

April 2022

The Light

Kingdom Shepherd's Column *Easter and The Great Commission*

What we know and celebrate as *Good Friday* was probably considered an awful way to kick off the Passover celebration. Christ Jesus had been more than a rabbi – more than a friend – three years of walking the countryside with Him had made Him their home away from home. After such a sudden end, they felt *homeless* while back at home. They couldn't see anything *good* about *Friday* – let alone *victorious*. It had been messy and traumatic, and their thoughts were fixated on all the sights and sounds of His excruciating death. *Death*. With their Messiah dead, all that seemed to remain for them was the looming threat of death. *Good Friday's* cross had been used to serve victory over mankind's sin, but *Death* remained.

Yet, as they shook in the shadows behind locked doors, the last fleeting moments of the Sabbath released its hold on Him, and a new era began. Sunday's dawn exposed an empty tomb – a surprising testimony of a resurrected Lord. It was the first (*and last*) time that the *Passover Lamb* came back to life. That *Easter Sunday* introduced mankind to victory over death. *Death*. The fear of *Death* had held the disciples captive in their homes. *Death* still existed, but like a governor serving the last months of a term, it had been stripped of its permanence and power. The *True King* exposed *Death* as a temporary tyrant whose own days were numbered.

Easter behind Him, victories over both sin and death delivered, Christ delegated the simpler task to His disciples (*us*): make more disciples and baptize them (Mat 28:19); teach them to obey His commandments (Mat 28:20); and preach repentance and remission of sins (Luke 24:47). This isn't as simple a task as it may seem on the surface, but comparatively speaking, it is simpler than bearing the full weight of all sin, enduring the full wrath of God against all sin, dying by crucifixion, and then resurrecting oneself. So, yes; it is simpler.

Making true disciples is more than repeating a story and promising eternal life. We are tempted to sell priceless salvation in terms of cheap faith. Christianity is more than certificates of membership and baptism. Jesus' victories came at a great cost, and He warned that true faith will cost us. This *Great Commission* is less momentary witnessing and preaching and more long-term mentoring and encouraging. This sacrificial faith inspired some to pursue Him, but it was the last straw for those who were never true disciples (John 6:66). Not everyone who met Jesus followed Him, so we can expect to experience it, but we have been commissioned to do our best.

Easter recalls both the messy sacrifice and glorious resurrection that gives us our hope and joy. In the Passover, God spared the firstborn through the blood of the sacrificial lamb, but God's ultimate plan was to sacrifice His own "*Firstborn*" (Col 1:15) so that whoever calls on His name in true faith will be *passed over* in judgment (Rom 10:13, John 3:17-18). Our commission is to tell as many as we can this good news and guide those who pursue Him on their journey.

The congregation of Red Bluff Baptist in Lothair invites everyone to attend their 11AM service on April 24th as *Light of Messiah Ministries* presents "*Jesus in the Passover.*" This short program helps Christians see our *Jewish* Christ in this Jewish tradition that Christ kept during His time on earth. For more information, call or text Pastor Cricket Green at 912-286-4142.

Author: Rev. Timothy Cricket Green
Red Bluff Baptist Church

South Thompson Baptist Church

Sunday, February 27th, 2022, was a special service at STBC! The service began with singing as two candidates for Baptism were getting ready to be baptized. In the first three pictures, you will see Jesse Cantu being baptized. In the last three pictures, you will see Jose Cantu being baptized. Yes, ALL baptisms are special, but this is a son and daddy being baptized on the same morning! God is so good and we are so blessed. Please pray for Jesse and Jose as they continue their walk with the Lord!



Providence Baptist Church

Such a Glorious morning in the house of the Lord! Three were Saved and Baptized under the blood of Jesus.



