

From the desk of our Director of Missions

Successful financial investors don't jump at the sight of every shiny new penny. They don't react to every change in the market. They play the long-game. The overnight success is rare. More often, wealth is built through wise incremental investments over the long haul.

As I write this, I'm at DBA Children's Camp in Adrian. I see the long-term strategic value in having a local Association camp. The kids that attend our children's camp meet here year after year and build Christ centered long-term local relationships with other kids and adults in our area. The counselors here are like family. Many of them attended camp here as kids. The strength of our camp is in the relationships that are developed, local long-term relationships.

Surge camp is upon us and I expect to find the same long-range spiritual investment planning at Surge that I experienced at our children's camp. In fact, this year's theme at Surge is "Legacy." Jeff McCormick will be our camp pastor and I'm confident he will teach us about the eternal impact of a life well lived, a life in step with the truths of the gospel. Please pray for Jeff and our Surge Camp leadership as they minister to our youth this year.

As Southern Baptists we need to be consistent and in step with the truth of the gospel. At the Southern Baptist Convention this year we addressed several important issues. One of the issues addressed was the anti-gospel message of white supremacy. I wrote a piece on what transpired, which is online at http://www.dbachurches.com/blog. Socio-economic and racial segregation, or even partiality, within the church is certainly not in step with the truth of the gospel, but some ships take a long-time to turn.

God has his eye on the long-game. Over time, the influence of Satan and the ways of this world will prove false. The truth of the gospel will become evident as the Church faithfully walks in step with the Spirit of God. If we will make choices that shape our churches and our Association in such a way as to reflect the truths of the gospel, I know we will shine as lights to this world. I'm praying that God will give our Association the wisdom, vision and fortitude to keep in step with the Holy Spirit and adopt a long-range spiritual investment strategy that will ultimately accumulate sizable kingdom dividends.

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FREE MATERIAL

We have an abundance of Sunday School/Small Group Lesson material at the DBA Office available for FREE to anyone who needs it.

Please contact the DBA Office if you would like to put this material to use.

MISSION INSIGHT MAPPING PROGRAM

- Instant access to community information for your church (Learn about the community your church resides in)
- Demographic data for a variety of geographic levels
- "Discovery tool" for exploration and "out of the box" thinking for church ministry, church planting, church growth and outreach.
- ability for local churches to locate their church members and others affiliated with their church on your map
- No Cost
- User Friendly
- I will be glad to come to your church or place of your choice (with internet) and demonstrate the program and get you started.

Contact the DBA Office for more information.



Vacation Bible School

- Alston Baptist, July 9-14 6-8:30p m
- Calvary on Aimwell "I Need A Hero" July 18-20 6-8pm
- Smith Street Baptist, July 16th 20th, 6pm 8p
- Trinity Baptist Church, July 23-26, 6-8pm

If you would like to add your church's news or events, please contact the DBA Office at (912) 583-2713 or daniellbaptist@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

Would you join us in praying for the following churches & pastors by name: Grace Truth, Bro. James Tippins Hammond, Bro. Daniel Caraway Harmony, Vacant Higgston, Bro. Allen Rea

Would you join us in praying for these churches by name as they seek a pastor to lead them:

FBC Soperton, Harmony, Mt. Pisgah, Tarrytown, United Fellowship

Please pray for the volunteers and children who will be attending the Surge Youth Camp.

Would you give us the opportunity to partner in prayer for you? It would be an honor to partner in prayer with you, please contact us with your prayer





Super Kidz Riding



Saturday, September 9th, 2017

Meet at 8:30 am - Cycling Begins at 9:00



TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH 1715 MT. VERNON HWY VIDALIA, GA 30474

Questions: (912) 583-2713

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Thank you to the following churches who participated in the 2017 Acts 1:8/Calvin Durrence Offering

Cornerstone Fairview Long Pond Stuckey East Gordon First Baptist Church of Lyons Smith Street

Want to know more? Just go to http://www.dbachurches.com/acts18 or contact the DBA Office for more information on what the Acts 1:8 Calvin Durrence Offering is all about. 100% of your donation goes to support Acts 1:8 Recipients



Save the Date... Night of Spiritual Awakening September 11, 2017, 6:30 pm Trinity Baptist Church



Paul Anderson Youth Home - PO Box 525 Vidalia GA, 30475 - 912-537-7237



THE RU SPONSOR

strength, and hope to youth and families looking for guidance. By sponsoring the ride, you help We exist to offer support, make that possible.

SPONSOR LEVELS:

\$5,000 - Champion \$2,500 - Advocate \$1,000 - Patron

SPONSOR A RIDER

Every dollar helps us meet our can sponsor a rider for every some examples of how you \$200,000 goal. Here are mile he pedals.

ILES! 5 BOYS - 50

"Everyone needs a little push sometimes. We are pushing our young men to accomplish something they never

Austin

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- VICTORIA SHUMAN

thought possible."

and overcoming the challenge of this ride, our young men find strength and endurance they never knew they had, and learn that THROUGH CHRIST, THEY rewarding. Nothing compares to the satisfaction of setting a difficult goal and reaching it. By distance cycling is challenging CAN DO ALL THINGS (Philippians 4:13) Long

To remember how we got our start, each summer a miles. Through this event, they have opportunities to At PAYH, we teach our young men to value our history. select group of young men spend a week cycling 500 grow both physicially and spiritually, and to share how this ministry that has helped more than 1,200 YOUNG MEN



South Georgia and Central Florida, we invite you to follow their incredible journey on social media and on our video blog at This year, as they ride across

PAYHBIKERIDE.COM.

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HOW THIS BEGAN: In 1961, Paul Anderson climbed on a bike and rode

from Vidalia, Georgia to Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska His wife, Glenda followed in a van with a giant banner that read "THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN." In this way, Paul and Glenda began spreading the word about their desire to start the Paul Anderson Youth Home (PAYH).

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\$0.50/mile = \$250\$1.00/mile = \$500

0.10/mile = 550

\$0.01/mile = \$5

Calendar of Events

July

1	At Home Missions: Dream Center				
4	Independence Day (DBA office closed)				
10-14	SURGE Youth Camp, Brewton Parker College				
20	Administrative Team Meeting, DBA Office, 5:30 p.m.				
<u>September</u>					
05	Labor Day (DBA office closed)				
07	Administrative Team Meeting, DBA Office, 5:30 p.m.				
09	Bike-A-Thon, Tabernacle Baptist				
11	Night of Spiritual Awakening, Trinity Baptist, 6:30 p.m.				
18	Executive Team Meeting, DBA Office, 5:30 p.m.				
<u>October</u>					
15	Annual DBA Celebration Service, FBC Vidalia, 6:00 p.m.				
	(Mission Fair will begin in the lobby area at 5:30 p.m.)				
16	DBA Annual Meeting, Fairview Baptist, 6:00 p.m.				
November					
November	Course Dentist Concention Annual Martine Language ille CA				
13-14	Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Lawrenceville, GA				
22	DBA Office Closes at Noon for Thanksgiving Holiday				
23	Thanksgiving - DBA office closed				

DBA Treasurer's Report 2017								
Date	Budget Off	Budget Offerings		Expenses		Net		
April	12,174.8	12,174.87		(10,924.88)		1,249.99		
Year to Date	45,021.9	45,021.95		(35,891.61)		9,130.34		
Account	Balance as of: 3/31/17	Incom	ie	August Disburseme	nts	Balance as of: 4/30/2017		
Acts 1:8	14,149.20	2.81		(1,125	.00)	13,027.01		

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is June 26th.