

The Light

MAY 2016

Grace Notes



I'm excited about the upcoming Men's Conference we are planning with pastor Kenny Grant of Calvary Baptist in Savannah. The event will take place May 12th at 6 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist in Vidalia and is free of charge but reservations must be made by May 9th by calling our office at 912-583-2713. For more information please place the following in your web browser: <http://bit.ly/1U7IVCH>

On Thursday, May 19th at FBC Mt. Vernon at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting a special Church Security/Safety seminar for our churches and community. This special conference led by Georgia Baptist Missionary **Ricky Thrasher** will cover the following topics:



- Church Safety Teams
- Handguns at Church
- What to do in case of intruders
- Ways to better protect your congregation

Please join us for this very informative conference and feel free to bring guests with you. For more information place the following in your web browser: <http://bit.ly/1WnORXn>



Please join us Monday evening (May 2nd) at South Thompson Baptist for our monthly prayer time with special guest Mark Mirza. This will be a marvelous time of prayer as well as training so please join us as we pray for our community, state, country, and world.



As you know, every year our Association takes an offering in May to help us do missions in our area and around the world. This year's Acts 1:8/Calvin Durrence offering will take place on May 15th. If that date does not work for your church please consider scheduling the offering to be taken on another date. Remember, this offering will not be used to pay for utilities or salaries. One hundred percent will be used to help us reach our community and world for Jesus! Funding supports (but not limited to) the following: Prison Ministry, Local Church Planting and Church Revitalization Missionary Support (not Associational Missionary), Mercy Clinic, Student Ministry, Christian Learning Center (Montgomery County and Vidalia High School), First Choice Georgia (Rachel's House) Pregnancy Resource Clinic, Dream Center, missionaries Keith Horne and Nathan Ammons.



Daniell Baptist Association

Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ.

(continued from page 1)



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 were once in prison.

During the month of May, we will be collecting rolls of paper towels and toilet tissue to be used by our (soon to open) Transitional Center 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,
Robby

OUT OF THE BOX (*Summer Ideas to help churches reach people for Jesus by Diana Davis*)

Think “outside the church” as you plan summer events. Many of your neighbors are already outside, so why not take the activities to them.

Plan community-wide events on your church lawn:

- Citywide Father’s Day cookout and outdoor worship service—“Bring your dad and a lawn chair!”
- Citywide kite-flying contest or “Biggest Water-Sprinkler Party in (*your town*)” event for preschoolers or elementary kids.
- Move your Sunday evening worship outdoors.
- A concert on the lawn or a weekly outdoor fellowship. Use tiki lights, have live Christian music, and serve bottled sodas in huge tubs of ice.

Summer outreach in the church parking lot:

- Host a citywide July 4th bicycle parade.
- Drive-through registration for Vacation Bible School (VBS) or kids’ camps.
- Host an outdoor Movie Night. Invite people to bring blankets and lawn chairs, serve popcorn, and project the movie on an outside wall or large screen. (DBA has a blow-up screen)
- Teens serve free drive-through snow cones. No donations; just invite them to Sunday worship.
- Host a community service day such as blood drive or food collection.

Ministry Partner News:

Bethel, Beulah, First Baptist of Vidalia, Harmony, Normantown, Ohoopee, Tarrytown, and United Fellowship request your prayers as they seek God for a pastor.

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

Snowhill Baptist welcomes Rev. Randell Tarpley as pastor to his home church on May 1st.

Calendar of Events

May 2016


- 02 Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, South Thompson Baptist in Toombs County, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Youth Ministry Team Meeting
- 12 Men's Evangelism Rally with Kenny Grant @ Tabernacle in Vidalia, 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Acts 1:8/Calvin Durrence Offering
- 19 Church Security Seminar, @ First Baptist Mt. Vernon, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Mexico Mission Trip Training @ FBC Lyons, 3:00 p.m.
- 24 Pastor's Round Table, DBA office, 10:00 a.m.
- 30 Memorial Day (DBA office closed)

June 2016

- 06 Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, FBC Mt. Vernon, 6:30 p.m.
- 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.



Sign up now for Summer
Camps. Get your application
at www.dbachurches.com

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

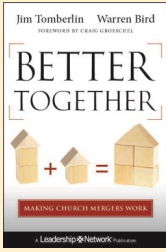
September 2016

- 01 Future of Associations Regional conference, FBC Lyons, 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., \$25 per person
- 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.

October 2016

- 16 Annual DBA Worship Celebration @ FBC Vidalia, 6:00 pm
- 17 DBA Annual Business Session, @ FBC Soperton, 6:00 pm

Book of the Month



Thousands of churches are plateaued or declining in attendance, while other congregations nearby thrive. Is there a way for them to combine forces, drawing on both their strengths, in ways that also increase their missional impact? Church merger consultant Jim Tomberlin, with co-writer Warren Bird, makes the case that mergers today work best not with two struggling churches but with a vital, momentum-filled lead church partnering with a weaker joining church. In this new book, they provide a complete, practical, hands-on guide for church leaders of both struggling and vibrant churches so that they can understand the issues, develop strategies, and execute a variety of forms of merger for church expansion and renewal to reinvigorate declining churches and give them a "second life." This is not a difficult book to read and I believe it could be very helpful (and timely) for our area.

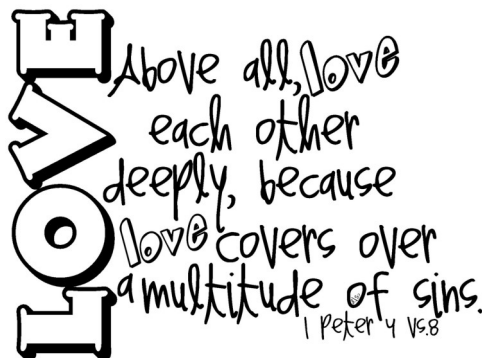
Quote of the Month

The church is not the way to heaven; the church is the sign that points to heaven. -Adrian Rogers

DBA Treasurer's Report 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Budget Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
March 2016	11,907.95	(11,830.01)	77.94
Year to Date	38,416.78	(39,938.02)	(1,521.24)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance as of: 3/31/16</u>	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Disbursements YTD</u>	<u>Balance as of: 2/29/2016</u>
Acts 1:8	8,850.34	1.90	(2,775.00)	6,075.34



Daniell Baptist Association P.O. Box 388 Ailey, GA 30410 Ailey, GA 30410
 (Website) www.dbachurches.com (Phone) 912/583-2713 or 912/583-2913 (Fax) 912/583-2914

Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is May 25.

