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CHURCH HEALTH

The Power of God

There are numerous books and seminars on how churches become growing, vibrant and healthy. Many of these offer varied and complicated formulas. There are areas of church development that can be quite complex.

God blessed me by allowing me to serve as a minister to some great churches that have experienced incredible things for and from God. I have been blessed to observe these same things in churches of all sizes while consulting churches for our State Convention.

I believe that there are at least three things that God will use to make a church healthy and achieve great things for Him. These are simple and not complex. Yet, the power of God will work and energize the church through these three things. The power of God working through these three things will cause us to pause and say together, "Our God could do that."

What are they?

- 1) Intense Worship - This includes worshipping God with all our hearts 7 days a week, devoutly and with other people. This is why the worship leader who leads us in singing praise and the pastor who opens the Word of God are so important. They must lead us into the very presence of God. This includes much prayer.
- 2) Optimistic Vision for the Future - The belief that God can do something greater through us than we could ever imagine. An outward vision with a continuing focus on the unchurched and those who need Jesus. which should bring inward unity. We must have a heart to bring people to Jesus.
- 3) Strategy for Multiplication - We must continue to expand ministry through the starting of new Bible study groups. For most churches, that is the Sunday School; for others, small groups. Some current members must be willing to teach. We must network new people into these new classes or groups. Existing classes must also have a passion for reaching out.

Our Association will be focusing on building healthy churches.

Rick Ellison



PRAYER BOOT CAMP: Basic Training for a Life of Prayer January 20, 2018 - Foley First Baptist

Because God's people around the nation are experiencing a hunger to learn to pray more effectively and strategically, our association will be hosting a special prayer event. It will be an intense time of training and prayer, led by Claude King, co-author of *Experiencing God* and prayer specialist for LifeWay Christian Resources.

Space is limited to the first 200 to sign up. Cost is \$10 and covers all materials, lunch, and snacks. We encourage pastors, deacons, ministry leaders and others who are serious about prayer to attend.

For questions, contact Brenda Harris, our Associational prayer leader at brendaharris50@live.com or 615-975-1603.

THE 4 DISCIPLINES OF EXECUTION

November 2, 2017 • 10:00 am-2:30 pm • East Pointe Baptist Church

Pastors/Staff - does the "whirlwind" of urgent activity keep you from investing in executing your strategy for tomorrow? If so, you may benefit from participating in this upcoming seminar. Save the date!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE

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

**Robertsdale First Baptist
August 27, 2017**

**4:00 pm Age Group Sessions
6:00 pm Worship Service**



★ Topper Reid,

4 pm guest speaker - Pastors/Staff session

★ Travis Coleman,

6 pm Evening Guest Speaker

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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

AMONG OUR CHURCHES

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** as well as a **part-time secretary**. 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.

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.

Pine Grove Baptist Church is seeking a **bi-vocational music leader and college and career director**. Responsibilities to include but not limited to choir practice, leading worship Sunday morning and Sunday night, coordinate all special music. We are a loving, small country church averaging 80-100 in attendance. Please contact Billy Emmons (Bille36507@yahoo.com) or Sandy Homan (pinegrovebaptistyouth@gmail.com)



Annie Rhodes Day of Prayer

Summerdale First Baptist Church

Saturday, August 5th

*Registration begins at 9:30 am, Brunch at 10:00 am
\$10/ticket at the door*


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FOR STATE MISSIONS

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