



*January 2019*

# The Light

*Churches Partnering Together to Accomplish the Great Commission*

I don't call them resolutions, but in the new year I can't help but think about what I want to do more and what I want to do less of in the upcoming year. I like to think of it as a vision for the possibilities for kingdom advancement.

The vision usually centers around flourishing relationships and mobilizing people for kingdom impact. The DBA has a vision/mission statement:

**The mission statement of our Association is to bring glory to God through facilitating partnerships between churches to accomplish the Great Commission.**

Next comes strategy. What should we do to make this vision a reality? We don't have all the answers here. I don't think we must have all the answers. As we see in the Scripture, God often provides strategies and activities that are unorthodox at best, and require a lot of faith. We pray, listen, trust, and work with all our might. We will swing the sword, but the victory will belong to our Lord.

We're going to start our year off with a God sized victory. I believe this victory will be so big, we won't be able to comprehend it. Our DBA brothers, Dannie Williams, Jeff Scoggins and Scott Morrison will be on mission, preaching the gospel in India January 3-14. Some of our neighbors from the Middle Baptist Association are going on the trip as well, Bobby Braswell and Chad Cofield. We are eager for a wave of salvation and church planting to take place. Salvation by the thousands and church planting by the hundreds. Pray for our brothers and ask our Lord to show his power through the preaching of the gospel. May India be shaken and never be the same again and may the work of Satan be defeated in that country.

What victories might we have here at home this year and the next, where the church is established and the ground seems saturated with cultural Christianity?

I tell you this with confidence, we will not be going back to the 1940's and 50's. We're in 2019 and heading toward 2020 and we must think about how the never changing truth of the gospel can be communicated through methods that will connect with people in the 21st century. People today want to experience truth, not be told the truth. "Come and sit" is no longer a good model for discipleship. Loyalty to something for the sake of duty and responsibility is not the motivating factor that it once was; especially loyalty to things that don't seem to add value to our lives. People want to be part of a community, through which they experience truth as they live life together. We focus on facilitating the preaching of the gospel to our congregations on Sunday, let's facilitate the doing of the gospel through our congregations Monday-Saturday in 2019.

**May our Lord give us a kingdom vision and our lives be a living sacrifice to make that vision a reality.**

# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## **PASTORS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION & LUNCH** January 17th.

Discussion begins at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Topic: Cross-Cultural Ministry. Please RSVP by January 10th.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETING** January 17th, 5:30 p.m. DBA Office. All DBA team leaders are highly encouraged to come as voting will be taking place.

**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY** January 20, 2019. Free, printable bulletin inserts will be sent out via email, please be sure to check your email often.

**GBMB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THOMAS HAMMONDS** Invites all pastors & church leaders to a **Listening Session** on January 23rd at First Baptist Church of Lyons from 10:30 a.m.- Noon

**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 21st. 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.

**DEFEND THE FAITH APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE** February 9, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Brewton-Parker College. Keynote speaker will be Richard Howe. Cost (pay at door): \$10 per person, includes lunch. Free to BPC Students, Faculty & Staff. Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Please email Billy at [bpuckett@bpc.edu](mailto:bpuckett@bpc.edu) for registration link.

**SURGE WINTER** February 22-24 6th - 12th Grade Participants will return to their homes to sleep Cost: \$30, includes T-Shirt, Materials, Snacks & 3 Meals Applications can be downloaded & printed from <http://www.dbachurches.com/surge-winter>

**Applications due by February 14, 2018**

2/22 6pm-10pm, Super & Snack Served

2/23 9am-4pm, Breakfast, Lunch, & Snack Served

2/24 4pm, Community Wide Worship Service

Hosted by: FBC Mount Vernon

**PASTORS DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2019** February 26 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Speaker: Robert Jeffress, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Learn why religious liberty should matter to pastors and your responsibility. We will also discuss current legislation that is important to Georgia Baptists.

(Lunch provided) Please let the DBA know if you would like to attend.