Treutlen County Schools: A special "Thank you!" goes out to all who helped provide lunch to the teachers and staff at Treutlen Schools today: Mr. Hugh Kight and administration for providing several flavors of chicken wings, Mr. Kerry Walker of Harmony Baptist Church for delicious choices of sides, and Kylee Ippolito of Backwoods Bakery for a beautiful array of homemade cakes! Everything was delicious!

DBA PASTORS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

Rev. Bill Black, Rocky Creek Baptist Church

Rev. Bill Black and wife, Sarah, have served at Rocky Creek Baptist Church in Lyons, GA for 13 years. In March, Rev. Bill announced his retirement. His last Sunday at Rocky Creek will be April 24th.

Rev. Bill has also been a very active member of the Daniell Baptist Association. He has served as an officer over the years as Vice Moderator, Assistant Parliamentarian, Parliamentarian, and on various mission ministry teams. Rev. Bill has also sat as an active member on the Executive Team.



Rev. Emory Fennell, New Corinth Baptist Church

Rev. Emory Fennell and wife, Joyce, have served at New Corinth Baptist Church in Lyons, GA for over 25 years and served on the Executive Team of the Daniell Baptist Association.

The Daniell Baptist Association has been blessed by Rev. Bill Black's and Rev. Emory Fennell's leadership, friendship, and example! We pray the Lord will continue to bless the Black's & Fennell's on this new season in their lives.

**Black Light Extravaganza
United Fellowship
Sunday April 10 6:00
114 NE Railroad Ave. Oak Park**

Presented by FBC Black Light Ministry Alma GA



**Toombs Area Ministerial Association
Holy Week Services**

One Body, Many Parts, In Christ

Monday, April 11th

6 PM @ Harvest Time Faith Center — 506 1st Ave. Vidalia

Speaker: Cathy Belles

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Tuesday, April 12th

12 PM @ Vidalia Presbyterian Church— 400 Church St. Vidalia

Speaker: Gordian Iwuji

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Wednesday, April 13th

12 PM @ The Oaks Baptist Church — 920 NW Broad St. Lyons

Speaker: Luis Gonzales

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Thursday, April 14th

12 PM @ Vidalia Church of God — 401 Adams St. Vidalia

Speaker: Randall Smith

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Friday, April 15th

7 AM @ Episcopal Church of the Annunciation — 1512 Meadows Ln. Vidalia

Speaker: Carmella Williams

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US
EASTER-EGG-HUNT**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH
6:30PM – 7:30PM**

Ages 3 – 5th grade
We'll have a Bible story,
Egg Hunt, and light snacks!

Trinity Baptist Church
2141 Adams Street / Vidalia GA

UNDIVIDED
Young Adult Conference
Ages 17-27

**JOIN US
FOR A
NIGHT
OF
WORSHIP**

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022
Vidalia High School ~ 5-10 pm
901 North St. W, Vidalia, Ga 30474

FreeFood • Guest Speakers • Live Music

RED BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH
will host
LIGHT of MESSIAH MINISTRIES
presenting
JESUS IN THE PASSOVER
on
April 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
1215 Red Bluff Church Rd, Soperton, GA
This short program helps Christians see our
Jewish Christ in this Jewish tradition that Christ
kept during His time on earth.
For more information, call or text Pastor
Cricket Green (912) 286 - 4142





This is a prayer guide developed by Dr. Adam Coker, pastor of First Baptist Alamo and Professor of history and Christian studies at Brewton-Parker College. Pastor Coker and his family served the Lord as missionaries in Russia for 16 years with the International Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention.

PRAYER GUIDE

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Tim. 2:1-5)

Three thoughts from this passage on prayer, as it relates to the Russia-Ukraine crisis:

1. Government leaders
2. Peace
3. Salvation of the lost.

Washington. Brussels. Kiev. Moscow. High-level conversations and decisions affecting the lives of millions. As we pray for these leaders, let us pray for the following outcomes:

- ~Peace for our brethren, and
- ~Salvation for the lost

In addition to obvious concerns about the physical safety of those in harm's way, we also think of access to basic necessities (food, water, medicine). We ask travelling mercies for those fleeing to the West. Imagine the most crowded and slow-moving line you have ever stood in. Was it at an inefficient airport? A sports arena? Six-flags? Now triple the stress, remove the positive anticipation of your destination, and recall that you cannot get out of line, no matter the weary frustration.

