

# The Light

JULY 2016

## Grace Notes

I was blessed in June to attend this years Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis with more that 7,000 Baptists from around the country and world. It was truly a blessing to be there this year and experience such diversity. Here are a few thoughts about the convention:

I was amazed at the diversity in ages. In the past, conventions were staunch (stuffy) and mostly older adults attended. This year, however, many young leaders from around the country were present and participating. In fact, I attended some 9 Marks events and I was the OLDEST in the room. I am truly excited about these young leaders as they begin to take on leadership of our denomination.

I was blessed to see the great unity present. Even though not everyone agreed on each issue (by FAR that was not the case), there remained unity as the mission is much greater than our preferences.

The days for coats and ties are GONE! Thank you Jesus for the relaxed/casual atmosphere!

The motions from the floor remained entertaining as they have been in the past. Southern Baptists are a peculiar lot and as you can imagine, we have opinions.

Resolutions get people talking. A good article was written on this subject recently by Keith Hinson, who is a state missionary with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. The following is his article which I hope you will find helpful.

*At annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention and of various state conventions resolutions adopted by messengers are often misunderstood.*

- ***A resolution is non-binding.*** It is a snapshot in time of what messengers approved at one Convention meeting.
- ***A resolution is not a statement of Southern Baptist policy.*** It speaks only for the messengers who were gathered in a particular place at a particular time.
- ***A resolution does not have any effect of allocating resources or directing the work of Southern Baptist or state convention entities,*** and a resolution certainly cannot govern the ministry or policies of any local church.
- ***A resolution is often mis-portrayed*** — probably unintentionally — by some news media as a statement on behalf of all Southern Baptists.

*Among Southern Baptists, each church is entirely autonomous and self-governing. All denominational ministries – whether on the level of the association, state convention or SBC –exist only to help local congregations fulfill the Great Commission.*



**Daniell Baptist Association**

*Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ.*

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I am grateful to be part of our Southern Baptist denomination. Are we perfect.....NO. However, when we work together for the purpose of reaching our communities and world for Jesus we become a mighty army in the hands of the Greatest King. Thank you DBA for allowing me to participate in this year's convention and for being your Associational Missionary.

Blessed to Serve,  
Robby

## ESL TRAINING

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language Training will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Daniell Baptist Association Office. There are nine available openings and the cost is \$35 to cover materials. To register please contact the Daniell Baptist Association by phone: (912) 583-2713 or by email: [dbassoc@windstream.net](mailto:dbassoc@windstream.net).



As you can see, our DBA mission team to Kantunilkin, Mexico was very busy sharing the love of Christ with the wonderful Mayan people. God did a wonderful work and I'm grateful to our team leader, Mitch Bellflower, as well as the other nine on the team for their faithfulness to the Lord. We are planning many more mission trips and I hope each of our churches will send missionaries to help us reach our communities and world for Jesus.



Our DBA camps are fast approaching and I hope your children/grandchildren are making plans to be with us. Both our camps are quality "spend the night" camps that are reasonably priced which makes it possible for most children to attend. Both camps include exciting Bible teaching, energetic worship services, food, lodging and a bunch of fun. For registration forms and information on both camps, please call our DBA office or paste the following in your favorite web browser: <http://www.dbachurches.com/summer-camps/>



I'm happy to announce your Daniell Baptist Association now offers free web design for medium to small sized churches. In an effort to help our churches reach their communities for Jesus, DBA now offers web design service. There is a small charge (\$100) which covers all start-up costs. For more information, please call Jessica at our DBA office.



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Great news, the wonderful folks of First Baptist Lyons unanimously agreed to allow us to begin the Freedom House ministry in a house (formerly known as Hussey House) they own. Because of their generosity we will be able to begin the transitional center (for former inmates) before the end of the year. With that in mind, we need your help to furnish the home. If you have any of the following you would like to donate, please call Freedom House team member (Becky Porter) at 912-526-6765 to be sure the item has not been secured. To stay updated on these needs and

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.

#### Bedrooms

1 Double or Queen Bed with linens, blanket and mattress cover, 3 twin beds, 6 additional twin mattresses, 10 night stands, 6-8 lamps, 5 chests of drawers, 9 twin mattress covers, 9 twin blankets, curtains, throw rugs, 9 new sets of twin linens, 9 twin bedspreads

#### Kitchen

Dishes, pots and pans, skillets, dish towels, forks, knives, spoons, serving spoons, carving knives, spatulas, plastic bowls with lids, serving bowls, mixer, toaster, canisters/storage containers, microwave, tea pitchers, glasses, crockpots, dish drainer, hot pad holders, measuring cups, measuring spoons, baking sheet pans

#### Living Room

Sofas, chairs/footstools, coffee table, end tables, lamps, pictures for walls, rugs, curtains, large television, DVD player

#### Dining Room

Large table for at least ten men, 10 chairs, curtains, rugs, pictures for walls

#### Bathrooms

Towels, bath cloths, shower curtains, bath mats, trash cans, dirty clothes bags, curtains

#### Misc. Items

Picnic table, grill, storage bins for blankets, brooms, mops, mop bucket, vacuum cleaner, clocks, washing machine, lawn mower, hedge clippers, rakes, leaf blower, "wipe your feet" mats for outside mats, cleaning supplies, extension cords

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*It is time for a change that won't come from a denominational bureaucracy or a plug-and-play program. It is time for church members to stop nitpicking the small issues in the church and to discover the needs and hurts where we can serve. -Thom Rainer*

Blessed to serve,  
Robby

#### **Ministry Partner News:**

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

**Cedar Crossing Hispanic** is beginning a clothes closet for the community and they need help. If you are willing to help them build clothes racks please give pastor Joey a call at 912-246-5657. Also, they welcome the opportunity to come and share with your church what God is doing through not only the Cedar Crossing Church plant but the Hispanic plant in Glenwood as well. Please call Joey for more details.

