

The Light

OCTOBER 2016

Grace Notes

Daniell Baptist Association's Annual **FALL CELEBRATION** First Baptist Church of Vidalia October 16, 2016



Attention Choirs:

A Mass Choir of all the DBA Churches will sing for the celebration. If your choir would like to participate, please arrive in the sanctuary for rehearsal by 4:30 p.m.

At 4:45 p.m. Scott Smith of the GBMB will present "Reaching the Community Through Social Media" in Room F2



The Annual Missions Fair will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a time of worship at 6 p.m. Students, Youth, & Adults are invited to attend. A Special Ministry for children up to 5th grade will be held in the Children's Building.

The Annual Business Session will be held on Monday, October 17th at 6 p.m. at FBC Soperton. Dinner will be served, so please RSVP by October 11th (912) 583-2713 or dbassoc@windstream.net



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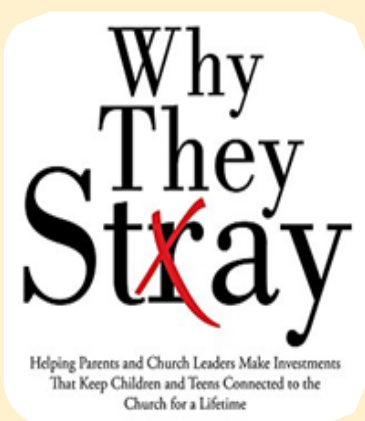
Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ.



All Annual Church Report Packets have been either emailed or mailed out. If you have not received your packet, please let Jessica know as soon as possible. You will need a username and password to complete your ACR online, please contact the DBA office for that information. **ACR's are due by October 3rd, 2016.** Thank you so much for your participation!
Eleven churches - 22% - have completed their reports, GREAT JOB!!



Our next DBA prayer gathering will be October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Smith Street Baptist Church. Please join us as Mark Mirza guides us through a special time of prayer.



Do you want your children to be actively serving in the local church when they turn thirty and beyond? Our upcoming Why They Stay conference with Steve Parr on **October 11th at 6:30 p.m. at FBC Mt. Vernon** can help! Much has been written about younger adults and their departure from church involvement. Concerned parents and church leaders want to know what has caused them to depart. Instead of asking why young adults are leaving the church, Parr and Crites conducted a national research project of those who grew up in church and are still serving faithfully. They studied why they have stayed and the results are compelling. In this conference with Dr. Parr you will learn as a parent, pastor, or church leader specific actions that you can take to make a definitive difference in whether or not the fifteen-year-olds attending your church now are still attending and serving when they turn thirty.



Our quarterly Pastors/Ministers Roundtable discussion will take place on Thursday, **October 13th, at 10:00 a.m.** at the DBA office. All pastors are invited to attend. Please put this date on your calendar, make plans to join us, and feel free to bring guests.



For DBA Minister's Wives!
 Thursday Evening,
November 3rd
 6:30 to 8:30 pm
 See attachment for more details.



Day of Prayer
 For Missions
November 7th
 First Baptist Church of
 Mount Vernon
 6:00 p.m.
 Bring a salad & a friend!



Dear DBA Family, this will be my last time writing for our Association's Newsletter and it has been a wonderful privilege serving here for the past 9 1/2 years as we have seen God move in wonderful ways. You have accepted Sharon and myself as family and have been very open to change when it was needed to reach more people for Jesus. Even though we are moving to accept another position in North Carolina our hearts and prayers remain as you partner together to reach communities for Christ. You are a wonderful group of people who are vital to reaching this community for Jesus. Therefore, my hope is you will continue your faithfulness and keep the main thing the MAIN THING which is making disciples. May you be bold in sharing your faith and faithful in equipping the saints for ministry.

Blessed to Serve,
 Robby Smith

PEDALS FOR PASTORS

Each day pastors in India travel great distances by foot to reach people for Christ. In an effort to help them grow the Kingdom, the DBA's Missionary Team is challenging each church to purchase one bicycle for a pastor by year's end. Each bicycle costs \$80. Please make checks payable to the Daniell Baptist Association.

There are currently 50 pastors in need, and, by God's grand providence, 50 churches within the DBA. We can see that He is calling us to move to support the spreading of His Word and fill this need.

For more information please contact Mitch Bellflower (912) 245-1396 mbfbclyons@bellsouth.net or Jessica (912) 583-2713 dbassoc@windstream.net

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the
peoples! Psalm 96:3*



Ministry Partner News:

Bethel, Beulah, FBC Soperton, Harmony, Normantown, Tarrytown, United Fellowship and Cross Timbers request your prayers as they seek God for a pastor.

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. They will also be hosting a **Community Soup Kitchen** on November 12th from 10:30 am—1 pm. Families and individuals are welcome to come enjoy some soup with bread and a dessert at no charge.

Faith Missionary Baptist will have Homecoming on October 16th. Brother Nolan McDaniel will be the guest speaker. On October 22nd, they will hold their Fall Festival at 5:00 p.m.

