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BEGINNING A NEW YEAR

A Challenge to Prayer 7 Prayer Requests for 2017

God has given us His gift of a brand new year. As we begin 2017, would you pray for these requests?

1. **STRENGTHENING PRAYER** We will be seeking to strengthen and expand our prayer ministry as an association. Please pray for more prayer warriors and for those who will lead this ministry.
2. **STRONG COMMITMENT TO EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS** Pray that God will break our hearts for a lost and unchurched world. The population in Baldwin County is expanding. New homes are being built everywhere. Let us commit ourselves to pray, support and go to a world that needs Jesus.
3. **OUR CHURCHES, PASTORS, STAFF AND MINISTRIES** This year, we are planning some opportunities through special speakers and events that will encourage and provide helpful insights and information for our ministers and wives. Let's pray that, as we go, people will be drawn to Jesus and the 66 church campuses in our association. Let's pray for revival, unity and strong discipleship.
4. **PRAY FOR OUR ASSOCIATION, STAFF, MINISTRIES AND FINANCIAL NEEDS** As a staff, we need your prayers as we serve God. Our association has many ministries. Like all ministries, we have financial needs. We depend on the generous giving and commitment of our churches to be able to do all that God is leading us to do as an association.
5. **NEW WORK** Please pray for our new work leaders as they meet to pray, study and plan strategies that will help to start new churches and ministries.
6. **DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORANGE BEACH RETREAT MISSION HOUSE** There will be renovations on the mission house in Orange Beach this year. The renovations will allow missions groups from our association, across Alabama and beyond to have a place to stay at a reasonable cost while serving with our Gulf Area Resort ministries.
7. **CAMP BALDWIN** We are blessed to have Camp Baldwin as part of our associational ministries. Camp Baldwin is in a beautiful setting and is one of the best equipped camps anywhere! Please pray for the staff and volunteers there. Pray that many will come to know Christ and that many will be spiritually renewed while at Camp Baldwin.

Rick Ellison



SPRING BREAK WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE BEACH—March 29 at Gulf State Pavilion. Music and preaching while enjoying one of the most beautiful views our county has to offer.

SUMMER CAMP—June 5-9 at Camp Baldwin. Worship. Missions. Fellowship. And everything Camp Baldwin has to offer. What more could you ask for?

WET WEDNESDAY—July 12 at Waterville USA. Enjoy all the slides, wave pool and lazy river at a fraction of the cost!

BACK TO SCHOOL RETREAT—August 4-6 at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City Beach, Florida. Worship, Fellowship. Breakout sessions. All at the beach. Get your students ready for the new school year!

Youth Ministers and Youth leaders from ALL our churches are invited to attend the monthly planning meetings on the last Tuesday of each month. Times alternate between morning and evening to include as many as possible! Check us out on Facebook.com/Baldwin Baptist Youth.

CHURCH NEWS

East Pointe Baptist Church is currently seeking a paid Nursery worker to work from 9:15 am – noon on Sunday mornings, two hours on Sunday nights, and on Wednesday nights at the rate of \$11/hr. If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, call the church office at 251 626-6263. A background check is required.

3 Circle Church has 2 rectangular children's wooden tables and some child-size chairs available, if any church has a need. Contact Phil Boyles at 990-3112 or email at phil@3circlechurch.com for more information.

Sanctity of Life Sunday January 22, 2017

The gospel tells us that human life is of infinite value and importance. Human beings are created in the image of God himself. (Gen. 1:27). The church is the embassy of the Kingdom of Christ, where the unborn are prayed over, the widows are visited, the orphan is adopted, and the disabled and the "unwanted" are made heirs with Christ of the universe. Let us uphold the sacred role of praying for, and ministering to, these special ones.



2017 Dates



Feb. 9—Fairhope Avenue Baptist
May 11—Lillian First Baptist
August 10—New Life Baptist
November 9—Romar Beach

All meetings begin at 10:30 am. Special programs and a luncheon. Come join us!



VBS Clinics - 6:00—8:30 pm
March 16—FBC Bay Minette
March 17—FBC Foley

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS YEAR'S VBS

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. *Colossians 1:15-16*



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