

# The Light

APRIL 2016

## Grace Notes

Thank you DBA partners for your prayers while our mission team was serving this past week in Fayetteville, West Virginia. We had a wonderful team and we are grateful to the Lord for all the miraculous things that were accomplished. On a personal note, I am so blessed to lead an Association that ministers as unto the Lord all over the world following His challenge as recorded in Acts 1:8. to God be the Glory!

We are taking another mission team to do ministry in Fayetteville, West Virginia June 4-10. **If you are interested in joining us on mission to “coal country” please complete the mission trip application and return it by April 11<sup>th</sup> with a non-refundable deposit of \$95.** This trip is open to both students and adults and is only \$195 per person which includes food, transportation and lodging.

### Is Your Ministry Safe From Child Sexual Abuse?

#### FREE ONE-DAY CONFERENCES

Dedicated to sexual abuse awareness & prevention.



This Church Safety Workshop to be held at FBC Vidalia on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30 (**supper will be provided at 6 p.m.**) will equip you with the information to understand how children are at risk of sexual abuse in church programs. That understanding will be followed by the information, tools, and resources to develop and implement an effective safety system to protect children and those who serve them. For more information and to register please go to <http://bit.ly/1ZXoEyV>. Please register so we will know how much food to prepare.

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Please remember we will be hosting the **Top Ten Evangelism Workshop** for our Georgia Baptist Mission Board on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at Vidalia Baptist Temple. Our special guests will be Randy Mullinax (GBMB), Brad Waters (FBC Hazlehurst) and Brad Boynton (Pineora Baptist in Guyton). We will begin the evening with a free meal followed by a conversation with two of the strongest evangelistic pastors in the state of Georgia. This is a conference I encourage each of our pastors to attend along with their deacons, leaders, WMU and staff. Feel free to bring other pastors and leaders with you. Every DBA pastor will be given a bag full of books and resources to help them in their ministry. **If you have not registered by Monday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup> and would like to attend please call our office to see if we have openings.**



**Daniell Baptist Association**

*Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ.*

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**PRAY GEORGIA** with special guest Dr. Robert White of our Georgia Baptist Mission Board will take place April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Higgston Baptist in Higgston. This will be a time of seeking God on behalf of our state and community in order to reduce spiritual darkness. Please join us as Dr. White leads us in this important time of prayer.



Please keep our **Transitional Center Ministry** Team in prayer as we begin to search for rental property to begin a Transitional Center for former inmates. This center will help train them in the ways of Christ while helping them transition back into society. In addition, we are looking forward to beginning a new church to reach those who are lost and once in prison.

During the month of April, we will 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.



Our annual VBS Commissioning Service will be held on April 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Vidalia Baptist Temple. Our guest speaker will be Madison Herrin from Tabernacle Baptist Church. The commissioning service is an opportunity to concentrate thoughts and prayers on our VBS mission. Everyone that is involved with VBS is invited to attend; teachers, directors, pastors, helpers, etc. This event is not “theme” centered and is beneficial for any VBS volunteer. The evening will begin with a dinner of ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Please RSVP no later than April 22nd to the DBA office at 583-2713. Child care will only be provided upon request.

Blessed to Serve,  
Robby

### **Ministry Partner News:**

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

**Cedar Crossing Hispanic Mission and The Way Mission in Glenwood** have a need for used clothing in all sizes. Please bring any donations to the DBA office by the end of April.

**East Gordon Street** welcomes their new pastor Bruce Conner. He began on March 9th.

**Higgston Baptist** welcomes their new pastor Allen Michael Rea. He will begin on May 1st.

# Calendar of Events

## April 2016

- 05 Top Ten Tour (Evangelism Training), @Vidalia Baptist Temple, 6:00 p.m.
- 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.
- 17 Mexico Mission Trip Training @ DBA office, 3:00 p.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

- 02 Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, South Thompson Baptist in Toombs County, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Men's Evangelism Rally with Kenny Grant @ Tabernacle in Vidalia, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Church Security Seminar, (location to be determined), 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Acts 1:8/Calvin Durrence Offering
- 22 Mexico Mission Trip Training @ DBA office, 3:00 p.m.
- 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 (Independence Day)
- 11-15 Children's Camp in Adrian
- 18-22 Youth Camp (SURGE) at Brewton-Parker College
- 28 Administrative Team Meeting @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.

## August 2016

- 05-06 Georgia Mission Board Sunday School Training in Athens
- 20 DBA Bringing It Home Men's Conference, Cedar Crossing Baptist, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

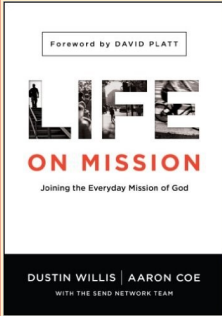
## September 2016

- 05 DBA office closed (Labor Day)
- 08 Administrative Team Meeting @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Night of Discipleship @ Smith Street Baptist in Vidalia, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.



