

The Light

SEPTEMBER 2016

Grace Notes

2016

Our DBA Celebration Service and Annual Business session is fast approaching and I hope you are making plans to join us. On the evening of October 16th we will begin at 5:30 with a missions fair at FBC Vidalia followed by a great time of worship at 6 p.m. Our special guest will be Scott Smith from our Georgia Baptist Mission Board. On Monday, October 17th, FBC Soperton will be hosting our DBA messengers at our annual Fall Business session where we will enjoy a wonderful meal followed by God Stories and a message from God's Word by Rev. Mike Everson of our Georgia Baptist Mission Board. If you are planning to join us for this special business session please let us know by October 11th if not sooner.



CRY OUT AMERICA: SUNDAY, 9/11/2016

Across America churches are encouraged to use this day to truly cry out to God in Solemn Assembly, a day of humbling ourselves, repenting and crying out to God for mercy. Solemn Assemblies were called in biblical times when things were not going well in the nation. Joel 2 verse 15 blows the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation. This was done when the leaders sensed they were in trouble and might be under the discipline/judgement of God. In our lifetime we have never seen a time like this in America. Now is a time for leaders to call the people together in humility and crying out to God for mercy. September 11 gives us an occasion to do that. For the last 2 years we have done this at the Southern Baptist Convention. For more information and guidelines for a Solemn Assembly you can go to awakeningamerica.us. Claude King has info on this as well as Fresh Encounter by Henry Blackaby. What would it be like if all of Georgia cried out to God together?

SUGGESTIONS AND MATERIALS TO GUIDE PRAYER TIME IN YOUR CHURCH

- 1st – Print Web Banners (posters) and put up to promote Cry Out AMERICA SUNDAY.
- 2nd – Show this short video about Cry Out America- Call to Prayer on Sunday 4th. <http://bit.ly/2ccqbzo>
- 3rd – Insert September Prayer Gathering Program into your Bulletin for 9/11 service.
- 4th – Set aside at least 11 minutes of your Sunday Service using the Program to guide prayer points.

What a privilege to know the Body of Christ in churches across our COUNTY, state and nation are simultaneously CRYING OUT FOR OUR LAND ON 9/11.

Please see the attached nation and election prayer suggestions.



Daniell Baptist Association

Partnering with churches to reach communities for Christ.

Please pray...

Our Freedom House (transitional center for former inmates) will open early January of 2017 (if not sooner) and we need your help. Please begin praying for this ministry and specifically for a 12 or 15 passenger van or the \$15,000 to purchase one. This is a great need as we cannot open that ministry center until the transportation issue is solved.

Again, I don't ask this lightly as I know God can and will meet this need but I also know it will be accomplished through prayer and the gifts of God's people. If you have any questions please give us a call at 912-583-2713.



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!

Quote of the Month

Being on a mission means that we acknowledge that we're saved for God's kingdom purposes. Our mission is not simply to come to church each Sunday, to be nice to other people, or to cram a lot of biblical facts inside our heads. It's not even to give money to the church so that the pastors can carry out the mission of Jesus. It's for every disciple to join in God's mission in this world, to participate with God's purposes in the world. -Jim Putman

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
Future in Georgia

Georgia Baptist Mission
Board Public Affairs Representative
Mike Griffin will be joining us on
Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. at
Smith Street Baptist Church to discuss the
future of religious freedom in Georgia.
Vital to our heritage as Americans &
Christians, this concerns us all, and all are
invited to attend.
No tickets are required & is absolutely **FREE**.



Dear DBA Family,

Several months ago I was contacted by the Catawba River Baptist Association in Morganton, North Carolina and after meeting with them I was offered the position of Director of Missions. After much prayer Sharon and I felt it was God's will for us to accept the position. Therefore, as an act of obedience to our Lord I hereby submit my resignation as the Associational Missionary for The Daniell Baptist Association. Please hear my heart, we have been treated wonderfully during our 9 and a half years as your missionary and we are leaving for no other reason than to be obedient to Christ. Our last day of ministry in our community will be at the Fall Celebration and Business session (October 16 and 17). We are looking forward to spending the time before we leave with our DBA family and friends. Thank you for 9 and a half wonderful years of ministry and we wish you the best as you faithfully work to reach this wonderful community for Christ.

Have a great week making much of Jesus!
Robby Smith

Ministry Partner News:

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

Alamo Baptist and Sardis Baptist are hosting the Beth Moore Simulcast: **Living Proof** on September 17 from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Alamo Baptist Church. Please call the DBA for registration information.

Brewton Parker College will host the Jubal Brass in concert Thursday, September 29th at Gilder Recital Hall at 7:00 pm.

