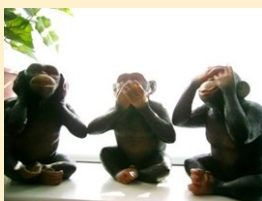
The Light

FEBRUARY 2016

Grace Notes



Is your church experiencing decline or even plateau? Is your church more inward focused than outward focused? If you answered yes to either of those questions please know you are not alone and your Daniell Association wants to help. Our Spiritual Leadership Ministry Team has invited nationally known speaker Josh Hunt to lead a special conference for us February 11th 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.



On Monday, February 15, 2016 at 6 p.m. at our DBA office in Ailey we will be hosting **Federal Payroll Reporting Requirements for Churches and Financial Update** seminar for church leaders. This seminar will address things churches must do in order to legally have the ability to pay salaries or housing allowances, as well as proper reporting. It will also address IRS changes, financial requirements, and payroll issues for churches. Our Georgia Baptist Missionary Tony Neal will be leading this time of discussion so please join us and feel free to ask questions. I understand when it comes to IRS reporting requirements it is sometimes easier just to close our eyes and hope we are doing the right thing. However, I believe we honor our Lord when we know the laws and show Godly integrity by obeying them. Please join us and remember this seminar is for anyone but especially for pastors, staff, church treasurers and even deacons. This is offered free of charge and is open to any church or denomination.



On February 15th at 5:15 (prior to the above Finance Seminar) we will have a meeting for all pastors/church leaders to address the possibility of our Association opening a Transitional Center/Church designed for former inmates. This will be a time where we will share some information as well as answer questions you might have. As you might imagine, we only want to proceed with this ministry if our pastors/churches feel led to do so. Please join us for this very important meeting of church leaders as we prepare to follow the Lord's leading.

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Daniell Baptist Association

Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ.

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During the month of February we will be collecting loose-leaf notebook paper to be used by our prison ministry which is growing to include another dorm of 84 men. 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,
Robby

Ministry Partner News:

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

East Gordon Street invites everyone to a Southern Gospel concert, featuring: Gaither recording artist Sue Dodge. Local quartet Heartfelt will be opening for her on Saturday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information call 912-245-5335.

First Baptist Lyons will be having a special conference for men March 18-19. Topics being covered will include Marriage, Sexual Purity and Parenting as well as others. Manhood 101 will share what Christian manhood looks like. Please call FBC Lyons at 912-526-8136 for more information. Presenters will be Keith Boggs, Chad Minter, and Ronnie Smith.

Tabernacle will be hosting a simulcast of the Johnny Hunt Men's Conference February 5-6. The conference will begin Friday night @ 6:00 with a steak dinner and continue Saturday morning @ 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be reserved by calling the church office at 912-537-4272.



Saturday, March 12th at 7:45 a.m. Chick-fil-A of Vidalia will be hosting a 1 mile fun run and an 8K with proceeds from the race benefiting the Paul Anderson Youth Home and Winshape Camps. For more information, please call Victoria Shuman with Paul Anderson Youth Home at 912-537-7237.



Glenn and Cheryl Waters would like to thank the loving and caring people of the DBA for all of the prayers, calls, and visits during Cheryl's hospital stay and later recovery at home. They give God all the credit for her recovery and state of health, but are grateful for everyone lifting her up in their prayers to the "Great Physician." She is getting stronger everyday. (Glenn is the pastor at Stuckey Baptist in Glenwood.)

Calendar of Events

February 2016

- 01 DBA Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, @ Cross Timbers in Vidalia, 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 Retreat, Dorchester Shooting Preserve near Savannah
- 29 DBA Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, @ North Thompson in Vidalia, 6:30 p.m.

March 2016

- 06-13 Week of prayer for North American Missions
- 08-12 DBA Dental Ministry, @ Higgston Baptist Church
- 12 Regional VBS training, @ FBC Statesboro, 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 21 WMU Inspirational Meeting, @ Cross Timbers in Vidalia, 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 in Glenwood, 4:00 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.
- 21 Administrative Team Meeting, @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m. **(note: original date changed to this one)**
- 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 with Kenny Grant, @ Tabernacle in Vidalia, 6:00 p.m.
- 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.

Prayerfully consider being a counselor this year at one or both of our camps and help us reach the next generation for Christ.



Out of the Box



OUT OF THE BOX @ EASTER Time *(Ideas to help churches reach people for Jesus)*

- Hold an after-service barbecue or a pre-service breakfast. Have everyone who attends bring a canned food item for the local food bank.
- Enlist a photographer to take free family photos as people arrive at your community's Easter egg hunt and send the pictures and information about your church to families via email.
- Host financial management seminars covering getting out of debt, retirement planning, saving for college and thriving as a single-income family.
- Organize a job-share and computer training conference in your church, providing training in resume writing, clothing for job interviews, interviewing skills, phone skills and basic computer skills.
- Instead of ending a sermon series on Easter consider beginning one so that those families who have historically only attended on holidays might consider coming back the next Sunday for part two.
- Consider hosting a sunrise service and make sure you present the Gospel and offer an invitation to Christ. I don't know why this is but the unchurched in our communities will more likely attend a sunrise service instead of a regular service. Sometimes it may be due to nostalgia or even the idea of a smaller crowd but for whatever reason they are there so share Jesus!

Whatever you do make sure folks know you are providing this service because Jesus loves them. And finally, **PUBLICIZE, PUBLICIZE, PUBLICIZE!!!!!!**

DBA Treasurer's Report 2015

Date	Budget Offerings	Expenses	Net
December 2015	\$15,952.19	(10,324.28)	5,627.91
Year to Date	\$166,785.44	(165,087.84)	1,697.60

Account	Balance as of: 11/30/15	Gifts	Disbursements	Balance as of: 12/31/2015
Acts 1:8	\$9,026.65	\$617.83	(\$800.00)	\$8,844.48

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