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## Book of the Month



*Life on Mission* gives gospel-centered, biblical, practical foundations for how mission was meant to be: an everyone-together effort.

*Life on Mission* is a thorough yet simple guide for everyday missionaries—electricians, lawyers, church planters, students, etc.—that equips them with truths and practices for living out the gospel within their own community. Adaptable to any context, *Life on Mission* functions great as both an individual and small-group study.

Threaded with engaging stories and probing reflection questions, *Life on Mission* will help you and your community take bold steps to living life on mission.

## Quote of the Month

*A staggering 28 percent of Americans do not know a single one of their neighbors, while 29 percent know just “some” of their neighbors. Essentially more than half of Americans honestly do not know their neighbors at all. In Mark 12:31, Jesus told us to “love your neighbor as yourself.” If we are called to love our neighbors, then without excuse, we must know our neighbors. -Life On Mission*

## DBA Treasurer’s Report 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Budget Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
February 2016	\$12,164.22	(12,133.39)	30.83
Year to Date	\$26,508.83	(28,108.01)	(1,599.18)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance as of: 1/31/16</u>	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance as of: 2/29/2016</u>
<b>Acts 1:8</b>	\$8,846.76	\$1.90	(1,850.00)	\$6,998.66

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of “**The Light**” is April 25.



# Thank You

A special thank you to the following churches who have partnered with the Association through financial giving during the first quarter of 2016. Your giving allows us to continue in our ministries that are helping to reach our world for Christ. Thank you for your partnership.

Alston Baptist

Bethel Baptist

Beulah Baptist

Boiling Springs Baptist

Cedar Crossing Baptist

Cornerstone Baptist

East Gordon Street Baptist

Fairview Baptist

Faith Missionary Baptist

First Baptist Alamo

First Baptist Lyons

First Baptist Mount Vernon

First Baptist Vidalia

Friendship Baptist

Hammond Baptist

Higgston Baptist

Hope Baptist

Long Pond Baptist

Mount Pisgah Baptist

New Corinth Baptist

Normantown Baptist

Oak Grove Baptist

Ohoopee Baptist

Providence Baptist

Rocky Creek Baptist

Smith Street Baptist

Snow Hill Baptist

South Thompson Baptist

Spring Hill Baptist

Stuckey Baptist

Tabernacle Baptist

The Way

Trinity Baptist

Uvalda Baptist

### Ten Comments from Happy Church Guests –Thom Rainer

In essence, Thom Rainer’s team asked guests to attend a worship service on the same day to get their immediate impressions of the church. Among those who had a positive experience, they heard a pattern of recurring themes. Here are the top ten responses in order of frequency. Each item is followed by a direct quote from a guest.

1. **People introduced themselves to the guests.** “Several people introduced themselves to me. I did not get the impression it was either contrived or routine.”
2. **Someone asked the guest to sit with her.** “You know, as a single person, I can feel pretty lonely sitting by myself. I am so glad Joanie asked me to sit with her. We plan to get together for coffee.”
3. **There was clear signage.** “From the parking lot to the children’s area to the worship center, everything was clearly marked. It was sure easy to get around.”
4. **There was a clearly-marked welcome center.** “It made it real easy for me to ask questions and to get some information on the church.”
5. **The kids loved the children’s area.** “My kids were so happy with their experiences. We will be back for sure.”
6. **The children’s area was secure and sanitary.** “That is one of the first things I check when I go to a church. This church gets an A+!”
7. **Guest parking was clearly visible.** “From the moment we drove on the parking lot, I could find the guest parking. It was marked very well.”
8. **The church did not have a stand and greet time.** “My wife and I just moved to the area and are visiting churches. If we visit one with that fake stand and greet time, we don’t return.”
9. **The members were not pushy.** “They seemed to really care about us rather than just making us another number on the membership roll.”
10. **The guest card was simple to complete.** “Some of the cards in other churches ask for too much information. This one was perfect and simple.”

A happy guest will likely be a returning guest. A returning guest is more likely to become a part of the church. What changes does your church need to make in order to make guests feel welcome and comfortable?

### **OUT OF THE BOX** (*Ideas to help churches reach people for Jesus*)



**Outreach in the Workplace continued:** some practical ideas for blessing others in the workplace:

1. Ask someone who others typically ignore if you can grab them a soda/coffee while you’re out.
2. Be the first person to greet and welcome new people.
3. Make every effort to know the names of co-workers and clients along with their families.
4. Visit coworkers when they are in the hospital.
5. Bring sodas or work appropriate drinks to keep in your break room for coworkers to enjoy. Know what your co-workers like.
6. Go out of your way to talk to your janitors and cleaning people who most people overlook.
7. Find out your co-workers favorite music and make a playlist that includes as much as you can (if suitable for work).
8. Invite your co-workers in to the service projects you are already involved in.
9. Start a small business that will bless your community and create space for mission.
10. Work hard to reconcile co-workers who are fighting with one another.
11. Keep small candy, gum, or little snacks around to offer to others during a long day.
12. Lead the charge in organizing others to help co-workers in need.