

July 2019

The Light

Churches Partnering Together to Accomplish the Great Commission

Summer 2019 has been good. Great ministry is taking place all around as DBA churches are engaging our communities through VBS and mission-ministry ventures. Your DBA youth and children summer camps were blessed and your mission trip to Mexico was a success by all accounts. In addition to your Great Commission work locally and around the world, our Southern Baptist Convention was very encouraging.

Southern Baptist Convention

Our Southern Baptist convention voted on two amendments that exclude from Southern Baptist life any church that: 1) hires or harbors anyone who is or has been engaged in sexual immorality of any kind; and 2) any church that tolerates or engages in discriminatory behavior and partiality based on race or ethnicity. Our Southern Baptist convention made a clear and strong stand that any church engaged in either of these behaviors is emphatically not a Southern Baptist church.

Another highlight of the convention was the introduction of the new leadership of several of our beloved entities. Adam Greenway now leads our Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Jamie Dew is giving leadership to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Paul Chitwood is the new lead for the International Mission Board and Ronnie Floyd is now the Executive Director of our Southern Baptist Convention. We pray that these men will lead in the wisdom and strength that our Lord provides, and that our Lord's kingdom will advance to the glory of Christ.

Children's Camp

God used your Adrian Children's Camp and Surge youth mission camp to confirm his love for our young people and grow them into the likeness of his son. Both camps had high attendance this year. Your camps are planned and executed with excellence by directors Denise Pournelle and Laura Hay who have 50 years of combined experience leading our camps. Each year at camp our young people have the opportunity to retreat from the influence of the world and taste the sweetness of a life of worship, fellowship, mission and communion with our king. Camp is a special week each year that our Father uses to strengthen our kids so that they will stay the course.

Mexico Mission Trip

The Mexico Mission trip was a huge success by all accounts. Our team of 25 from various churches in your association adopted a kingdom agenda and we're on the same page. There was no complaining and no concern about the things of this world because all we're focused on one goal, the Great Commission. We proclaimed the gospel throughout the city and many expressed a desire to receive Christ. We prayed with them that they might begin their relationship with God in Christ. We collected contact information for these new ones and provided that information to the church for a follow up. As many as 36 were counted as having prayed to receive Christ.

VBS grew from 50 to 60 on the first day to around 140 on the last day. Vida Nueva was encouraged and I'm confident their good reputation has grown in Kantunilkin. Our team and the members of Vida Nueva connected like family over the week and tears were shed as we departed. I'm confident that our Lord grew each team member into the likeness of Jesus Christ, the great missionary sent by God. By all accounts the mission trip was a great success and I anticipate a continuing partnership with Vida Nueva in Mexico. Thank you for praying. Thank you for giving. May we all be going into all the world, making disciples from our neighborhoods to the nations.

Another one of your mission teams is heading to Cherokee, North Carolina to serve God and proclaim the good news. They will be on mission July 12-19. Please pray for your team as they go and fulfill the Great Commission. We wait with eager anticipation to hear from them about the victories of the gospel.

Bro. Billy

It's time again for Annual Church Reports! We look forward to this time each year as a way for sister churches to join together to review and reflect on the Lord's blessings as we partner together to accomplish the Great Commission!

Last year 30 of our 50 DBA churches participated in filling out the Annual Church Reports.

This year we would like to reach a goal of 100% participation.

We know it may seem like a bit of a chore, but there are numerous benefits for your church by filling out your ACRs:

In your church

- **Review accomplishments** Take time to talk with your community about the amazing things God is doing at your church. *It's a fun to be us moment!* Celebrate the positive momentum your church is experiencing.
- **Recognize people** Your church "happens" because people give time, effort and energy to it! Annual reports are a great way to thank and honor people who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the past year.
- **Retell stories** Organizations become the sum total of the stories we tell one another. At its core an annual report is a codification of the "big story" that was written over the last year. Amplify the story you want your church to become.
- **Record for history** If annual reports are done well, they become handy tools in the future, helping you to look back at what took place at your church. As you write your church's report, ask yourself if this is the content you want to recall 10 years from now.
- **Refocus on mission** Like a "state of the union" address, an annual report is an opportunity for the leadership of the church to focus on broader themes and direction. Use this opportunity to point people toward the kind of church you want to be.

