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Partnering with churches to reach
communities for Christ.



From the desk of Bro. Billy

Happy New Year! This time of year it's often good to relax, reflect, assess and calendar. As we begin a new year, I hope you are encouraged by the knowledge that you are known by God and that your life and work deal with eternal matters.

We can be encouraged and excited about the journey ahead in 2018 because some of God's promises are unconditional and he will certainly bring them to pass.

We can be excited about this year because some promises are conditional and we get to be co-workers with God in accomplishing his work. This is an amazing adventure for us.

Think about some of the unconditional promises from God for 2018:

1. This year will be a year in which God builds his Church.
2. This year will be a year in which believers will be further conformed to the image of Christ.
3. This year, there will be trouble.
4. This year, all of history and the cosmos will continue to move toward the end that Christ's obedience, and resurrection has secured.
5. There will be trouble, but the eternal purposes of our God will move forward, and that is a very encouraging thought.

Think about some of the conditional promises from our Lord for 2018:

1. If we commit ourselves to prayer and fasting, some very special things may happen. I think some very special things will happen.
2. If we commit ourselves to go deeper with our hermeneutics and study the Scripture in its context and even original language, our Lord will open our eyes to truth and revelation concerning himself.
3. If we commit ourselves to celebrate the work of Christ publicly, in all its implications and glory, we will do the work of an evangelist.
4. If we embrace Christ's spirit of hospitality, welcoming, inviting, reaching out and encouraging others, we will adorn the gospel and be ambassadors for our King.
5. If we endure with patients and Christian virtue the many trials that will confront us this year, we will receive life and many rewards.

These things can happen this year and what an extraordinary journey it will be! Amen Lord, come 2018.

CAKES FOR BAXLEY'S CHILDRENS HOME



We delivered **310 boxes** to the Children at Baxley's Children's Home on December 7th.

Thank you to all the churches who participated in this amazing ministry!

A big thank you to Tabernacle Baptist Church's staff Thomas Bowers, Randy McDuffie, and Drew Bolin and First Baptist Church of Vidalia's Emerson Smith and his group, Larry Simpson and all the other generous hearts for their participation in collecting and loading the boxes of cakes! This great ministry would not exist without servant hearts such as these.



Kantunilkin Mission Trip

Our Association's mission work in Kantunilkin, Mexico was very encouraging. Joey Davis and Gabby did a wonderful work, leading our trip. The DBA has a strong and deep connection with our sister church in Kantu, Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva. Luis Rodriguez, their pastor, and his wife, Veronica, have recently been called to lead the church. The church also has several wonderful elders giving leadership as well, and the church truly appears to be flourishing. We had the opportunity to challenge them to aspire to new heights in their study of the Scripture and their church organization. We walked with and supported with prayer their evangelism teams, house after house. We served by improving the grounds around their children's ministry. The trip was busy, joyful and fruitful. I think I speak for the team when I say, I feel like Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva is a part of our association. I say that to encourage you to pray for them and even ask our Lord if He would have you visit them on an international mission trip.



They would love to fellowship with you and you almost certainly will grow in your understanding of our Lord and his bride. Contact the association for information about how you might serve in Mexico.





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: Jonathan Jenkins

Church: Normantown Baptist Church

Position: Senior Pastor

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 9:10

Favorite Songs (At least one Christian & one secular):

Great Are You Lord/ Ride by 21 Pilots

Interesting Fact: I started pastoring in February 2017 at 18 years old.

Short Bio: I am 19 years old. I started in the Christian Studies program at Brewton

Parker college in August 2017, and now I am a sophomore. I am Vice President of the fraternity KTK at Brewton Parker. I am also a work study student for BPC Church Relations. I also have a part time job at Thriftway grocery store. I enjoy learning, reading, and studying the Bible. In my relaxation times, I like to watch some movies or TV shows. I also like to relax and play games such as cards or video games. Most importantly, I have devoted my life for God to wherever he sends me or needs me!



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 Soperton

Fairview, Pastor Glenn Russell

East Gordon, Pastor Bruce Conner

Cross Timbers, Pastor Billy Folsom

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

FBC Soperton, Hope, Mt. Pisgah, Ohoopsee, 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.

Wheeler County Prison Ministry

... 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

January

Coaches

Bro. Ricky Cummings

Bro. Lee Gaston

February

Bro. Mike Keene

Bro. Keith Horne

Bro. Joe Aldridge

Honoring Don Moye

Don Moye is retiring after serving at First Baptist of Vidalia for almost 44 years. He has served in many roles in both FBC and the community, including Minister of Youth, Music, Sunday School and Small Group leader, Executive Pastor, Moderator for the DBA, and in countless other posts. Below are some thoughts from Don.

