

August 2019

The Light

Churches Partnering Together to Accomplish the Great Commission

This summer was full. Our DBA churches had ups and downs and through them all our Father has been steady and has worked by his Spirit to grow many into the likeness of Christ. Now, as always, the future presents opportunities and hope for further kingdom impact and your association of churches is poised to be a part of profound kingdom work in 2020. Consider just two substantial kingdom matters of praise and prayer as we move forward together.

First, your DBA evangelism team has met together several times to discuss an area wide evangelism strategy for 2020. The team has a big vision and wants every home across our 4 counties to be prayed over and have an opportunity to respond to the gospel. Be in prayer for our Lord to give us all a heart and vision for evangelism as your evangelism team continues to develop a strategy for 2020. Our world feels chaotic. This is a great time to proclaim the message of the kingdom of God and invite those around us into a better future and hope.

Second, Better Together Christian Community Church, led by pastor Craig Snead, has submitted an application to join your DBA and the Southern Baptist Convention. Better Together has been interviewed and approved by the credentials committee and they have been voted into watchcare by the Administrative team and will be presented for membership to the Executive Committee in 6 months. Your partnership with Better Together is a great opportunity for your DBA family to grow spiritually, in number and in influence.

These and other encouraging and energizing kingdom matters will be discussed further at our Annual Meeting and Celebration which will take place at our beloved Cedar Crossing Baptist Church on Sunday evening, October 20. Please mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to lead your congregation to partner with other churches for the kingdom of God and the glory of Christ.

Bro. Billy

PASTORS ROUND TABLE & MISSION LUNCH

August 12, 2019

Topic: Issues Faced in Pastoral Counseling

Mission Focus: The Refuge

Discussion at 11 am, Mission Lunch at Noon, Come to one or both, Bring friends

Please RSVP to 912-583-2713 or daniellbaptist@gmail.com

WOMEN'S MISSION TRIP NEW ORLEANS

Interest Meeting

Thursday, August 15th

DBA Office, 6:00 p.m.

PRISON MINSITRY

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

August:	Bro. Ricky Cummings	900-N-3 Coaches:
September:	Bro. Ricky Cummings & Bro. Scott Morrison	Bro. Bill O'Neal Bro. Andy Coursey

ANNUAL FALL CELEBRATION

Save the Date: October 20, 2019

Executive Team Meeting & Mission Fair at 5:00 p.m.

Celebration at 6:00 p.m.

Cedar Crossing Baptist Church

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 to every church in the DBA has been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact the DBA office as soon as possible.***
- 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!

Ministry Partner News

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!!

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>

FIND YOUR SUNDAY - MEET & GREET WITH BREWTON PARKER STUDENTS

August 27, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Pastors, 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 aniellbaptist@gmail.com so that we know to set up a table for you.

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

We hope you are encouraged by your fellow churches that have partnered with you!

Alamo FBC	Hope	Providence	Tarrytown
Alston	Longpond	Rocky Creek	Trinity
Boiling Springs	Lyons FBC	Smith Street	Uvalda
Cedar Crossing	Mount Vernon FBC	Soperton FBC	Vidalia Baptist Temple
Fairview	New Corinth	South Thompson	Vidalia FBC
Faith Missionary	Normantown	Springhill	
Friendship	Oak Grove	Stuckey	
Higgston	Ohoopee	Tabernacle	

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!

Alston Baptist Church praises the Lord for two salvations at VBS!

FBC Vidalia had a young man make a first time profession of faith!

Mount Pisgah had 12 decisions for Christ at VBS, nine were first time professions of faith!

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!

Calendar

August

- 5 Pastors Gathering Treutlen Co. Windmill, Noon
- 6 Pastors Gathering, Vidalia & Surrounding Areas, Tappas, Noon
- 14 Pastors Gathering, Wheeler Co., La Cabana, Noon
- 20 Pastors Gathering, Montgomery Co, La Cabana, Noon
- 12 Pastors Round Table (11am) & Mission Lunch (12pm), DBA Office
- 23-24 Go Georgia, FBC Statesboro

September

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

October

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

November

- 4-6 Christmas Backpack Drop Off, 9am-Noon, 1:00pm-2:30pm DBA Office
- 10-12 GBMB Annual Meeting, Fayetteville, GA
- 14 RSVP for Pastor's Holiday Party
- 11-15 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop Off, 9am-Noon, 1:00pm-2:30pm DBA Office
- 18 Operation Christmas Cards for Soldiers Due by 2:30 pm

December

- 5 Cakes for Baxley's Children's Home, Tabernacle Baptist Church,
- 6 Pastor's Holiday Christmas Party, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 6:00 pm
- 11 Prison Ministry Graduation

Weekly Events:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Norma Beaird Susan Thompson
- Kevin Hammons Mark Baskin
- Joe Siman Ricky Cummings
- Robby Fowler Tammy Folsom
- Debbie Vallejo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Rev. & Mrs. Glenn Russell
- Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Bennett
- Rev. & Mrs. Paul Wilkes

Would you join us in praying for the following churches

& pastors by name:

- Rocky Creek, Pastor Bill Black
- Sardis, Pastor Wayne Bennett
- Smith Street, Pastor Chester Proctor
- Snow Hill, Pastor Randell Tarpley

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

- FBC Alamo, Friendship, Int. Donnie Brown**
- Ohoopce; Red Bluff; Stuckey; United Fellowship**

DBA Treasurer's Report

		Budget		
		Offerings	Expenses	Net
	07/31/19	11,330.91	(8,925.43)	2,405.48
	YTD - 2019	80,330.95	(87,000.46)	(6,669.51)
		Gifts/	Disbursements	
Calvin	6/30/2019	Transfers		6/30/2019
Durrence	1,387.00	1,552.07	(750.00)	2,189.07

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