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WELCOME DR. LAWRENCE PHIPPS

We welcome Dr. Lawrence Phipps to our Association as the new senior pastor at First Baptist Church, Gulf Shores. He has been serving as interim pastor and the church has experienced remarkable growth during this time.

I began service as a state missionary at the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions in 2001. As I began there, I also was allowed to serve as an interim staff member with Lawrence at the Vaughn Forest Baptist Church in Montgomery in 2001-2002 where he was senior pastor. It was a joy to serve with Lawrence. He is a caring pastor and a great communicator of the Word of God. He has a tremendous passion for evangelism and the work of the Great Commission.

Pray that God will bless Pastor Lawrence and Gulf Shores FBC as they serve the Lord Jesus.

Other recent pastors to our association include:

- Adam Pate, Barnwell Baptist Church
- Tom Harris, Bayside Baptist (Lillian)
- Louis Johnson, Loxley FBC
- Brandon Moore, Orange Beach FBC
- Wes Bates, Perdido Baptist
- Grant Dykes, Pine Grove Baptist
- John Ballard, Shell Banks

Please take time to pray for these men of God and each church, as well.

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Rick Ellison

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

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 or contact Lamar Duke at 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*

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—pay at the door.

For questions, contact Brenda Harris, our Associational prayer leader, at 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.

DATES FOR 2018

Feb. 20—Exec. Comm. Meeting at Silverhill FBC
Feb 21—VBS Clinic @ Bay Minette FBC
May 28-June 1—GA & RA Camps

July 11—Wet Wednesday
Aug. 26—Family Conference
Oct. 15—Annual Meeting



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