In your Association & Convention

- **Your Voice** Your annual report gives you a voice of participation. Don't let your voice be unheard!
- **Relevancy** Your report conveys the relevance of ministry. It is an opportunity to celebrate you and the vital leadership and faith witness you bring in service of Christ and the church. It highlights what is working and what is not, so that focus can be defined.
- **History** Your report contributes to the history and growth of Georgia Baptists and Southern Baptists in making Kingdom impact!
- **Praise** Your report allows us to shout specific praises to our Lord with you for the work He is doing in our counties, state, nation, and world!
- **Accountability** Your report is a fulfillment of your covenantal responsibility to the Association, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, and Southern Baptist Convention. As such, your file becomes a history of your conventional accountability.

How to participate

- Paper packets will be mailed via United States Postal Service to every church in the DBA by the end of July. These packets will include the instructions, forms, and a stamped envelope to send the report back to the DBA.
- Or, if you prefer to fill out your reports online, call the DBA (912)583-2713 to obtain your user name and password. Then go to <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com> and follow the instructions.

Thank you in advance for doing your part! May God continue to bless our partnered ministry!

MAY WAS ACTS 1:8 CALVIN DURRENCE OFFERING MONTH!

*The following sister churches & organizations have partnered together for the Calvin Durrence/
Acts 1:8 Fund*

Anonymous Donation through National Christian
Foundation GA
Cornerstone
East Gordon

Fairview
FBC Lyons
FBC Soperton
Tabernacle VBS

LUNCH with PASTOR LUIS from Kantunilkin, Mexico

Pastor Luis will be flying back with the Mexico Mission Team and we are excited to see him!

Please join together at the DBA office for lunch on Thursday, July 18th at Noon

To welcome and fellowship with our sister church pastor!

WELCOME

Clarence Best as Pastor at Beulah Baptist Church

Chad Cofield as Pastor at FBC Soperton

Let's celebrate these churches that have participated financially in our cooperative effort.

Alston Baptist
Boiling Springs
Cedar Crossing Baptist
Cedar Crossing Hispanic
Cornerstone
Fairview Baptist
Faith Missionary Baptist
Friendship
Higgston Baptist
Hope Baptist

Lyons FBC
Mount Vernon FBC
New Corinth
Normantown
Oak Grove Baptist
Ohooppee Baptist
Providence Baptist
Sardis Baptist
Smith Street Baptist
South Thompson Baptist

Springhill Baptist
Stuckey Baptist
Tabernacle Baptist
The Way Hispanic Church
Trinity Baptist
Uvalda Baptist
Vidalia Baptist Temple
Vidalia FBC

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!

Joey Davis' Hispanic Church had five visitors and a woman received the Lord! Praise God!

Rocky Creek had VBS and 9 salvations, and 2 rededications! Praise the Lord for He is Worthy.

Alston Baptist Church praises the Lord for three new members joining the church!

FBC Mount Vernon celebrated 168 in attendance for VBS, two salvations, two baptisms, one new member by transfer, and testimonies from youth about SURGE Camp!

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!

Ministry Partner News

FREE VBS MATERIALS

Uvalda Baptist has some really nice items for the ROAR theme VBS by Group Publishing. They are free to a good home. Please contact Adrian Bell (912) 246-0290 call or text

FBC Mount Vernon has Call of the Wild VBS available for anyone who would like to use it, completely free. Please contact Betty Fountain (912) 583-2798

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Come join us for Smith Street Baptist Church 4TH annual back to school back pack bash on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 11 AM! Fun and games for all ages! Boy and girl bike raffle, backpacks fully loaded with school supplies to be raffled off (must be present to win). Hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn. DJ Chester Proctor and much, much more!!

