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## **SPECIAL GUEST: CLAUDE KING Co-Author of Experiencing God**

2018 will be a year of focus on prayer for our association. This focus will begin in January as we welcome Claude King, co-author with Henry Blackaby of the book "Experiencing God".

Claude King is the author of a number of Christian books. He has a passion for prayer and deepening a believer's relationship with God. He has served with LifeWay Christian Resources for over a quarter of a century, helping people and churches make and grow disciples.

Please mark your calendar in January for our time together with Claude King. Brenda Harris, our associational prayer coordinator and prayer coordinator for Kendrick Brothers Christian films, is leading us in this opportunity for more passionate prayer.

*Rick Ellison*

### **PRAYER BOOT CAMP: Basic Training for a Life of Prayer**

January 20, 2018 - 8:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Foley First Baptist

\$10/Person, payable at the door

Register online at [www.baldwinbaptist.org](http://www.baldwinbaptist.org) or call us 251-945-5112.



### **Interstate Chapel Ministry For Truckers**

Our Truckers' Ministry is reaching out to our generous churches for help in sharing the Good News to lonely, hard-working truckers. How can you help? Here are a couple of ideas:

- ⇒ **Cheer Bags for Truckers**—brown or white bags filled with brown jersey gloves, flashlight and batteries, Christian CDs, pens, small notebooks, individual size packs of cookies or snacks (not homemade). Please deliver by **December 15th**.
- ⇒ **Christmas Gifts for Kids**—the children of the Oasis truck stop workers look forward to a Christmas party each year, where they receive special gifts and a visit from our very own "Santa", Chaplain Charlie Wilson!

For other ideas, or additional information, contact Chaplain Charlie at 205-310-0195 or [sicm316@yahoo.com](mailto:sicm316@yahoo.com).

VBS Leaders Clinic  
February 21, 2018  
8:30 am—noon  
Bay Minette FBC



**SAVE THE DATE**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2018**  
Silverhill FBC Multi-Purpose Bldg.  
**MINISTER'S MEETING**  
11:00 am with meal at noon

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Meal at noon, meeting at 12:30 pm

### **Alabama Church Planting Basics January 18-20, 2018 @ Camp Baldwin**



Alabama Church Planting Basics is the nuts and bolts or ABC's of what it takes to plant a church from the planter and the core group/leadership/launch team's perspective. We encourage every planter to attend and bring as many of his team as possible. This training has proven to be helpful to established church pastors, as well.

Sessions will begin **Thursday at noon** and conclude on **Saturday at 4:30 pm**. The cost for the three-day training is only \$25.00, covering meals, lodging and materials. Register online at [PlantAlabama.org](http://PlantAlabama.org) or contact Lamar Duke at [lduke@alsbom.org](mailto:lduke@alsbom.org) with questions.

## **Goodies for GARM**



The Gulf Area Resort Ministry delivers a festive bag of goodies to those who have partnered with us in our ministry over the past year. You can help by preparing some of your favorite Christmas treats such as candy, cookies, etc.

Bring your items to the Association office by **2 pm on Dec. 12th**. You're invited to join the ladies of BBA WMU to help pack the goodies into the gift bags that afternoon in the Silverhill FBC Multi-Purpose building.



### **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer December 3-10, 2017**

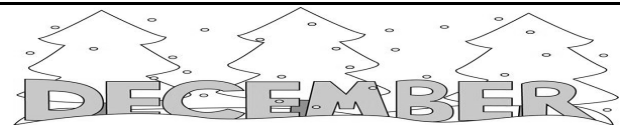
Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Pray † Give † Go † Send

### **HERE'S THE IMPACT YOUR CHURCH MAKES:**

100% of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fund IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places. In the last year reported (2015):

- 1.9 MILLION heard the gospel
- 175,290 new believers
- 15,058 trained pastors
- 6,138 new churches



- 3 - Mobile Campus AL Baptist Children's Home Open House
- 12 - Goodies for GARM due at Association office (2 pm)
- 15 - Last day of school before Christmas holidays
- 21-26 - Association office closed for Christmas
- 28 - No Alabama Baptist will be published for this date

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

### **DECEMBER 8, 9, 10**

- **GULF SHORES FBC** - will present the spectacular "Christmas Festival" program, featuring Johnny Hall, Voices of Mobile, and the FBC choir and orchestra. Times are December 8 and 9 at 7:00 pm and December 10 at 10:30 am.

### **DECEMBER 10**

- **ROMAR BEACH BAPTIST** - Come celebrate the Savior's birth and hear the Christmas Cantata "Mary Did You Know?" at 9 am on Sunday, December 10.

### **DECEMBER 16, 17**

- **FAIRHOPE FIRST BAPTIST** - A Celtic Christmas Celebration "Season of Joy" will be presented by the music ministry on Saturday and Sunday at 7 pm each night. Free to all and open to the public.

### **DECEMBER 17**

- **FAIRHOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH** - You are invited to hear the Christmas Musical "Forever God is With Us" at 10:15 am.
- **FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** - Christmas Family Event: "A Night in Bethlehem" Sunday from 5-7 pm. At "A Night in Bethlehem", kids and their families will explore the city at the time of Jesus' birth. Through hands-on experiences, they'll find out about the most important baby ever—and learn that Jesus came to save us.
- **BAYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH** - Christmas choral presentation, Scripture readings, choral selections, congregational music, solos ("Mary Did You Know?" and "O Holy Night") will be presented at 10:30 am to celebrate the Advent and Birth of Jesus.



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