

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and it was good. He created man and women in his image and told them to multiply and fill the earth and rule over it with benevolence, and God said that it was very good.

God's intention for mankind is for us to be shaped in his image, to reproduce ourselves and to spread over the face of the earth. That is still God's purpose for us. Mankind is deceived by Satan and rejects God. Yes, we have spread over the earth, but not bearing God's image, nor do we exercise benevolent rule. In fact, mankind often reflects the malevolence and ungodly spirit of Satan.

However, God's eternal purpose to produce and spread his image for his glory will not be thwarted (praise God!). Through the gospel and the great commission, God is accomplishing his eternal purpose, shaping his children into the likeness of Christ and spreading that likeness from person to person unto the ends of the earth. This eternal purpose is our great commission, and it cannot fail. We strive together, feeding on the Word of God, walking by the Spirit of God and exercising the gifts given to each member of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the fullness of Christ. And we spread over the face of the earth. We multiply as we go and make disciples within our homes and out of our communities, all way to the ends of the earth.

Nothing can stop the Church and the mission, neither the lies of Satan nor the powers of death and Hell can stop this mission from being accomplished.

That being said, I will share with you some thoughts about our work together:

- 1) God has granted us the opportunity to partner together and participate in his accomplishment of his mission in other places on the globe, namely India and Mexico. (More on India on page ??)
- 2) God is impressing upon many in our area a strong heart for evangelism at home. We are praying toward an area-wide crusade in which every DBA church counts the cost, and commits the resources needed for lay-leaders from DBA churches to engage in a fervent movement of prayer and organize the proclamation of the gospel unto a harvesting of souls which is followed-up by discipleship (leading to more Christ on the earth!). Every component must be present for this to truly be effective.
- 3) Our churches should have some level of readiness to receive new believers, assimilate and disciple them and ultimately, send them out to multiply and fulfill the mission. Many of our DBA churches are not at this level of readiness. Many of our DBA churches are prime to engage in a revitalization effort so as to once again be a vibrant part of the fulfillment of the eternal purposes of God. Let's begin to pray for God to lead us through a glorious process of revitalization.

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

It's that time again! Annual Church reports are ready to be completed.

If you would like to complete your church's report online, please contact the DBA office at (912)583-2713 or daniellbaptist@gmail.com, for your instructions, usernames, and passwords. Mailed paper copies of ACRs will go out by August 9th. **Annual Church Reports are due by September 17, 2017.**

Thank you for your diligent participation!

PASTORS/LEADERS ROUND TABLE

I am eagerly looking forward to spend time with you at our next Pastors Round Table! This time of fellowship and discussion is always an interesting learning & growing experience for me. I truly appreciate all the various points of views.

Our next Round Table is scheduled for Monday, August 13th.
The discussion begins at 11 am and lunch will follow.

This RT topic will be:
11 a.m. Grief Ministry
12 p.m. Lunch & Mission Focus

While we would absolutely love to have you at both, please do not feel obligated to come to both, you can come to discussion and/or the lunch. Please bring a friend or two to join us as well!

Please let us know if you will be able to attend and how many will be with you, so there is plenty of food for everyone.

Bro. Billy

CONGRATULATIONS TO EL CAMINO HISPANIC CHURCH

We are excited to share with you that El Camino, our Hispanic Church plant lead by Rev. Joey Davis will have it's first service at it's new location, FBC Lyons, at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5th!

Join us in praising God for His work within our community!

CANVAS DAY FOR NEW HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT IN LYONS FBC

On August 4 from 9-12 a.m. we will be splitting up into teams to go door to door to pass out flyers for the **new Hispanic Church Plant** at FBC Lyons. We will meet up at the FBC Lyons parking lot at 8:30 a.m. There we will be split into teams and be instructed on what neighborhoods to go to. Each team will have at least one member of the new Hispanic Church Plant. ***We are asking for help to get the information passed out.*** The first service is the following evening at 6:00. Teams have already been going out for the past few months we would like to do one more mass outreach day.