While I am certainly praying for physical provision for my friends, family, and loved ones currently located in the region, this should be only part of our prayer. Beyond this, I pray for believers to be Salt and Light during these difficult times.

Prayers starting in the East and sweeping Westward:

~In Russia, Baptists and other evangelical believers are a religious minority. During times of political tension with the West, they often experience increased pressure and scrutiny. Pray that they will have spirit-filled and gospel-focused wisdom in the days ahead.

~In Ukraine, pray for believers to give a powerful Christian witness to those in their immediate circle of influence. While they are helping those around them in a myriad of practical ways, pray for receptivity to the gospel.

~Though not without her own spiritual need, Ukraine is actually one of the more highly-evangelized areas of Europe. Pray that the born-again believers among Ukrainian refugees will carry the gospel with them into areas of Europe, whose culture is rapidly becoming “post-Christian”.

~Pray that the believers of European countries would show Christian hospitality to those they have admitted. Many of those arriving in Poland, Romania, and elsewhere are women with small children, whose husbands and fathers have stayed behind in Ukraine.

In a word, pray for the CHURCH. Though it seems difficult to imagine right now, coverage of these dramatic events will fade from the headlines. Their impact, however, will be long-lasting, with implications for a generation. And the Church will be there. Pray for our brothers and sisters.

Surge

YOUTH CAMP

Sponsored by the Daniell Baptist Association and held at Brewton-Parker College

Monday May 30 through Friday June 3, 2022

For all youth just completing 6th through 12th grade

EARLY REGISTRATION: Until April 30: \$225 per camper
REGULAR REGISTRATION: May 1-May 20: \$240 per camper

Registration Fee includes 4 nights at Brewton-Parker College,
11 meals, t-shirt, missions, materials, and other items throughout the week.

Register online or download printable registration:
<https://dbachurches.com/summer-camps/dbasurgecamp/>

Note: If paying online, a PayPal fee will be added

If mailing, return registration form and check
(make checks payable to DBA Youth Camp) to:

Daniell Baptist Association
P.O. Box 388
Ailey, GA 30410

Please note camper's name in memo line

Upon receipt of your registration form and fee, you will
receive confirmation & further information via **Email**.

If you have questions, please contact the DBA
(912) 583-4985 or Jessica Jones (912) 293-6258

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*****T-Shirts will NOT be available to any camper registering after May 20th*****



DBA CHILDREN'S CAMP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Adrian Camp & Conference Center

June 27-July 1, 2022

Ages 8-14 Cost - \$210.00

Applications due by June 12, 2022.

<https://dbachurches.com/summer-camps/dba-childrens-camp/>



The Best Great est Greatest est Ultimate te Day Camp

WinShape Camp is BACK! July 4-8, 2022

Kick-Off Week for Registration is March 7-13!

(Registration opens at 9:00 am, Monday, March 7)

Register Online at www.winshapecamps.org!

This camp would normally cost \$174.00. However, we've missed having

camp for 2 years so we're making this special "Welcome Back" offer!

Register during Kick-Off Week and you only pay \$49.00 for camp!

After March 13, the cost goes to \$99.00. What a DEAL!!

Camp is for kids currently in *kindergarten through 8th Grade*

Camp Location: Sally Meadows Elementary



Like us on Facebook at [WinShape Camps-Vidalia, GA](https://www.facebook.com/WinShapeCamps-Vidalia,GA)



Sign up today!

