

From the desk of Bro. Billy

#### Pandu Madala

Many of us were blessed to spend time with Pandu Madala, Director of the Victory Baptist Association (VBA), in Gudivada, India. Pandu serves Christ among the largest unreached people group population in the world. South Asia consists of approximately 1.5 billion people with only 2% professing Christ.

### Check out this fact sheet on South Asia produced by our IMB:

https://www.imb.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/SA FastFacts.pdf

Our Lord has given us the blessing to partner with Pandu in the spread of the gospel in India through our Pedals for Pastors initiative. Pandu requests medical mission teams from our area to travel to India and engage in ministry and evangelism in partnership with VBA. He also needs financial help purchasing **Bibles** for new converts. Last year VBA distributed around 90,000 gospel tracts with

approximately 9,000 people.



### Thanks from the Puckett family.

The Puckett family, in Southeast Texas, wanted me to extend their heartfelt gratitude for our work in restoring their home after flooding from hurricane Harvey. Our Lord used us to redeem their home, may he also redeem their souls and give them an imperishable home with him in glory. The Puckett's write, "Thank you very much for what you did to help us after the hurricane. We would not be in our home today without your help. Thank you for the gifts

you sent and for allowing Billy Jr. to come work on the house."

Before and After pics.



### Brewton-Parker students ready to serve



Several Brewton-Parker students have expressed interest in opportunities to serve. Below is a list of BPC students who are available to supply preach or lead worship on an occasion or for interim.

Steven Collins – preacher/pastor (Steven will graduate soon and is looking for God's assignment for he and his wife) 478-363-3869 scollins@bpc.edu

> Nathan Pristavec – preacher 912-996-5851 npristavec@bpc.edu

Hunter Young – preacher 706-836-3173 hyoung1@bpc.edu

Jeff Covington - worship leader 912-547-7227 jcovington@bpc.edu

Joseph Duke – worship leader 229-425-6666 jduke@bpc.edu

# Florida Irma Disaster Relief Trip

Our Florida Disaster Relief Mission Trip was blessed. We had around 10-12 people on the trip (some came for part of the trip). We connected with First Baptist Church, Middleburg. FBC Middleburg connected us with three families that experienced substantial flooding during the storm. We were able to remediate their homes and infuse hope into them in the midst of their discouraging situation. Christian Walton was on the trip and commented, "I learned how it feels to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus." Guiding your people into missions is truly one of the greatest disciple making tools at the pastor's disposal.



# 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:

### FBC Mount Vernon, Pastor Karl Hay FBC Lyons, Pastor Dannie Williams FBC Glenwood, Pastor Kevin Hammonds FBC Alamo, Pastor Kyle Woodfin

Would you join us in praying for these churches by name as they seek a pastor to lead them: FBC Soperton, Hope, Mt. Pisgah, Ohoopee, 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.

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I was in prison and you visited me.				
Matt. 25-36				
Please be in prayer for those teaching in the Wheeler				
County Prison Ministry:				
Higher Ground	900-N-3			
December	Coaches			
Graduation	Bro. Lee Gaston			
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January	Bro. Mike Keene			
Bro. Ricky Cummings	Bro. Joe Aldridge			
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Wheeler County Prison Ministry

### February

Bro. Keith Horne



**Landon Harvill** is an energetic, kind, smart, helpful 5 year old. But he needs your prayers. Landon was in a very bad four wheeler accident on November 19th and is in ICU in Savannah. Parents, Elizabeth & Jason Harvill are faithfully by his side and praising the Lord for every, single miracle that He bestows upon them. At this time Landon is still on a small ventilator to help him breathe, and has two skull fractures. Parents are requesting prayer for God to heal Landon by December 17th, so that he may perform in his church's Christmas Play.

For those who wish to send cards, please mail them to: Landon Harvill 4700 Waters Avenue Savannah, Ga 31404 Pediatric ICU Bed 6



# Kantunilkin Mexico

A mission team of local pastors and laypersons will travel to Kantunilkin, Mexico, December 11-18, to engage in community outreach and evangelism as well as training and encouraging the pastors and leadership of the churches in Kantu. **Please pray** for these mission team members as they go to serve.

## Joey Davis Gabby Davis Eric DePratter Chris Vinson Eli Vinson Lydia Clements Billy Puckett

If your congregation would like to participate in this mission endeavor, consider a full or partial sponsorship of one of our missionaries. The cost per missionary is \$1,200.

# KS Kingdom Shepherds

# 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: Clarence Best
Church: Higgston Baptist
Position: Youth & Worship Pastor
Married to: Regina H. Best
Children: David C. Best & Stephen J. Best
Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Peter 5:7 – "Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you."
Favorite Songs (At least one Christian & one secular): "When We All Get To Heaven"
& "The Anchor Holds" & "Midnight Cry"

**Interesting Fact:** Graduated from Vidalia Comprehensive High School in 1989,

Married in April of 1991, Plays Trumpet, Love working with Youth and Young Adults, Enjoyed Coaching Sports at the Rec. Department in Montgomery County,

Pastored at Cross Timbers Baptist in Vidalia, Ga.