If you or members of your church would like to come and help contact Eric DePratter at (912)585-7638. We will be providing a meal at 12:00 for the teams when they get back to the church.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing what God does,

Your Brothers & Sisters in Christ from the Hispanic Ministry.

STUDENT & PASTORS MEET & GREET

Tuesday, August 28, 5:00 p.m., Brewton-Parker College

Pastors,

Please let us know if you would like to be a part of welcoming the students at Brewton-Parker College.

What you do:

Each church's pastor and/or youth pastor comes to welcome the students by talking with them and getting to know them a little. You are welcome to invite them to church, as well. Many of the students are away from home for the first time and home may be a great distance from BPC.

What to bring:

Of course, you are under no obligation to bring anything at all, however we do ask that you provide a bit of literature about your church, with information such as your church's address and meeting times. You are welcome to bring small snacks if you would like (please bring a tray for snacks, as we will only be providing tables). You are also welcome to bring any token or trinket that you wish. In the past, some pastors have brought wristbands, magnets, t-shirts, etc.

How to Get Involved:

Please call, text, or email Jessica at the DBA office. (912) 583-2713 (office), (704) 689-3622 (text) or daniellbaptist@gmail.com

BIBLE INSTITUTE: BAPTIST BELIEFS

Taught by Pastor Allen Rae. Classes begin on August 7th, 2018 and lasts for 10 weeks. This study occurs on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This course is offered to everyone (clergy, non-clergy, men and women) and will be taught at the Daniell Baptist Association office in Ailey.

Please contact the DBA office to pre-register or come early the first evening of class to register. The cost of the course is \$45.00 plus the cost of the text books. The textbooks will be **“What Baptists Believe” by Herschel H. Hobbs and “Baptist beliefs” by E.Y. Mullins.** The cost of the books is approximately \$21.54. E-book versions are available. Purchase the books on your own or obtain a book the first night of class. Textbooks can be shared by couples.

For Further Information Contact: David Barrett (Bible Institute Dean) at 912 -537-7343, or dlbarrett@bellsouth.net.

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL FALL CELEBRATION

October 14th at 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church of Lyons

If your church would like to participate in the DBA Choir this year please contact Jeff Scoggins at (912) 585-2150.

The Executive Team Business Meeting will be held before the celebration at 5:00 p.m. @ FBC Lyons.

MISSION INDIA Partner together with your sister churches to Spread the Good News.

God has given us the opportunity to reach literally thousands of people for His Kingdom in India! Join your sister churches in supporting a 2019 Evangelistic Crusade. The Executive Board of the DBA (which is made up of pastors and messengers to the association) has voted to ask each church to contribute \$1,000 before the end of 2018 in obedience to God's call to spread His Word & Love.

If your church would like to send your pastor on this crusade, please contact the DBA office. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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:
Rocky Creek, Donny Crosby
Sardis, Wayne Bennett
Smith Street, Chester Proctor
Snow Hill, Randal Tarpley

Commit to prayer the following churches as they seek God's wisdom in searching for a pastor:
FBC Soperton: Int. Joshua Johnson
Mt. Pisgah: Int. Chad Richie;
Ohoopee; Stuckey; Tarrytown;
United Fellowship: Int. Bryon Waters

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. & Mrs. Glenn Russell
Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Bennett

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Debbie Vallejo
Rev. Joe Siman
Rev. Kevin Hammons
Rev. Kyle Woodfin
Rev. Mark Baskin
Mrs. Norma Beard
Rev. Ricky Cummings
Rev. Robbie Fowler
Mrs. Susan Thompson
Mrs. Tammy Folsom

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

August

Coaches

Bro. Dannie Williams

Bro. Billy Puckett

September

Bro. Mike Keene

Ricky Cummings

Bro. Joe Aldridge

Acts 1:8 Calvin Durrence Fund

Thank you to the following churches & their members who have given to the Acts 1:8 Calvin Durrence Fund.