Ministry Family Camping Retreat

April 8-9, 2022 | Pelham



This is a time for ministers and their families to relax and have some old fashioned fun. All you need is a tent and sleeping bags for your family. Join us Friday night for an evening of fun around the campfire. We will enjoy a hearty breakfast Saturday morning then enjoy a day filled with organized outdoor activities and free time. There will be canoeing, disc golf, family Olympics, archery, fishing, and much more!

Apr 08 2022 - Apr 09 2022

COST \$15 Per Family

Camp Crosspoint 3574 Spence Rd Pelham GA 31779

<https://www.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55234791>



2022 Pastors' Wives Fellowships

Gathering Together

Join us for one of our 2022 regional events. Each event includes a meal, special gift, fellowship and inspiration.

Tunnel Hill Saturday, March 26	Savannah Saturday, April 30
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Registration is required. No cost to attend.




Join us at one of our regional events, where we will share a meal and fellowship together. Registration is required and there is no cost to attend. We'd love to see you there!

For additional information, please contact Loretta Crow at 770-936-5232 or lcrow@gabaptist.org.

Savannah, GA Registration: <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55234644>

Perry Lane Hotel April 30, 2022 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE!
 GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S
Spring Event
 APRIL 22-23, 2022
 CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
 WARNER ROBINS
 IN PERSON & ON-LINE
 OPTIONS AVAILABLE

FEATURING
Lisa Harper

GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN

WOMEN'S SPRING EVENT

April 23

Nothing refreshes our souls like His Spirit and laughter! We get to experience both as Lisa Harper brings her quick wit and encounters with God to women of ALL AGES. Register today at

<https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent/>.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

EXALT THE LORD
 WHO HAS
ESTABLISHED US

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

For more information and resources visit: <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>

2022 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Lord, we exalt You. We are filled with awe and wonder as our praise joins the heavenly hosts saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

You have established Your throne in heaven and the foundations of the earth. You alone are the Creator; the earth is Yours and all it contains is for Your glory. You created and established all of us as Your image bearers. May our lips and lives continually praise You, reflecting and magnifying You in all our words and ways. You are the author of our days, You have established Your plans and purpose for us.

We respond to your glory and authority in obedience to Your Word and will. You have established prayer that we, Your children, Can communicate with our Heavenly Father directing, strengthening, and discipling us in Your everlasting love. We join heaven's activities as we lift up our prayers And pour out our praise, repentance, thanks, intercession and supplication.

Lord, You have established America through the hearts of our founding fathers and the documents they penned declaring our dependence on Your sovereignty and supremacy. We overflow with gratitude having been firmly rooted and built up in our faith in You.

Let our reputation be of our faith in Christ alone, our love for all people, and fruitful lives bearing the attitude, affections, and actions of Your Spirit, Who dwells and works within us and through us. We pray for America: the Church, Family, Education, Military, Workplace, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media. United in Your love, we exalt the Lord who has established us.

In Jesus Name we always pray, Amen!

Kathy Branzell
 President, National Day of Prayer Task Force

Thomas Hammond: ‘Floating downstream’ not an option for Georgia Baptists



TYRONE, Ga. – Georgia Baptist Mission Board Executive Director W. Thomas Hammond Jr. thanked members of the Executive Committee on Tuesday for their willingness to make decisions that are helping churches reach the state with the gospel.

“Serving on the Executive Committee is an important responsibility that is critical to the success of the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board,” Hammond said during a meeting at Dogwood Baptist Church in Tyrone. “You are the Georgia Baptist Convention. The business you conduct is Kingdom business. It could impact the eternal destiny of millions of lives because your work affects the lives, ministries and mission efforts of Georgia Baptist pastors and churches.”

Hammond reminded the Executive Committee members that the impact of their work goes far beyond state lines.

“We all know that a healthy Georgia Baptist Convention means there will be a healthier Southern Baptist Convention,” he said. “A healthy Georgia Baptist Convention means more seminary students, more ministers, more missionaries, and more church planters. Georgia Baptists are not and must never be self-focused nor shortsighted.”

