

August 2020

# The Light

*Matthew 24:14*

*"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."*

The gospel of the kingdom is the hope we have of a blessed future because of the person and work of Jesus Christ. We comfort one another at funerals with the gospel of the kingdom. If those who have passed have trusted in Christ, we encourage one another, "One day we will be reunited with our lost loved ones, never to be separated again." We comfort family members of the deceased by reminding them that their loved one is no longer in pain because now they are in the presence of the King of kings and experiencing the fullness of His kingdom.

By preaching the gospel of the kingdom we offer hope to all who will follow Jesus. For example, those who follow Christ have hope of living in a kingdom without disease. That's good news for today. In Christ there's hope for:

- An eternal King who will rule with justice and righteousness (Luke 1:32-33)
- Unity among mankind across ethnic and socio-economic lines (Revelation 7:9-10)
- A home where no more thorns and thistles grow (or bahiagrass) (Revelation 22:1-3)
- A place in which the nations will no longer go to war (Isaiah 2:4)
- A kingdom with a righteous and just economic system (Isaiah 65:21-22)
- A home in which we will not be separated by death (Revelation 21:4)
- A place where the body will be healed, no longer to experience sickness and decay (Revelation 21:4)
- A kingdom absent of the ravages of hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes and other natural disasters (Romans 8:20-22)
- And most importantly, a place where the soul is healed and the mankind's relationship with God is fully restored. (Revelation 21:3)

Preaching the gospel of the kingdom in the world in which we now live is like playing tee-ball. The brokenness of our world and the human condition is on display for all to see and is consistently a point of complaint in our conversations. Every day the ball is teed-up for us to knock out of the park with the good news of the kingdom of Christ. Have you recently heard someone lamenting the political unrest, destruction of natural disasters, threat of disease or the brokenness of the body, environmental concerns, turmoil of racial tensions, sadness of poverty and economic disparity, threat of wars, failures of political parties and leadership, or spiritual and physical death?

When you hear comments about hopelessness and despair, that's your opportunity to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and offer hope in Christ for all who will believe and confess Jesus as Lord.

In dark and difficult days, we may be tempted to shrink back, withdraw, turn inward, but the light of the gospel shines bright in the darkness and hope offered against the backdrop of despair is all the more attractive. Now is the time to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.



**WE'VE GOT A  
NEW  
PHONE NUMBER.**

The Daniell Baptist  
Association's  
new phone number is

**(912) 583 - 4985**

# Happy Retirement

**We thank our Lord for the ministry of HG and Cornelia Ridgill at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 10 years of faithful service. God has used HG as a conduit of blessing in the DBA.**



## **Welcome Rev. Cricket Green to Red Bluff Baptist Church**

I grew up in Stillmore, where most of my family still lives. I was born after an older brother, Jimmy, had died in infancy. My name was simply Timothy Green but my mother started calling me Timmy. My other older siblings protested that Timmy sounded too much like Jimmy. Mama offered to call me something else and asked, "What about Jiminy Cricket?" They agreed on Cricket and I have been known by that moniker far more than my real name. To simplify my name issues, I had Cricket legalized as my middle name.

I began my relationship with Christ when I was 10 and His call to serve Him as a ministry by age 12. I gained the nickname 'preacher-man' in school but had my own Jonah experience in and after my senior year. While attending East Georgia State College, I secured an entry-level position with the Social Security Administration in 1998. Working and going to college, I graduated cum laude with my Associates Degree in 1999. As my Jonah phase drew to a close, I met my bride, Casey, at Pleasant Springs Baptist Church near East Dublin in 2000, introduced by my brother – her Pastor. My brother, Kenny, is a vocational minister currently serving as Pastor of Brewton Baptist Church near East Dublin.

Casey and I married in 2002 and made our home in Higgston. I decided to return to college in 2003 to earn my Bachelor's of Ministry degree at Brewton-Parker College. In 2006, I was licensed, ordained, and accepted the call to serve bivocationally as Pastor of Blue Springs Baptist Church in Rockledge. Following the Apostle Paul's example, I embarked on bivocational ministry with the firm belief that my federal career was nothing short of Providential. The next few years were a struggle of balancing full time work, the pastorate, still being somewhat newlyweds, and taking numerous evening and night classes to finish my degree. I finally graduated magna cum laude in 2007 with Bachelor's degree and not a day too soon, either. Our son, Dylan, was born five days later. We had our daughter, Hannah, in 2011. Dylan and Hannah attend Vidalia Heritage Academy.

After nearly eight years, I resigned the pastorate in July 2016 and we joined Tabernacle Baptist Church. We served in a myriad of capacities and I continued to provide pulpit supply. Some of the jobs I performed at Tabernacle were: middle school minister, deacon, chairman of deacons, and youth director. Now, after six years and a week after having stepped away from the pastorate, I have accepted the call to serve as Pastor of Red Bluff Baptist Church in Lothair. My family and I are excited to see how the Lord will use us in this next chapter of our lives.





# A Prayer for Every Home

## A Bible in Every Home

### Prayer for Every Home

Did Covid19 slow down your effort to pray to our Father for the salvation of every household and all of our neighbors? **If we can increase the prayer life of our congregations we will truly move the ball forward regarding our King's agenda, and even more so if our prayers are for the spiritual salvation of our community.** We have the names for every household in your county and we would be glad to get you a new list if you need it.