# Ministry Partner News

## 2019 MENS CONFERENCE

### "A MAN'S ROLE"



"A Man's Role in Morality"  
Bobby Thompson  
Senior Pastor, TBC

"A Man's Role as Friend"  
Thomas Bowers  
Connections Pastor, TBC



"A Man's Role as Husband"  
Madison Herrin  
Campus Pastor, BPC

"A Man's Role as Disciple"  
Drew Bolin  
Family Pastor, TBC



"A Man's Role in the Family"  
Randy McDuffie  
Worship Pastor, TBC

"A Man's Role as Mentor"  
Billy Puckett  
Asst Professor of  
Theology and Ethics, BPC



Worship led by Phillip Cochran

**SATURDAY, FEB 2ND**  
**9:00AM-4:00PM**  
**BREAKFAST AND**  
**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**TABERNACLE BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH**  
**1715 MT VERNON HWY**  
**VIDALIA GA**

Would you join us in praying for the following churches & pastors by name:

Cornerstone, Pastor H.G. Ridgill  
Cross Timbers, Pastor Billy Folsom  
East Gordon, Pastor Bruce Conner  
Fairview, Pastor Glenn Russell

Commit to prayer the following churches as they seek God's wisdom in searching for a pastor:

**FBC Alamo, Beulah,**  
**FBC Soperton: Int. Joshua Johnson**  
**Friendship, Int. Donnie Brown**  
**Ohoopee; Stuckey; Vidalia Baptist Temple**

## Join Our Faith & Finances Community!

**\$20** Meals & F&F Workbook  
Only \$10 each when you bring a spouse or friend!

F&F Day Classes:  
Monday at 12:00 pm for 8 weeks  
(meals provided for students)

**Jan 14 - Mar 4**  
**Apr 1 - May 20**  
**Aug 5 - Sept 23**

YOU PICK: 2-hour F&F classes Mon. @ 12:00 or Tues. @ 5:30

Christ's Work in Our Money & Our Relationships!

Clint Hutcheson 912-524-4000 Mon. - Thurs.

Sign Up Now for January 2019 Classes!

The class helped me look forward and set goals for my future in ways I hadn't thought of before!  
Matthew MU Student



F&F Evening Classes:  
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm for 8 weeks  
(meals provided for students)

**Jan 15 - Mar 5**  
**Apr 2 - May 21**  
**Aug 6 - Sept 24**

**90%**  
of Work Life students get and keep a job!

Looking for a job? Join Work Life!

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays for 6 weeks  
Jan 28 - Mar 7  
Apr 15 - May 23  
Aug 10 - Sept 26

The Mercy Ministries, 714-1 NW Broad Str., Lyons GA 30436

## Jesus

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven give to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Join us in praising the Lord for those who are being led to the Jesus!

Smith Street welcomed and rejoiced at a second coming of a family who had been out of church for years and had been "church hurt." The mother rededicated her life to Christ!

FBC Vidalia had a baptism and a salvation! Also, a young couple joined!

*Please let us know if your church has any good news so that we may pray for you and celebrate as members of Christ with you!*





Thank you to the following, who have generously contributed to the 2019 India Crusade.

Bethel  
Cedar Crossing  
Cornerstone  
Cross Timbers  
Fairview  
FBC Lyons

FBC Vidalia  
Mount Pisgah  
National Christian  
Foundation  
Normantown  
Rocky Creek

Sardis  
Trinity  
&  
Those who gave at the  
Annual Celebration.

Today, January 3rd, 2019, many gathered together in person and spirit to pray over this team and the work God will be doing in India. The team will be in India from January 4-14th and they will be focusing on Bible Basics at the Crusade. Please keep them in your prayers as they are going to a place that has literally thousands of gods, but do not know the One True God. Bro. Dannie Williams asks specifically for prayer on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday as they will begin teaching at 11:00 a.m.

### SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS

The team also asks specifically for prayers of protection for those who God brings to Christ and what happens after that. Many of the people converted at the 2018 crusade lost their homes as family members who did not approve of the conversion set their homes on fire.

*The president of India has vowed to eliminate all religions except Hinduism.* It is a difficult time to be a Christian in India, therefore we ask that you **do not post anything on social media** about the team's work, for their safety. Sharing emails is fine.