Over the past few years, Hammond said, Georgia Baptist leaders have made significant and difficult decisions.

“These decisions lead to many changes for the GBMB and the GBC,” he said. “Some have asked, ‘Why are we making changes?’ ‘Why don’t we just keep things going the way they have been?’ To be vulnerably transparent, it would be easier to just keep floating downstream.”

Hammond said “floating downstream” is not an option. He quoted best-selling author and pastor Rick Godwin, who said “One reason why people resist change is because they focus on what they will have to give up instead of what they will gain.”

Hammond said changes have been necessary in Georgia because the condition of our churches demands changes. Baptisms, he said, have declined 50 percent over the past 20 years, while Sunday school enrollment dropped by 187,634 from 2006 through 2019.

“There is nothing about these ‘vital signs’ that cause me to say, ‘Let’s just keep going the way we’ve been going,’” Hammond said. “Like the ‘watchman’ in Ezekiel 33, we need to sound the alarm because the financial health and effectiveness of the Mission Board demanded change, because it is the responsibility of your Mission Board to help churches reach a constantly changing world.”

Hammond said the state Mission Board is a unique entity with a very broad reach.

“We are not the only organization in Georgia evangelizing teenagers, but those organizations are not doing Disaster Relief,” he said. “There are organizations in Georgia that do Disaster Relief, but they don’t have ministries on 41 college campuses. There are ministries on college campuses, but they are not working to solve the problem with foster care across Georgia. There are organizations in Georgia that service children in foster care, but they don’t have three colleges preparing the next generation to be Christian leaders. They also don’t have children’s homes, senior adult centers, drug rehab centers, crisis pregnancy centers, or public affairs. They also don’t help churches with legal counsel, tax advice, COVID protocols, security training, sex abuse prevention, conflict mediation, discipleship, evangelism, missions, NextGen, the health of pastors and their families. It’s the Georgia Baptist Mission Board that is doing all these things and so much more.”

Hammond said the Executive Board’s willingness to make tough decisions is making a difference now and for the future.

“The world has changed,” Hammond said. “Therefore, we must change to reach it with the unchanging truths of God’s Word and life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Source: The Christian Index

Ed Litton won't seek second term as SBC president

By Jonathan Howe, Baptist Press, Tuesday, March 1, 2022



Southern Baptist Convention President Ed Litton says he won't seek a second term. (Photo/Baptist Press)

Related to his term as SBC president, Litton noted “that it’s been a difficult year,” and took responsibility “for mistakes [he] made in the preparation and delivery of particular sermons”—an acknowledgement of the plagiarism accusations Litton addressed and apologized for early in his presidency.”

SARALAND, Ala. (BP)—Citing a growing desire to develop a strategy to “bridge our divides and bring about a Gospel-driven unity and reconciliation” and the need to lead as a “pastor rather than from the office of president,” SBC president Ed Litton announced Tuesday that he would not seek a second term as SBC president at the upcoming SBC Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

Litton, pastor of Redemption Church in the Mobile, Ala., area, made the announcement in a short video released by the church saying he believes “God is calling [him] to devote the next five to 10 years of [his] life” to pursuing racial reconciliation through the local church.

Litton did not provide specifics of the initiative other than that it “is not a top-down program but a locally-based strategy inviting local churches to take the lead in their communities.” More information will be released at the 2022 SBC Annual Meeting in June.

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Litton’s presidency will also be known for his involvement in appointing a task force to oversee an investigation of the SBC Executive Committee as it faced accusations of not appropriately handling claims of sex abuse in the SBC. That task force is expected to report its findings later in the spring.

In closing his video, Litton noted that “in a time of increased division and polarization,” Southern Baptists “must be united in our pursuit of that one sacred effort of reaching the nations for Christ,” pointing Southern Baptists to the 2022 SBC Annual Meeting theme of “Jesus, the center of it all.”