**East Gordon** will be hosting Gaither recording artist Sue Dodge on October 29th at 6:00 p.m. The Heartfelt Quartet will be opening for Mrs. Dodge. No fee will be charged, but a love offering will be collected.

**Out of the Box** (*Creative ideas to assist churches reach their communities for Jesus*)



**Ten MORE Ideas for Summer Church Fun by Diana Davis**

Try some of these fresh summertime ideas:

- For the Sunday prior to July 4th, plan a "red, white and blue jean" Sunday. Invite local government leaders to attend your worship service, present them a gift, and voice a prayer for them.
- Form a jump-rope team for girls, jumping to Christian music or rhymes.
- Plan day trip adventures for moms and kids.
- Organize a Wii bowling league with multiple projections on a large exterior wall.
- Entice local kids who skateboard to attend youth Bible study by building a rack to hold skateboards.
- Do a reading club or weekly kids' story hour in the church library.
- Organize a bike ride that ends at the church. Arrange a Christ-focused teens' art day-camp.
- Invite the community to join you for outdoor tournaments, such as volleyball, horseshoes, softball, bocce ball, 3-on-3 basketball.
- Plan a father and kids' campout on the church lawn or a huge kids' sprinkler party.



**Snow Hill Baptist Church**

July 22nd from 6:00 – 9:00 and July the 23rd from 9:00 – until

*Please pray for these programs to reach souls for the Kingdom!*



*We are so grateful for the following churches who partnered together with us financially so far in 2016 by donating to the Daniell Baptist Association.*

Alamo  
Alston  
Bear Creek  
Bethel  
Beulah  
Boiling Springs  
Cedar Crossing  
Cedar Crossing  
Hispanic Mission  
Cornerstone  
Cross Timbers  
East Gordon  
Fairview  
Faith  
FBC Lyons  
FBC Mount Vernon

FBC Soperton  
FBC Vidalia  
Friendship  
Hammond  
Higgston  
Hope  
Long Pond  
Mount Pisgah  
New Corinth  
Normantown  
Oak Grove  
Ohoopee  
Providence  
Rocky Creek  
Sardis  
Smith Street

Snow Hill  
South Thompson  
Stuckey  
Springhill  
Tabernacle  
Tarrytown  
The Way  
Hispanic Mission  
Trinity  
Uvalda  
Vidalia Baptist Temple

*If your church would like information on how to partner with the DBA please contact us at (912) 583-2713.*

# Calendar of Events

## **July 2016**

- 04 DBA office closed (Independence Day)
- 09 Children's Camp Meeting @ DBA Office, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Surge Counselors Meeting @ DBA Office, 5:30 p.m.
- 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
- 11 Pastor's Round Table @ 10:00 a.m. @ DBA office
- 20 DBA Getting Men Engaged in Discipleship Conference, Cedar Crossing Baptist, 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon with Keith Boggs Cost is \$10 per person

## **September 2016**

- 01 Future of Associations Regional conference, FBC Lyons, 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., \$25 per person (DBA Office Closed)
- 05 DBA office closed (Labor Day)
- 06 Tentative Opening of Freedom House (Transitional Center)
- 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 p.m.
- 17 DBA Annual Business Session, @ FBC Soperton, 6:00 p.m.

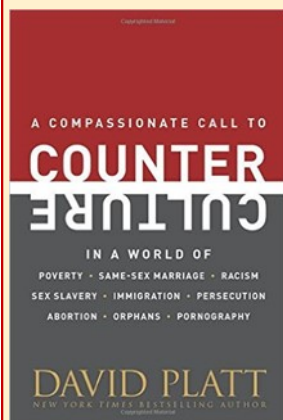
## **November**

- 7-8 Collecting Backpacks for Appalachia FBC Lyons 9-5 p.m.
- 10 Ministers Fall/Christmas Party Tabernacle Baptist 6-8 p.m.
- 14-15 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

## **December**

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions

## Book of the Month



Welcome to the front lines. Everywhere we turn, battle lines are being drawn—traditional marriage vs. gay marriage, pro-life vs. pro-choice, personal freedom vs. governmental protection. Seemingly overnight, culture has shifted to the point where right and wrong are no longer measured by universal truth but by popular opinion. And as difficult conversations about homosexuality, abortion, and religious liberty continue to inject themselves into our workplaces, our churches, our schools, and our homes, Christians everywhere are asking the same question: How are we supposed to respond to all this? In *Counter Culture*, David Platt shows Christians how to actively take a stand on such issues as poverty, sex trafficking, marriage, abortion, racism, and religious liberty—and challenges us to become passionate, unwavering voices for Christ. Drawing on compelling personal accounts from around the world, Platt presents an unapologetic call for Christians to faithfully follow Christ into the cultural battlefield in ways that will



prove both costly and rewarding. The lines have been drawn. The moment has come for Christians to rise up and deliver a gospel message that's more radical than even the most controversial issues of our day. This is an easy read but very challenging at the same time, which can be read on your own or as a group study.

## DBA Treasurer's Report 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Budget Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
May 2016	11,222.50	(11,424.85)	(202.35)
Year to Date	63,840.15	(64,952.16)	(1,112.01)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance as of: 04/30/16</u>	<u>Gifts</u>	<u>Disbursements YTD</u>	<u>Balance as of: 05/31/2016</u>
Acts 1:8	5,832.23	1,872.00	(4,625.00)	6,163.73

  
*Therefore as God's* chosen people,  
 holy and dearly loved,  
 clothe yourselves with *compassion*  
*kindness*, *humility*, *gentleness*  
 and *patience*.  


Colossians 3:12

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