Also, please be in prayer for Bibles for India. One family member may attend the crusade, and be saved, but once the crusade is over, Bibles are needed so that the person may share the gospel with the rest of his/her family. Last year over 10,000 were saved after the crusade from converts taking the Gospel home.

Please pray for the 70 church plants that arose out of the crusades and the pastors that have been in training to lead these churches. And for the churches that will arise from this year's crusade.

Please be in continuous prayer for safety, that Satan's plans to destroy the people of India would be thwarted by our Almighty God, that the government turns their hearts to Christ and for the defeat of Satan and the false gods of India.

*Thank you for your prayers!!*



You can find Pastor Pandu on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/tippanagunta](https://www.facebook.com/tippanagunta)



## January 2019 Devotional

Genesis 8:6-12

So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.

Patience, we all want it but we just don't want to have to wait for it. In total, Noah spent 378 days in the Ark. This includes the time that they spent waiting on the rain to begin, the flooding of the earth, the receding of the waters until the time that they could exit the ark. That is a long time by anyone's standards, especially considering the circumstances of what they were living in at the time. The ark was full of animals. Can you imagine living in a crowded barn full of animals?

During these days Noah saw God do something that was incredibly horribly amazing. He flooded the earth and killed everything and everyone that was not on the Ark. It was a worldwide judgement. Everyone outside of Noah's family was gone. The burden and loss of knowing that wrapped up in the peace and comfort of being chosen by God. It was a great moment of trusting in the sovereignty of God.

In the verses above we see that Noah now had to trust in God's timing as he waited patiently to leave the ark. In sending out the Raven, it would show Noah that there was enough to sustain a scavenger. In sending out the Dove, it would show Noah that there was life that would sustain a gentle creature that needed more than a carcass to feed on. The Dove returned with an olive leaf. The earth had come back to life. In waiting on God's timing Noah and his family were able to leave where God had placed them for safe keeping to place where they could now go and grow.

Praying that you wait on God's timing for your life today.



## Chasing the God Who Chases Us

Spring Gathering is an experience for women of all ages. Join us as we explore God's Unshakable Pursuit at Turning Point at Mabel White Baptist Church in Macon on April 27.

### Highlights

- Refugee Loss Simulation
- Missions Inspiration & Challenge
- Conferences on Spiritual Growth, Wellness, and Leadership
- On-Site LifeWay Store



### Early Bird Rate

~~\$59 Early Bird Rate through March 8~~

~~\$79 Regular Rate through April 5~~

\$20 Early Bird Rate through March 8

\$40 Regular Rate through April 5

Includes all sessions, conferences, and lunch

Please send your payment and the below information to: Daniell Baptist Association, P.O. Box 388, Ailey, GA 30410

### Schedule

8:00 a.m. - Check-In Opens

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:15 a.m. - Conference 1

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

12:45 p.m. - Conference 2

2:00 p.m. - Worship



I would like to attend the GBW Spring Gathering

Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Email:





Adrian Bell  
Jason Corbett  
Laura Hay  
Brandon Braddy  
Niles Dixon  
Randall Tarpley



*No anniversaries this month*

## Calendar

### January

17 Pastors Roundtable (11am) & Lunch (Noon), DBA Office  
17 Administrative Team Meeting, 5:30 p.m. DBA Office  
20 National Sanctity of Human Life  
21 MLK, Jr Walk  
23 Listening Session with Thomas Hammond, FBC Lyons, 10:30 a.m.

### February

9 Defend the Faith Apologetics Conference, Brewton-Parker College  
11 Pastors Roundtable (11am) & Lunch (Noon), DBA Office  
22-24 SURGE Winter  
26 Pastors Day at the Capital

### Weekly Events:

Wednesday - Wheeler County Prison Ministry, 9:00 a.m.

### DBA Treasurer's Report

	Budget		
	Offerings	Expenses	Net
<b>11/30/18</b>	8,146.24	(13,893.44)	(5,747.20)
<b>YTD - 2018</b>	123,281.74	(124,753.14)	(1,471.40)

	10/31/2019	Gifts/ Transfers	Disbursements	11/30/2018
<b>ACTS 1:8</b>	4,558.78	-	(750.00)	3,808.78

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of **"The Light"** is January 24th