The 2022 SBC Annual Meeting and related events will be held in Anaheim, Calif., from June 12-15.

First-time church visitors likely have already watched services online

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 By AARON EARLS, LifeWay Christian Resources

The first time a visitor walks into your church building, they probably know more about your church than you think. More than that, visitors may have even participated in a worship service already.

Much has been written about church websites being an unexpected “front door” to the church, but in the aftermath of the pandemic and near-universal adoption of video technology by churches, your online worship service is probably your new front door. For many, the first time they encounter your congregation will be through a video.

Churches should plan for this as they were quick to adapt to streaming services during the pandemic, reaching new and previous attendees through their online videos. Now, they’re trying to navigate how to transition people from this new front door online through their physical front door in person.

Quickly building a new door

In the fall of 2019, prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, Lifeway Research found 41 percent of Protestant churches weren’t putting any portion of their worship services online for people to view. By the end of March 2020, within a month of the pandemic, more than 9 in 10 churches provided some type of online video service. Online video options continued throughout the pandemic.

Still, pastors are hoping the 1 in 4 pre-pandemic churchgoers not currently attending services, some of whom may be watching online, will return. Three in 5 pastors (60 percent) say they’re specifically exhorting online worshippers, who are able, to trade their couch for a pew and attend services in person.

Yet, despite this desire, churches have continued digital services. In February 2022, 94 percent of churches were still posting video worship services online, with 84 percent live streaming those services and 10 percent posting sermons later, according to Lifeway Research.

Why? Perhaps because churches have seen tangible benefits of their videos, including ministering to underserved church members, reaching new people online and even adding fresh faces to in-person worship services.

Welcoming people in the new door

Some churches have experienced increased connections to their shut-ins, often older members who have physical ailments that prevent them from physically attending. Many were active in services for years but were forced away because of their declining health. The addition of online videos has enabled them to stay connected and participate with their congregations in at least a partial way.

Online services have also reached some non-churchgoers. Among those who say they don’t regularly attend church services, more than 1 in 4 (26 percent) participated in an online church service during the pandemic, according to a September 2021 Lifeway Research study. Meaning, unchurched individuals were exposed to worship services for the first time through videos posted online – some of whom may now be showing up in person.

As of early 2022, almost 3 in 4 pastors (74 percent) say their church has reached new people online in the past six months. Even more pastors (83 percent) say new people have recently attended or connected in person.



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6 ideas to move people through the traditional door

For those trying to transition people from online to in person, the looming question is how. How can we motivate those who could physically attend to join us? How can we use the new front door to get people to actually step inside our church building?

1. **Keep streaming** It may seem paradoxical to keep doing the very thing some are using instead of attending in person, but many are being reached through the video services who may be on the cusp of joining your church physically. Treat the online worship service as a thread of connection with those viewers. You shouldn't be looking to sever the thin line, but rather, turn it into a rope that can make the ties thicker.
2. **Start creating** What if, instead of ending your worship service live streams, you added additional content to strengthen the connection with digital participants? Start a podcast to add depth or application to the sermon. Launch a video book club or Bible study. Post FAQ videos on your website (or just create and use a free YouTube or Facebook account for your church). Make quick TikTok devotional videos. Record and share videos about your hobbies and interests – sports, gardening, cooking, hunting, video games, etc. – and weave in references to your faith and your church. Try something.
3. **Keep exhorting** As you continue streaming your services and starting new channels, continue calling those who are able to join you in person. One of the reasons you keep streaming is because that's the one clear avenue through which you can speak to those online-only viewers. Take opportunities during the service to invite those watching to join you next Sunday. Talk about the importance of the "one-another" commands in the Scripture and how we can't obey them in isolation. Stress the need of every follower of Jesus to walk together with others.
4. **Leverage opportunities** Some online churchgoers have gotten in the habit of being viewers of and not participants in your worship services. It may take something different and unique to pull them up off their couches and out of their Sunday morning pajamas. With warm weather arriving, plan for a churchwide picnic or other outdoor event that may feel safer for some who are hesitant to come to an indoor service. Talk about Easter as a time when everyone in the church can come together in person to worship our risen Savior. Look at potential events you can host or use to make a physical connection with digital viewers.
5. **Be gracious** As some make the transition to in-person attending, take the opportunity to welcome them, not shame them. The goal is to integrate them into your church body. That's more likely to happen if they feel well-loved and like welcomed members of the family and not embarrassing distant relatives. Don't single out those who are new or back for the first time in years with an awkward greeting from the stage. But make sure your congregation knows to intentionally seek out those individuals and make them feel at home.
6. **Strengthen the connections** As they move into the rows of the worship service, help them eventually move into the circles of a small group. Speak about the need for group discipleship from the pulpit. Introduce small group leaders during the service. Make it a seamless transition for someone to move from watching online to attending in person to being involved in a small group.