Current amount raised 2018: \$5,316.77 2018

Annual Cost: \$12,300

100% of monies received for the Acts 1:8 Calvin Durrence Fund goes to support domestic and international missions.

Alamo

FBC Mount Vernon

Alston

FBC Soperton

Cornerstone

Hope

East Gordon

Long Pond

Fairview

Ohoopee

FBC Lyons

Stuckey

AN ACTS 1:8 CHRISTMAS

Jerusalem (Local)

2018 Local Christmas Backpack DBA Goal: 100

Everything is the same for the local backpacks as for the Appalachia backpacks, except these backpacks will go to children & teens in Wheeler County.

Why Wheeler?

27.4% of Wheeler county live below the poverty level, a number that is higher than the national average of 14%.

Backpack Information:

Please make sure the backpack & contents are **New**.

Please make sure each backpack has a ribbon for both age & gender (see instructions).

*****Please let us know how many backpacks are to go to the local level & how many to the state level when dropping them off*****

Drop off backpacks at the Annual Celebration or
November 5-7 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Instructions and other resources can be found [here](#).

Basket Blessings

Basket Blessings are being collected for the elderly & shut-ins this year.

If you or you know of anyone who would be blessed by receiving a basket, please contact Jessica at the DBA office.

Please keep an eye out for more information, including instructions and drop off times, which will be available soon!

Judea (State)

2018 Appalachia Christmas Backpack DBA Goal: 400

Each year the DBA partners with GBMB to collect Christmas backpacks for children & teens residing in Appalachia as well as in the most poverty stricken counties in Southwest Georgia.

Backpack Information:

Please make sure the backpack & contents are **New**.

Please make sure each backpack has a ribbon for both age & gender (see instructions).

Drop off backpacks at the Annual Celebration or
November 5-7 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please visit <https://gabaptist.org/backpacks> for free printables and instructions.
The DBA has copies of the Christmas Story that we would love to provide.

Samaria (USA)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARDS

Show God's love during Christmas to our deployed troops!

Christmas is a hard time for those soldiers who are away from their homes, family, and friends. One of the most appreciated gifts a soldier receives is cards and letters from the men, women, & children that they are fighting to protect. Join your sister churches in remembering our men and women overseas this Christmas season.

How to Participate

- Please let the DBA know how many cards you and/or your church would like to pledge.
- Write an encouraging note and Bible verse in a Christmas card. You can send one or one million!
- Individual cards should be addressed to "any Service Member" and can be signed each by their sender. Hand-made cards do not need an envelope. Otherwise, cards should have an envelope that they are sealed in. Please identify if a card or care package is specifically for a male or female.
- Drop off at the DBA Office before November 20th.

Uttermost Parts (International)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Daniell Association is excited to announce that we have OCC boxes available for FREE for anyone who would like to pack a box! Just call or stop by the office and we will be happy to provide you or your church with as many as you need!

Calendar of Events

August

13 Pastor/Leader's Roundtable & Lunch, DBA Office 11:00 a.m.
 28 Meet & Greet with Pastors @ BPC 5-7pm
 29 Wheeler Prison Blessing Lunch

September

Begin Gathering Christmas Backpacks
 10 Pastor/Leader's Roundtable & Lunch, DBA Office 11:00 a.m.
17 Annual Church Reports Due
 20 Administrative Team Meeting, DBA Office, 5:30pm

October

14 Annual Business Meeting, FBC Lyons, 5:00 p.m.
 Annual Celebration, FBC Lyons, 6:00 p.m.
 15-19 Christmas Backpacks Collection Week, DBA Office
 25-26 Feast of Tabernacles Camp-Out, BPC

Treasurer's Report

		Budget			
		Offerings	Expenses	Net	
06/30/18		12,360.32	(12,806.71)	(446.39)	
YTD - 2018		72,091.64	(73,570.85)	(1,479.21)	
		Balance as of: 5/31/18	Gifts/ Transfers	Disbursements	Balance as of: 6/30/18
ACTS 1:8		4,582.41	3,316.87	(925.00)	6,974.28

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is August 23rd.