Short Bio: My father and mother, Earl & Annette Best, moved to Vidalia, Ga. in 1980. I am the youngest of 3 siblings, Sena Lorine Cain and Richard James Best, Sr. I am truly the baby; you could say a second family. My sister and brother are 18 & 16 years older than I. We began worshipping at Smith Street Baptist Church. I become part of the Family of God the summer of 1984 while attending the DBA Church Camp in Brunswick, Ga. The pastor of the church at this time was Bro. Jerry Pickard. I graduated from Vidalia High School in 1989. I married Regina Holton on April 28, 1991. We have two wonderful sons David C. Best, 21 years old, and a 2014 Graduate of Montgomery County. Stephen J. Best, 15 years old and currently a student at Robert Toombs Christian Academy. I have served in many leadership roles at Higgston Baptist; from Discipleship Training leader, Sunday Teacher, Youth Pastor to Worship Pastor. I was ordained as a Pastor in 2015 and became the Pastor of Cross Timbers Baptist Church of Vidalia, Ga. I truly enjoyed my time as the pastor at a wonderful church. I currently am serving back at Higgston Baptist as the Worship Pastor & Youth Pastor. I always find any time I am at the church it is a peaceful time for me. Whether I am studying, working or meeting. I also work at BMC, previously VNS Corporation, and have been employed for nearly 16 years with the company. I love serving Christ and I love watching Christ work in young adults as they grow. I have a heartfelt desire for the youth in this area to know Jesus Christ and become more active in a local church. There are many people that say the youth is the future of our church. I however say, the youth are the "NOW" of the church. If we do not reach out and help the youth of the area we will have failed in God's commandment. We as the Family of God need to love, correct, and help lead them so that they know there is more to life than what the world shows them day-in and day-out.



### 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.



### 2017 Week of Prayer for International Missions

Schedule

Click to learn more and see pictures about each mission.

- Day 1: <u>Bagby Family</u> Napal
- Day 2: <u>Muslims of Russia</u> Russia
- Day 3: Jones Family Japan
- Day 4: Mexico City Team Mexico City
- Day 5: The Forgotten Refugee Worldwide
- Day 6: Mikeska Family London
- Day 7: What God Has Done Worldwide
- Day 8: Why Prayer Matters Worldwide

Website Link: http://bit.ly/2fXjF0l

### **DEFEND THE FAITH**

2017

WEEK OF PRAYER

for

INTERNATIONAL

MISSIONS

December 3-10

## COLLEGE AND YOUTH APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE TOPIC: CREATION

Saturday, January 20th from 9:00am-3:00pm •Doors will open at 8:30am

Brewton-Parker Gilder Recital Hall 201 David-Eliza Fountain Circle Mt. Vernon Ga, 30445

\$25 Registration fee •Free to BPC Students \*Lunch at Brewton Parker Dining hall is included

Morning and afternoon plenary sessions Small group break-out sessions and campus tours For more information about this event contact Dr. Billy Puckett 912–347–0053



# FEATURED SPEAKER: RICKY CUMMINGS

Ph.D., Chemistry from the University of Southern Mississippi

Ph.D. in Preaching from New Orleans

Baptist Theological Seminary

Pastor at First Baptist Church of Vidalia



RSVP via the QR code or click on the Google Form below.

Google Form

Daniell Baptist Association's 1st Annual



# January 12 - 14, 2018

Friday 6:00PM - 10:00 PM (Supper & Snack Served) Saturday 9:00AM - 4:00PM (Breakfast, Lunch, & Snacks Served) Sunday Community Wide Worship Service 4:00 PM

Hosted By: First Baptist Church, Mount Vernon

Speaker: Madison Herrin, BPC Campus Minister

6th Grade through 12th Grade

Cost \$25

(includes t-shirt, materials, snacks & 3 meals)

Applications Due By January 4, 2018

Applications can be downloaded & printed from http://www.dbachurches.com/surge-winter/

Calendar of Events							
<b>December</b>							
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						
<u>January</u>							
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						
<u>February</u> 12	Pastors Roundtable Lunch, 11 am, DBA Office						

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17	Compassion	Ministry	v Summit

#### <u>March</u>

5-10	Mobile Dental Ministry
6-8	BPC Campus Revival

# **DBA Treasurer's Report 2017**

		Budget Offerings	Expenses	Net
10/31/17		13,664.87	(14,713.01)	(1,048.14)
YTD - 2017		112,882.75	(106,218.24)	6,664.51
	Balance as of:	Gifts/		Balance as of:
	9/30/17	Transfers	Disbursements	10/31/17
<b>ACTS 1:8</b>	11,547.67	611.35	(1,125.00)	11,034.02



Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is January 20th.