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

On Friday, July 19th East Gordon Street Baptist Church will be hosting a Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon. This luncheon will start at 12:00 noon and will be free to all seniors. To reserve your spot please call Judy at 293-2458 or Bruce at 245-5335. Please call will your numbers by July 12th.

Back to School Resource & Health Fair by Tri-County Family Connection July 13, 2019

am - 12:30 pm Wheeler County Elementary School Free School Supplies Free Health Screenings Local Resource Providers Please contact Kristy Bennett 912-539-0517 or via email @ tricountyfc@gmail.com.

GO GEORGIA

August 23-24 FBC Statesboro A total church life leadership conference with **100+ breakout session** addressing different topics for all ministry leaders

Cost (Until August 9): 2 days: \$45 Specialized Training, Friday Includes Dinner! Saturday Includes Continental Breakfast Lunch And All Breaks!

1 day: \$30 Friday OR Saturday Specialized Training Friday Includes Dinner! Saturday Includes Continental Breakfast Lunch And All Breaks!

Register: <https://gogeorgia.net/#register>

2019 Literacy Conference

Share the Good News through Literacy

September 6-8

Georgia Baptist Conference Center - Toccoa

Did you know that two-thirds of Georgia's third-graders are not reading on grade level!

But you can help, and share the Gospel at the same time!

This is an all-in-one annual event for both newcomers and veterans.

Newcomers may obtain their initial training in 1 of four tracks, and veterans may continue honing their skills with continued training and refreshers. Learn, be inspired, and fellowship with fellow laborers from around the State!

Cost varies depending on classes taken and supplies purchased.

WHEN: Fri, September 6, 1 pm thru Sun, September 8, 1 pm (You may attend 1, 2 or all 3 days.)

WHAT: * Three 11-hour trainings for North American Mission Board certification

* Twenty-five 1-hour breakout sessions

WHERE: Georgia Baptist Conference Center 8496 Lake Louise Road, Toccoa, GA 30577

DETAILS AND PRICING: www.GaBaptist.org/LiteracyMissions & then click on the State Conference link

ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.MyToccoa.com/LiteracyMissions

Calendar

July

- 1-5 Mission Trip One: VBS & Discipleship
- 8-12 Mission Trip Two: Baseball Camp
- 12-19 Cherokee Mission Trip
- 18 Administrative Team Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Allen Rae
Bruce Conner
Mark Murphy

August

- 12 Pastors Round Table (11am) & Lunch (12pm), DBA Office
- 23-24 Go Georgia, FBC Statesboro

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rev. & Mrs. Allen Rae
Rev. & Mrs. Juan Vallejo
Rev. & Mrs. B.L. Horne
Rev. & Mrs. Drew Bolin

September

- 16 Annual Church Reports Due**
- 16 Pastors Round Table (11am) & Lunch (12pm), DBA Office
- 19 Administrative Team Meeting

October

- 20 Mission Fair, 4:00 pm, Cedar Crossing Baptist Church
- Annual Fall Meeting, 5:00 pm, Cedar Crossing Baptist Church
- Annual Fall Celebration, 6:00 pm, Cedar Crossing Baptist Church

DBA Treasurer's Report

	Budget		
	Offerings	Expenses	Net
06/30/19	13,064.57	(21,408.64)	(8,344.07)
YTD - 2019	69,000.04	(78,075.03)	(9,074.99)

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

Oak Grove, Pastor Robby Fowler
Primera Iglesia, Pastor Juan Vallejo
Providence, Pastor Robert Ferrell
Red Bluff, Pastor Donny Crosby

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

**FBC Alamo, Friendship, Int. Donnie Brown
Ohoopee; Stuckey**

PRISON MINSITRY

Please continue to lift up our brothers as they minister to those in prison.

July: Bro. Gady Youmans
August: Bro. Ricky Cummings

900-N-3 Coaches:

Bro. Bill O'Neal
Bro. Andy Coursey
Bro. Curt Landrum

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