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GRATEFUL TO GOD

As I begin my fifth year as Director of Missions, I have spent much time in prayer and in the Word of God. I have recently read a scripture-based biography of the ministry of Jesus and the apostle Paul.

Like Nehemiah, God has laid a vision and a burden on my heart for our Association as we diligently work to fulfill the Great Commission. The burden on my heart is to see scores of people reached for Christ in a fast-growing Baldwin County. This involves churches, ministries and intentional strategies to share the gospel.

We live in a world where the number of people coming to Christ for salvation and baptism is declining. In spite of this, we have seen God do great things here in our Association over the past 10 years.

The reported baptisms from our churches have been steady. Since 2007, there have been about 500 reported baptisms each year, with a total of 5,454 people reported as being baptized over the last 10 years. Yet, we do not continue to see a great rise in baptisms. Wouldn't it be great to see at least a thousand people come to Christ in a year!

It is important that we start new work but there must also be a major emphasis for our existing churches who have land, buildings, ministries and resources to focus outward, reaching people, baptizing and discipling them.

This all begins with prayer. At our next Ministers' Conference, we will focus on a prayer emphasis that will, hopefully, take us down every street and road in Baldwin County. Our desire is that this will change our focus from within to a focus on the lost and unchurched without.

I'm asking that all of our ministers be present at our next Ministers' Conference in August as we look at an emphasis to reach our county for Christ. We need your input and support as we begin this great prayer effort.

Here are the details:

Ministers' Conference

Tuesday, August 8 @ 11:00 am (meal provided)

FBC of Silverhill in Multi-Purpose Building

Special Guest: Dr. Thomas Wright,

Director of Missions, Mobile Baptist Association

I look forward to seeing you then!

Rick Ellison



How Healthy is your Sunday School? Let's all "get in shape" together!

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"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Robertsdale First Baptist

August 27, 2017

4:00 pm Age Group Sessions

6:00 pm Worship Service

AMONG OUR CHURCHES

JULY 20 - Silverhill FBC will host a "Financial Issues Conference" from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come hear answers to questions that treasurers, financial secretaries and financial leaders of the church may have concerning the finances of the church. Register at alsbom.org/churchfinancialissues. \$15 registration fee.

JULY 30 - Fairhope Avenue Baptist Church "Glory Bound Gospel Band" will be in concert Sunday, July 30 at 6:00 PM. A love offering will be taken. Y'all come!

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Hamilton Baptist is accepting resumes for **bi-vocational music leader**. Send resumes to hamiltonbaptist3037@gmail.com.

Loxley FBC: (1) **paid pianist** for Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening, and (2) **volunteer drummer** for Sunday morning. Send inquiries to info@fbcloxley.com.

Fairhope Community Church is searching for 2 positions. (1) **part-time youth leader**, and (2) **nursery worker**. Job descriptions on church website. Resumes can be sent to josh@fairhopecommunitychurch.org.

Silverhill First Baptist Church is seeking an interim **part-time Student Pastor**. If interested, please submit a resume to tim@fbcsilverhill.org.

Barnwell Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking an **Interim Music Director**. Part-time approximately 6 hours, Wednesday evening and Sunday morning worship. Please mail resumes to the church at 7780 US Hwy 98, Fairhope, Alabama 36532 or submit via email to rcchronpmc@aol.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Church Secretaries/VBS Directors:

At the close of your VBS, please submit your VBS report online at ADX (same site as for Annual Church Profile).

July 16-19

Fairhope Community

July 24-28

Hamilton

October 10th
11:00 am

Ted Traylor,
Guest Speaker

**PASTOR
& STAFF
Appreciation
Steak Meal!**

For Your Calendar. . .

AUGUST

- 4th - 6th - Back to School Retreat
- 10th - Keenagers meet @ 10:30 am @ New Life Baptist Church, Bay Minette
- 27th - Sunday School Training Conference & Worship Event

SEPTEMBER

- 10th - 17th Myers-Mallory State Mission Offering
- 19th - 23rd Baldwin County Fair (you can help - ask how!)

OCTOBER

- 8th - Global Hunger Sunday
- 10th - Pastor & Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 12th-15th - Shrimp Festival (you can help - ask how!)
- 16th - Baldwin Baptist Association Annual Meeting @ East Pointe Baptist

NOVEMBER

- 2nd - "4 D's of Execution" @ East Pointe Baptist, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm
- 9th - Keenagers meet @ 10:30 am @ Romar Beach
- 21st - Pies for Prisoners



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