East Gordon On September 17th, 2016 East Gordon Baptist Church is having a program called MOMS. The program is geared to empower ladies that are Mothers and ladies that may be serving as a Mother whether it be by raising grandchildren or someone else's children. The goal is to help ladies become stronger spiritually but there will also be a rep from MRMC talking about women's health issues. Janice Graham will lead the spiritual awareness session and Valerie Pittman from Meadows will discuss health issues. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and last until about 11 a.m.
For more information, please call Kathy at 526-6779.

They 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.

Vidalia Baptist Temple will be in Revival September 18-21st. Rev. Brad Waters from First Baptist Church Hazlehurst will be preaching and there will be special singing each night. Services will start on Sunday, September 18th at 6:00 PM with Monday-Wednesday night beginning at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to join us.



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

- **Steaks and Salmon for Firefighters** -Since 9/11 the general public has been aware of the tremendous job that they do for us day in and day out. Show them a little kindness by providing some steaks or salmon to grill. Let them know in advance that you are coming so they can have the grill fired up.
- **Hand Out Coffee Packets for Time Change Weekend or Anytime!** -Wake Up and Smell the Pura Vida Coffee! A church in Grand Rapids, Michigan had a great idea-give out pre-packaged coffee grounds to help people get through the time change weekend. They contacted Pura Vida Coffee for individual coffee packets that any church can order for give-away in your community. Pura Vida Coffee 2 oz. coffee packet giveaway bags come in quantities of 21 per box. If you want to add your own custom labels, Avery Diskette Labels are 2 3/4 square and should work well (Avery Product #08196). For coffee pricing and blend availability, contact Paul at paul@puravidacoffee.com, or visit the web site at www.puravidacoffee.com.
- **Blood Pressure Screening** -The entryway of your apartment building or a grocery store is an ideal place for this outreach. Such screenings are common these days, so your request won't sound odd. While checking out their pressure, explain your reason for being there that day.
- **Free Bird Feeders and Refills** to Convalescent Home residents. Most outreaches to those in convalescent homes will touch their extended family as well. Provide an acrylic bird feeder – the kind with suction cups that stick right to the window. Return occasionally to refill the bird feed and check in on your adopted elderly friend.
- **Christmas Tree Giveaways** -A few days before Christmas, lot owners are sometimes willing to give the trees away. With pickup trucks, deliver them to financially-stretched single parent families.
- **Christmas Tree Collection** -Everyone needs to get rid of his or her tree. A few days after Christmas, offer to haul them away for the neighborhood.
- **Bait at Local Fishing Spots** -This brings new meaning to the verse from Psalm 51, "I am a worm and not a man." Those who fish with live bait need worms, grubs, goldfish, minnows, or whatever. Purchase these critters in large quantities from a bait shop, go to the lakes, and give them away.

Calendar of Events

September 2016

- 01 Future of Associations Regional conference, FBC Lyons, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,
(DBA Office Closed)
- 05 DBA office closed (Labor Day)
- 08 Unite Georgia (Pastors & Staff) @ FBC Hazlehurst, 11 a.m., Lunch included. RSVP
with DBA office
- 08 Administrative Team Meeting @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Cry Out America
- 12 Religious Liberty: Future in Georgia @ Smith Street Baptist in Vidalia, 6:30 p.m.
(Night of Discipleship)
- 13 Bible Institute @ DBA office, 6 p.m.
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting @ DBA office, 5:30 p.m.

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

November

- 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



Why They Stay

Helping Parents and Church Leaders Make Investments
That Keep Children and Teens Connected to the
Church for a Lifetime

Do you want your children to be actively serving in the local church when they turn thirty and beyond? Our upcoming **Why The 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. You will discover:

- fifteen factors that make a great difference in the likelihood that children and teens will remain in church as adults
- ten issues that make somewhat of a difference in lifetime involvement
- five surprises that do not make as much difference as you might think
- the greatest gap discovered in the ministry focus of a church
- actions you can take as a parent that greatly increase the likelihood your children will remain faithful to church when they are adults
- strategies church leaders can implement that increase the probability that children and youth-group members will serve in the church as adults

Why They Stay conference is much more than numbers and data. Dr. Parr will share from his personal experiences, and the information can help you be more effective in your parenting and church leadership. Please join us October 11th.

DBA Treasurer's Report 2016

Date	Budget Offerings	Expenses	Net
July 2016	10,925.12	(16,045.42)	(5,120.30)
Year to Date	91,122.27	(96,727.80)	(5,605.53)

Account	Balance as of: 06/30/16	July Gifts	July Disbursements	Balance as of: 07/31/2016
Acts 1:8	7,346.95	2,381.11	(925.00)	8,803.06

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