Stuckey Baptist will be having Homecoming on October 2nd, and Revival October 23-27th.

Tabernacle Baptist will be having Homecoming on October 2nd, followed by Revival on October 2nd at 6:00 p.m., and 3rd—5th at 6:30 p.m.

Several of our Montgomery County Churches are coming together to hold a tent revival for the community. The Tent Revival will be held from October 2nd-October 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the ball field across from Higgeston Baptist Church. Brad Waters, pastor of FBC Hazelhurst, will be the speaker.



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

Coffee Giveaways

Use either Igloo containers or air pump thermoses. Offer three options: regular, decaf and hot chocolate. On a cool day, you will have folks swarming for a cup of something hot. You will need three or four people to help give away coffee for each big canister. With each drink give out a connection card and brochure. Consider having paper cups with your church's name and logo printed on them.

Newspapers

Some convenience stores will allow you to purchase an entire stack of newspapers. Place a sign on the top of the stack that reads, "Free Newspapers—Courtesy of (Church Name)" and attach a connection card/brochure to each paper with removable adhesive.

Donut Giveaway during Morning Traffic Times

This giveaway is especially effective when performed by senior citizens—who can say no to a sweet grandma-type? These folks set up on a traffic island at a stoplight (make sure they're safe out there). When the light turns red, they step up to cars and ask, "Would you like chocolate, maple, or glazed?" They then give them a connection card/brochure with the snack. This idea is also great if your church parking lot is on a busy road.

Soft Drink Giveaways

"Hi, would you like regular or diet?" This is our standard opening to bless folks with a small act of kindness on a hot day. And it works! We set up at grocery store entrances with large coolers filled with ice and drinks. Buy name-brand drinks instead of the cheaper stuff, and place a connection card under the opener. A courtesy note: Sometimes a location will conflict with vendors selling what you are giving away. Some of the iratest critics we've run into have been vendors who conclude we are trying to put them out of business. The answer: Set up in a location away from vendors. In extreme cases, consider asking the vendor how much money he/she anticipates losing by your presence, then give them that amount in cash.

Bottled Water Giveaway

Many people prefer water to soft drinks. Ice down bottles of water in large coolers for an alternative to a soft drink giveaway. Use the same connection cards/brochures. We don't recommend combining this with a soda giveaway, because it offers too many options and gets complicated.

Life Savers

If you are looking for an affordable entry point for a large number of people, consider this one.

Purchase the candy at a warehouse store for about five cents per roll. Attach a connection card and give out hundreds of these candies to passersby. Everyone will take a roll of these candies. Consider printing the message of the connection card onto mailing labels and sticking them over the top of the Life Savers wrapper.

Calendar of Events

October 2016

- 03 DBA Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, 6:30 p.m., Smith Street Baptist
- 03 **Annual Church Reports DUE**
- 11 Why They Stay with Steve Parr, @ FBC Mt. Vernon, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Pastor's Roundtable, 10 a.m. @ DBA office
- 16 Annual DBA Worship Celebration @ FBC Vidalia, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 DBA Annual Business Session, @ FBC Soperton, 6:00 p.m.

November

- 03 Minister's Wives Fall Festival, meet @ FBC Lyons at 6 p.m.
- 07 WMU Day of Prayer for Missions, FBC Mt. Vernon, 6:30 p.m.
- 07-08 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
- 23 DBA Closes at 12 p.m. for Thanksgiving holiday
- 24 Thanksgiving - DBA office closed

December

- 01 Cake Collection for Baxley Children's Home, 7-9 a.m., Tabernacle Baptist
- 04-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 05 DBA Prayer Rally with Mark Mirza, 6:30 p.m., Chapel of Santa Claus
- 22 DBA Office closes at 12:00 p.m.
- 23-31 DBA Office closed for the Holidays



Thank You!

A special thank you to the following churches who have partnered with the Association through financial giving during the third 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.

Alamo	FBC Soperton	Providence
Alston	FBC Uvalda	Rocky Creek
Bethel	FBC Vidalia	Sardis
Beulah	Friendship	Smith Street
Boiling Springs	Grace Truth	South Thompson
Cedar Crossing Baptist	Hammond	Springhill
Cornerstone	Higgston	Stuckey
East Gordon	Hope	Tabernacle
Fairview	Long Pond	Tarrytown
Faith Missionary	New Corinth	The Way
FBC Glenwood	Normantown	Trinity
FBC Lyons	Oak Grove	Vidalia Baptist Temple
FBC Mount Vernon	Ohoopee	

DBA Treasurer's Report 2016

Date	Budget Offerings	Expenses	Net
August 2016	15,198.66	(14,258.68)	939.98
Year to Date	106,320.85	(109,784.48)	(3,463.63)

Account	Balance as of: 07/31/16	August Gifts	August Disbursements	Balance as of: 08/31/2016
Acts 1:8	8,803.06	36.76	(925.00)	7,914.79

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is October 21st.