We also have a group from various churches that are fasting every Sunday morning. We want the believers in our community to join together in corporate fasting as we seek, ask and knock for the door of spiritual revival to be opened to us. We want to put you on the list of those who will fast and pray on Sunday morning.



### Be a part of Evangelism in our counties!

Bible/Prayer Yard signs are

- \$3
- pick up at the DBA Office on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Wire Stakes included

**We would love to see a sign at every church and in the yard of every DBA church member!**

# BEDS FOR THE BAHAMAS



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**As you may know the Bahamas were devastated  
by Hurricane Dorian in 2019.**

**Relief efforts continue to restore the islands  
homes, power, running water, and necessities.**

**Of the many necessities, mattresses are currently needed.**

**Our mission team has been asked for:**

**15 Twin Sized Mattress (\$140 each)**

**25 Queen Sized Mattresses (\$250 each)**

**We know that our family of DBA Churches  
would love to take up the opportunity**

**God is giving us to show His love!**

**If you or your church would like to make a donation  
for a mattress or mattresses, please forward your donation to**

**Daniell Baptist Association**

**P.O. Box 388**

**Ailey, GA 30410**

**For questions or more information: (912) 583-4985 or [daniellbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:daniellbaptist@gmail.com)**



# 2020 **SPARK** CONFERENCE

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

Pastors  
Lay Leaders  
Discipleship Leaders  
Childrens' Leaders

Anyone involved in  
Ministry and  
equipping!

Student Pastors  
Worship Leaders  
Sunday School Directors  
Missions Coordinators

## What You're Going To Learn...

Exactly what strategies move the ball forward as you minister in and through your local church.

- How to reach and equip Gen Z
- How to disciple your family
- Making evangelism natural and easy
- Mobilizing women's ministries
- Discipling 20- and 30-somethings
- Ramping up missional impact
- Going from local to international impact
- Equipping parents for family ministry
- Getting started with student ministries
- The basics of leading a children's choir
- How to do online media effectively post-COVID-19
- Responding to the growing LGBTQ culture
- Building a missions portfolio
- Mobilizing Sunday School for evangelism
- Growing your age 55+ groups
- Reaching and equipping singles
- New frontiers in church ministry
- Planning ministry spaces

*Over 50 High-Impact Sessions To Equip You To Lead In Your Ministry from over 50 session leaders*

## STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH TO ADVANCE A DISIPLE-MAKING MOVEMENT

One-Day Total Church Equipping Conference

Premieres August 28th

More details coming soon!

**SAVE** *the* **DATE**





**All Annual Church Report  
usernames & passwords  
have been sent out via  
Email. If you did not receive  
the email, please contact  
(912) 583-4985.**

**Reports are due  
September 15th, 2020**

**Let's get 100%  
participation this year!**



**Jerusalem (Local) 2020:** Wheeler County Christmas Backpacks DBA Goal: 100

**Judea (State) 2020:** Appalachia Christmas Backpack DBA Goal: 400

**Drop off:** Oct. 18th at the Annual Celebration

Oct. 19-21 from 10 am - Noon and 1-2:30pm at the DBA Office

**Samaria (USA):** Christmas Cards for Soldiers

**Drop off** by October 18th at 12:30 pm. **\*\*No Glitter, please!\*\***

**Uttermost Parts (International): Operation Christmas Child**

The DBA is excited to announce that we have 400 OCC boxes, instructions, and prayer bookmarks available for FREE for anyone who would like to pack a box!

**Drop off** by the DBA office no later than November 5th at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, please visit <https://dbachurches.com/acts18christmas>



*Kevin Hammons  
Mark Baskin  
Ricky Cummings  
Joe Siman*

*Susan Thompson  
Tammy Folsom  
Robbie Fowler  
Debbie Vallejo*



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



### August

5 Mission Team Meeting, DBA Office, 10 a.m.  
28 Spark Conference

### Weekly Events:

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



### PRAYER

Each pastor in our association and around the world struggles with physical, spiritual, and family health. Pastors, please utilize the monthly Pastor Connect to connect to and pray for each other. Everyone please commit to pray for the following pastors who are currently having physical health issues (shared with permission)

*Owen Waters & Daughter Felicia, Bill Black, H.G. Ridgill*  
Commit to prayer the following churches as they seek God's wisdom in searching for a pastor:

**Friendship, Int. Donnie Brown Ohoopee;  
Red Bluff; Stuckey**

**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	Friendship	Normantown	Springhill
Alston	Hope	Oak Grove	Stuckey
Boiling Springs	Longpond	Ohoopee	Tabernacle
Cedar Crossing	Lyons FBC	Providence	Trinity
Fairview	Mount Vernon FBC	Smith Street	Uvalda
Faith Missionary	New Corinth	South Thompson	

## TREASURER'S REPORT

YTD Gen. Fund Checking	
GF Income:	\$ 64,590.33
GF Expenses:	\$ 61,432.25
YTD Net	\$ 3,158.08
Prev. Yr. Bal. Fwd.	\$ 37,709.98
GF Cash/Hand	\$ 40,868.06

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Deadline for submitting information for the next edition of "The Light" is **August 25th**