As people are introduced to your church through the new front door of video, continue keeping the old front door open to digital-first guests and all those whom God draws to your congregation. *Source: The Christian Index*

The Daniell Baptist Association can assist your church in setting up your online profile, website and/or streaming service. Please contact Jessica at (912) 583 - 4985 or daniellbaptist@gmail.com for more information.

2022 SBC ANNUAL MEETING ANAHEIM | JUNE 14-15, 2022

<https://sbcannualmeeting.net/>



Join us at the Anaheim Convention Center for four full days of equipping, and inspiration. With nearly 200 ancillary meetings, events, and gatherings throughout the week, you'll connect with leaders and laypersons from around the country to be encouraged, equipped and mobilized for Kingdom work.

Church Messenger Pre-Registration:
<http://register.sbcannualmeeting.net/>

Childcare Registration
<https://sbcannualmeeting.net/childcare/>

The Anaheim Convention Center, located just blocks from Disneyland, offers 1.8 million square feet of convention space, making it the largest exhibit facility on the West Coast. The 2022 SBC Annual Meeting will be the most walkable convention in recent memory as the center is surrounded by four world-class hotels. There are more than 3,700 guest rooms within a short walk from the convention center.

Discounted Disney Tickets:

<https://www.mydisneygroup.com/TMSF22A>

Hotel Reservations Are Open

Deadline To Cancel Reservations Without Penalty

Reservations cancelled on or after May 16, 2022 may result in a penalty of one night's room and tax.

DEADLINE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be made by May 16, 2022 in order to be guaranteed convention rate.

RESERVATIONS:

<https://registration.experientevent.com/showsbc221>




The 2022 SBC Annual Meeting will mark the first time in more than 40 years that Southern Baptists have held our annual convention in the great state of California. After the largest crowd we've seen in a generation last year in Nashville, we want to invite you to join us in Anaheim, California on June 12-15, 2022. We are so excited about the opportunity to join together with messengers and guests from across our Convention to come together and celebrate what God has done as we cooperate together for the Great Commission.

We are here to help you prepare for your journey to Anaheim to join us. We hope to answer any questions you may have and share insights you didn't even know you needed.

In episodes of The Road to Anaheim, we will give you all the information you need to know about Southern California, the convention center area, the annual meeting itself, the SBC Pastors' Conference and yes...Disneyland—which is just blocks away from where we are meeting.

Join us each and every week on The Road to Anaheim presented by California Baptist University.

New episodes release every Tuesday at TheRoadToAnaheim.net.

 North American
Mission Board

Crossover ANAHEIM

JUNE 11 | 2022

A Send Relief Serve Tour Experience

Help host evangelistic sports camps for children in the greater Los Angeles area!

Before this year's Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Anaheim, the North American Mission Board's compassion arm, Send Relief, is partnering with the California Southern Baptist Convention to host a Crossover Serve Tour event.

