

**November 23, 2017**

# BALDWIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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*Local Edition of The Alabama Baptist*

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## **PREACHING GOD'S WORD**

On November 19, 1967, a young boy preached his first sermon at the Scottsboro Baptist Church near Nashville, TN. It amazes me that I was that young boy and November 19, 2017 marks 50 years of preaching. I have had the opportunity to preach in places that I never would have imagined and I am very grateful to God for those experiences.

I am reminded of the holy call to preach. I love preaching in the churches of our association and am blessed to hear the spirit-filled messages of our pastors.

I believe that Baldwin Association is the preacher capital of the world. We are extremely blessed with pastors, may retired pastors and others who boldly preach God's Word each week.

Please pray for those godly men in our association who faithfully preach the Word.

*Rick Ellison*

## **Goodies for GARM**

*Christmas* As the Christmas season approaches, the Gulf Area Resort Ministry begins to think of the many people, businesses and agencies that partner with them throughout the year. As a way of saying "Thank You", we deliver a festive bag of goodies to them. 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 homemade goodies into the gift bags that afternoon in the Silverhill FBC Multi-Purpose building.

## **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.**

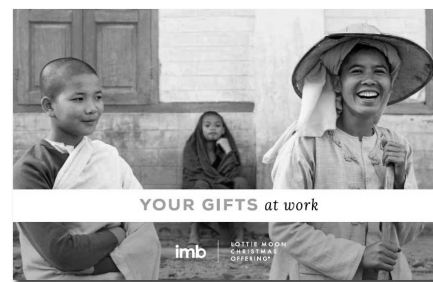
## **Alabama Church Planting Basics January 18-20, 2018 @ Camp Baldwin**



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.



## **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*

## **PRAYER BOOT CAMP:**

**Basic Training for a Life of Prayer  
January 20, 2018 - 8:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Foley First Baptist**

*"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations"*  
Isaiah 56:7



Our association is hosting a special prayer event, led by Claude King, co-author of *Experiencing God* and prayer specialist for Life-Way Christian Resources. You are invited to take advantage of this one-day event. Cost is \$10 and covers all materials, lunch, and snacks. Sign up online at [www.baldwinbaptist.org](http://www.baldwinbaptist.org)—pay at the door.

For questions, contact Brenda Harris, our Associational prayer leader, at [brendaharris50@live.com](mailto:brendaharris50@live.com) or 615-336-8793.

## **AMONG OUR CHURCHES**

### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**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.

**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.

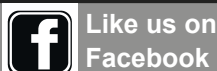
**FAIRHOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH** - You are invited to hear the Christmas Musical "Forever God is With Us" at 10:15 am on December 17.

**FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** - Christmas Family Event: "A Night in Bethlehem" Sunday, December 17, 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.

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Pray for our churches without pastors:

Daphne Baptist Church, Elberta First Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church  
Lagoon Baptist Church, Perdido Beach Baptist Church  
Pleasant View Baptist Church, Silverhill First Baptist Church, Southside Baptist Church



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