When I reflect back on these almost 44 years I remember the call of God to come to FBC Vidalia. I was married 10 days to Glenda so we were still on our honeymoon when this barely 24 year old took on the responsibilities of Minister of Music and Youth. One of my life verses was to equip the saints for the work of the service so discipleship was a mandate to me. My call was to be the cup bearer to the king and work to make my pastor successful as an associate. (I have served under only five pastor in all these years). I assumed I would be here for two years completing a three year commitment I had made to Reach Out Ministries to be trained in Youth Evangelism- 1st year, establish a discipleship strategy in a local church – 2nd year and then train an intern in that local church-3rd year. My plan was to head to seminary at South Western which I had put on hold for those three years. God has never released me from FBC Vidalia until just recently to enter retirement and a new chapter in my life.

It takes a unique church to keep a pastor for 43 years and 7 months. FBC is that kind of church. Glenda and I have been blessed. We have had incredible years with wonderful co-workers. All of our seven children and now 20 grandchildren with 21st coming in April have had the stable experience of calling Vidalia home. Our church family and community have been so significant in their upbringing, development and passion for ministry.

It is amazing what we can accomplish for God when we don't care who gets the credit. It is also amazing to see what God will do when we sign a blank contract and let Him fill in the details.

Thank you for your role in encouraging me and allowing me to develop and mature over these years. Hopefully the man I am today is not the same man that moved here in 1974.

Don

Please join us in honoring and celebrating Don's service and retirement.



upcomingEVENTS

DBA & Partner Ministries:

THE COMPASSION EXPERIENCE @ TABERNACLE - January 5-8. The Compassion Experience takes families through Uganda, Bolivia, and other countries spanning the globe. The program is housed in a trailer and participants get a listening device and a pair of headphones, then they choose which child's story they will visit. The tour takes people through simulated living conditions, schools, and other notable places, while the child describes how they live. Participants get a chance to learn about life in crime-ridden and drug-filled third-world conditions. **There are four dates to choose from with 8 hours per day.** Please visit the link below to reserve your spot. Walk-ups are welcome, but there may be a wait to get in. <https://cts.compassion.com/events/971> To find out more information & keep up to date on the event please visit: <http://bit.ly/2A8Kn4c>

SURGE WINTER - Jan. 12-14, 2018, 1/12 6pm-10pm, Super & Snack Served; 1/13 9am-4pm, Breakfast, Lunch, & Snack Served; 1/14, 4pm, Community Wide Worship Service. Hosted by: FBC Mount Vernon. Speaker: Madison Herrin, BPC Campus Minister, 6th - 12th Grade. Cost: \$25, includes T-Shirt, Materials, Snacks & 3 Meals Applications can be downloaded & printed from <http://www.dbachurches.com/surge-winter/> Applications due by Jan. 4, 2018

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECONCILIATION In recognition of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. & gospel that he shared, we invite you to walk with us on Monday, January 15th. We will meet at the Flag Pole at Brewton Parker College at am and walk to First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, and then to the courthouse. At each location we will stop for a time of prayer. We hope you, your family, & friends will all join us.

BPC: DEFEND THE FAITH APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE - Topic: Creation, Saturday, Jan. 20, 9am - 3pm, *Doors will open at 8:30, Brewton-Parker Gilder Recital Hall, 201 David-Eliza Fountain Circle Mt. Vernon, GA 30445, \$25 Registration fee *Free to BPC Students, lunch at BPC dining hall included. Morning & afternoon plenary sessions. Small group break-out sessions and campus tours. For more information contact Dr. Billy Puckett (912)347-0053. Featured Speaker: Ricky Cummings, PhD Chemistry, University of Southern Mississippi, PhD Preaching, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, & Pastor at FBC Vidalia.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY - January 21, 2018. Free, printable bulletin inserts will be sent out via email, please be sure to check your email often.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETING - January 18th, 2018, 5:30 pm, DBA Office

SAVE THE DATE: PASTORS DAY AT THE CAPITAL - Standing for Religious Liberty & Stopping Predatory Gambling. March 1, 2018 9:30am - 2pm. Guest Speakers: John Kindt, Professor, University of Illinois; Travis Braham, Legal Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom. DBA will provide transportation, meet at the DBA Office at 6:00 am. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. There is only 100 spots**, so please register as soon as possible by going to <http://bit.ly/2ntlzOr> Or calling/emailing the DBA Office (912) 583-2313, daniellbaptist@gmail.com

*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*

Calendar of Events

January

- 15 MLK Walk
 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

February

- 12 Pastors Roundtable Lunch, 11 am, DBA Office
 17 Compassion Ministry Summit

March

- 1 Pastor's Day at the Capitol
 12 Pastor's Roundtable Lunch, 11 am, DBA Office
 5-10 Mobile Dental Ministry
 6-8 BPC Campus Revival
 12 Pastors Roundtable Lunch, 11 am, DBA Office

April

- 1 Easter Sunday
 19 Administrative Team Meeting
 21 SK4

Please check back often as events are often added

DBA Treasurer's Report 2017

		Budget		
		Offerings	Expenses	Net
11/30/17		11,453.71	(11,873.86)	(420.15)
YTD - 2017		124,336.46	(118,093.72)	6,242.74
	Balance as of:	Gifts/		Balance as of:
	10/31/17	Transfers	Disbursements	11/30/17
ACTS 1:8	11,034.02	301.12	(1,125.00)	10,210.14

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