On Saturday, June 11, ministry leaders and volunteers will gather to run drills, coach kids and share the gospel. As churches throughout the city host sports camps for their neighborhoods, we invite you to connect with a team and serve children who need to experience Christ's love. Pre Register now to be the first to hear how you can take part in what God is doing in the hearts and minds of L.A.!

Questions? Email us at evangelism@namb.net.

Get Early Access <https://www.namb.net/crossover>

Be first in line to know when registration is available. Let us know you're planning to attend and we'll send you an early invitation to register.

SBC DIGEST: Crossover Anaheim preview

By BP Staff, posted March 11, 2022

Crossover, Serve Tour provide opportunity for Gospel impact in Anaheim *By Brandon Elrod/NAMB*

ALPHARETTA, Ga. – The North American Mission Board (NAMB), in cooperation with California Baptists, will provide avenues for Southern Baptists to share the Gospel in Anaheim, Calif., ahead of the 2022 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in June through a Crossover Serve Tour event.

“Southern Baptists have an opportunity to do what we do best in Anaheim by serving people and introducing them to the Savior,” said Johnny Hunt, NAMB’s senior vice president for evangelism and leadership. “I pray that many will get involved and that we will see a harvest of new Christ-followers as a result of our efforts together.”

Send Relief and NAMB are working with California Baptist leaders and local churches to host one-day, outreach-oriented sports camps for their communities.

NAMB is also working with Southern Baptist seminaries to host students who will spend the week learning from evangelism professors and putting those lessons into practice the week before Southern Baptists gather in Anaheim.

To learn more and pre-register, visit www.namb.net/crossover.

Source: Baptist Press

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DBA Team Members are needed for the following teams

- Collegiate
- Nominating
- Credentials
- Trustee
- Finance
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- Minister's Wives

If you are interested in serving on one of these teams, please contact the Daniell Baptist Association (912) 583-4985 or daniellbaptist@gmail.com.

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CALENDAR

APRIL

- 10 SBC Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 17 Easter
- 22 Administrative Team Meeting, DBA, 5:30 PM
- 24 SBC Baptism Sunday
- 30 Last Day for SURGE Early Registration

MAY

- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 9 Pastors Roundtable, DBA 11AM
- 15 SBC Seminary Sunday
- 20 Last Day for SURGE Regular Registration
- 22 SBC Children's Ministry Sunday
- 30-6/3 SURGE Youth Camp

PRAYER

Each pastor in our association and around the world struggles with physical, spiritual, and family health. Everyone please commit to pray for the following pastors who are currently having physical health issues (shared with permission)
Bill Black, Joe Siman, Don Moye
All are persevering through physical trails and covet our prayers.

Commit to prayer the following churches as they seek God's wisdom in searching for a pastor:
Bethel ~ East Gordon~FBC Vidalia, Interim Steve Echols ~ Friendship, Interim Walter Jarrel ~ Higgston ~ New Corinth ~ Normantown ~ Ohoopee lead by Johnny McCullah ~ Rocky Creek ~ Stuckey ~ Vidalia Baptist Temple

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!

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| Alston | Normantown |
| Cedar Crossing | North Thompson |
| Cedar Crossing Hispanic | Oak Grove |
| Faith Missionary | Ohoopee |
| Friendship | Providence |
| Higgston | Rocky Creek |
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| Lyons FBC | Springhill |
| Mount Vernon FBC | Tabernacle |
| New Corinth | The Way Hispanic |

- Trinity
- United Fellowship
- Uvalda

YTD Gen. Fund Checking	
GF Income:	17,909.36
GF Expense	18,678.39
YTD Net	
Budgeted Exp	(769.03)
Excess Funds	0.00
Prev. Yr. Bal. F	35,537.52
GF Cash/Hand	34,768.49

Please note that participation quarterly, biannually, or annually will be listed in the month it was received.

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