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Partnering with churches to reach
communities for Christ.



From the desk of our Director of Missions

I believe I may have worked myself into a doctors visit recently. I started by gutting my parents flooded home in Texas and then gutting flooded homes in Florida after Irma, along with trying to keep up with teaching and grading papers and working on the DBA budget and annual meeting, the prison ministry, ... and the list goes on. You're probably familiar with what I'm talking about, most ministers are. Upon return from Florida, I find myself in the doctors office. I've had to slow down. I'm not completely still, but even slowing down gives you a little margin to reflect. I've had several thoughts on recent developments.

First, I need to obey the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for me, I wasn't made for the Sabbath. I need to heed the wise commands of my Heavenly Father. For one, I don't make the world go round. God does. Two, If I'm down, physically and spiritually, then I'm not much use to anyone.

Second, turns out, I don't want to be sick and I don't want to die. I'm not as "ok" with enduring sickness, suffering and death as I thought I was. At first, I felt disheartened. I compared myself to Peter, who told Jesus he would die with him, but it turned out, at that point, Peter wasn't really ok with suffering and dying for Jesus. Peter didn't know where he was in his relationship with Christ, but a difficult situation revealed to Peter the truth about himself.

But after I considered things further, there's a sense in which I'm not supposed to be content with the state of death and suffering of this present age. Death and suffering are a result of sin and Satan and the brokenness of our world. I'm not supposed to be "ok" with that. I think I'm supposed to be saddened over it, fight against it and long for the fullness

of redemption that will be ours at the revealing of the sons of God.

That being said, I can think of no better reason to use up my body than on mission for kingdom purposes. We have the opportunity to offer our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, for the joy set before us. Our bodies are going to ache, break and eventually, wear out. If I live long enough, I will eventually have a bad back, decaying teeth, weakening eyes and thousand diseases and futilities will bring me to my grave. It is the result of sin, Satan and the brokenness of our world. It comes to us all, it is inevitable, but the cause for which I live, suffer and die, that will make all the difference.

According to news reports, on this past Sunday, 26 of our brothers and sisters at First Baptist Church Sutherland Springs in Texas were killed by a gunman as they gathered to worship. I certainly pray that this horror does not happen again, but we draw comfort in knowing that these brothers and sisters met Christ in worship. May we all be worshipping our Lord when we cross the Jordan into that great Sabbath rest.

The moral of the story: Worship! Work hard for the kingdom. Be spent on behalf of the King, but be wise and obey the Sabbath. In the end we will be better able to live and die well, if we do things God's way. I pray you enjoy the holidays and worship well.



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:

Friendship, Pastor Paul Thompson
FBC Vidalia, Pastor Ricky Cummings
FBC Uvalda, Pastor Adrian Bell
FBC Soperton

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

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

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 requests.

All requests are confidential, unless corporate prayer is invited.

Thank You!

A special thank you to the following churches who have partnered with the Association through financial giving so far this year. Your giving allows us to continue in our ministries that are helping to reach our world for Christ. Thank you for your partnership.

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



Pray with us for FBC Sutherland

As many of you know First Baptist Church of Sutherland has experienced a great tragic loss as a gunman opened fire on the church on Sunday, November 5th, killing 26 and leaving many others wounded.

A time of prayer for our sister church, FBC Sutherland, will take place on Thursday, November 9th, at 5:30-6:30 pm at Tabernacle Baptist, in the Youth Building. (The Minister's Holiday Party will follow at 6:30 pm at Tabernacle, in the Swann Center.)

We hope you will be able to join us for this time of prayer, and a short discussion.

Minister's Holiday Party

**A time of fun, fellowship, and great food for all
ministers of the Daniell Baptist Association
and their families.**

**Thursday, November 9, 2017
6:30 pm - 8:00pm**

**Tabernacle Baptist Church: Swann Center
1715 Mount Vernon Hwy
Vidalia, GA 30474**

**Please RSVP by November 7 to
912-583-2713 or daniellbaptist@gmail.com**

Dress is casual



Join us for the
WMU Women's World Day of Prayer
November 6th, 6:00pm, FBC Mount Vernon
Nursery Care will be provided
Guest Speaker: Kristy Bennett
Please bring a salad to share



CAKES FOR BAXLEY'S CHILDRENS HOME

We are looking to take 400 boxes of cakes (pies and/ or cookies) to Baxley's children's home on December 7th. If you will help us with this great ministry, please bring cakes to
Tabernacle Baptist on
Thursday, December 7th between 7 and 9 a.m.
We will provide the cake boxes and instructions on packing to prevent freezer burn.
Please call Jessica (912) 583-2713 to get your boxes.



The Lord is leading the DBA to Kantunilkin, Mexico to continue the Ministry. Would you like to join us?

The trip will take place on December 11–18, 2017.

This trip objectives are to equip the Native Leaders with Biblical training, construction (building a church), and evangelism.

The cost is \$1,200 and includes your plane ticket, transportation, food, and lodging.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$600 is due by **November 8th, with the balance due no later than **December 1st**.**

Application, Medical Release and Covenant are also due no later than **November 8th.**

(Forms available at www.dbachurches.com/mexico-mission-trip/)



Meet the Pastors of the DBA

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge & understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

Name: Ricky Cummings

Church: First Baptist Church Vidalia

Position: Pastor

Married to: Kristy Helen Craven

Children: Noah (11), Joshua (9), and Creed (2)

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Favorite Songs: Even If by Mercy Me

Interesting Fact: I have a twin brother (Ray Cummings) who is also a pastor (Golden Acres Baptist Church - Phoenix City, AL)

Short Bio:

Graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from William Carey University - played baseball there

Graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from University of Southern MS

Chemistry Professor at William Carey University for 9 years.

Began preaching full time.

Received MDIV, Th.M, and Ph.D in preaching from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Began at FBC Vidalia in October of 2016.



Congratulations to Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor of Normantown Baptist, was reviewed and ordained on Sunday, November 5th, 2017. He was ordained by Pastor Dannie Williams, of First Baptist Church of Lyons.

Additionally, Jonathan asked girlfriend, Allie French to marry him, and she said yes!

Congratulations to you both!!

Calendar of Events

November

- 6 WMU World Day of Prayer, 6:00 pm, FBC Mount Vernon
- 9 Minister's Holiday Party, 6:00 pm, Tabernacle Baptist
- 13-14 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Lawrenceville, GA
- 22 DBA Office Closes at Noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 23 Thanksgiving - DBA office closed

December

- 04-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 07 Cake Collection for Baxley Children's Home, 7-9 a.m., Tabernacle Baptist
- 11-18 Kantunilkin, Mexico Mission Trip
- 21 DBA Office closes at 12:00 p.m.
- 22-31 DBA Office closed for the Holidays

January

- 1 DBA Office closed for the Holidays
- 18 Administrative Team Meeting, 5:30 pm, DBA Office
- 20 Defend the Faith, College/Youth Apologetics Conference, 9am-3pm, BPC Guilder Hall
- 22 National Sanctity of Human Life

DBA Treasurer's Report 2017

	Budget		
	Offerings	Expenses	Net
09/30/17	9,156.41	(7,533.07)	1,623.34
YTD - 2017	99,217.88	(91,505.23)	7,712.65

Balance as of: Gifts/ Disbursements Balance as of:

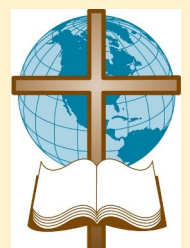
	Transfers		
ACTS 1:8	12,670.20	2.47	(1,125.00)
			11,547.67

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is November 17th.