

# November 10, 2016

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# BALDWIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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## OASIS CHURCH

We rejoice at what God is doing through Oasis Church at the Wharf. Please continue to pray for Barry and Lisa Britt, church planters there. Here is a portion of a report they recently shared.

*Rick Ellison*

*Dear partners in the ministry,*

*Today is October 10, 2016 and I wanted to give you a brief update as to what the Lord has been doing through Oasis Church and in our lives. It's hard to believe that we are entering into our 6<sup>th</sup> month of this new ministry. We are averaging between 20 and 40 in attendance during our Sunday morning worship services. Every week, we see new faces as 25 to 50% of our attendees might be first time visitors from the area or vacationers down for the weekend. It is an amazing opportunity to share the gospel and preach the Word of God each week with people from all around the country and at the same time build a new group of believers in the area.*

*The opportunities for the gospel and teaching the Word are so abundant here. Just for example, I am currently leading a morning worship service at a large condo complex in Fort Morgan called the Beach Club every Sunday at 8 AM. It is a service that is open to residents and visitors at the Beach Club as well as anyone in the area. Houston and I are now sharing a devotion with the students at Gulf Shores Middle School Christian Club once a month. Lisa and I are having a Bible study for adults and children on Wednesday nights and Houston is leading a new Bible study for youth and college age students on Tuesday nights.*

*We have been able to minister as a church at the Baldwin County Fair and, this week, we will be making gospel bracelets, snow cones, face painting and talking to people at the Annual Shrimp Festival where they average 250,000 visitors each year. We also had the blessing of a church group coming down from Northside Baptist Church in Pell City AL. to help us go out and visit and/or leave information with over 250 homes about Oasis Church at the Wharf.*

*Barry, Lisa, Houston and Hunter Britt*



*The Association office will close for Thanksgiving at noon on November 22 and reopen at 8 am on November 28th.*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK  
November 14 through 21, 2016

### YES

Toys (yo-yo, jump rope, ball), school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, accessories (hats, socks, etc.) and a personal note (if desired).

### NO

War-related items (guns, knives), food, fruit snacks, drink mixes, aerosol cans, liquids, medicines or breakable items.

### Shoebox Drop-off Locations:

Bethel Baptist—Robertsdale, AL Pleasant View Baptist—Foley, AL  
Bay Minette FBC—Bay Minette, AL Harvest Church—Summerdale, AL  
Celebration Church—Fairhope, AL

## IN OUR ASSOCIATION

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**ROBERTSDALE FIRST BAPTIST** will host a **Fall Concert** on November 12th at 6pm. Richard Hebert and Russ Murfin will share an evening of worship and praise. Special guests are Marla Murrill and Jody James. A love offering will be received.

### HELP NEEDED

**BARNWELL BAPTIST** - **Interim Music Minister** to lead congregation, choir, and praise team on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. We are blended in worship. Contact the church at 928-8286 or send resume to [jasonrmoye@gmail.com](mailto:jasonrmoye@gmail.com).

**EAST POINTE** - **paid nursery worker** to work 7 hours per week at a rate of \$11/hr. If interested, call the church office at 626-6263. Background check required.



## PIES FOR PRISONERS

You can be a part of our Prison Ministry by preparing **HOMemade** pies for the Loxley Work Release Center! We have had a request that some of the pies be made with Splenda, for those who need sugar-free options.

⇒ We hope to provide the equivalent of one pie for each man, to be served throughout the week around Thanksgiving.

⇒ Drop off pies (that don't need refrigeration) on Tuesday, **November 22nd**, at the Work Center on Hwy 64, in Loxley, from 8 am to 2 pm.

We are so thankful for your generous response each year! The prisoners we've heard from are very appreciative, as well.



## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The gospel resounds

Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

**Week of Prayer—Dec 4-11, 2016**  
Pray + Give + Go + Send

## CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TRUCKERS' MINISTRY

Truck drivers have a tough profession that requires them to spend weeks on their route until they finally return home. Over-the-road-trucking makes it difficult to find a permanent place of worship. Fortunately, truckers can find their place of refuge in a portable church located in many truck stops across the nation, such as ours at the Wilcox Exit. You can help this ministry through your prayers, monetary gifts and other ways such as those listed below.



⇒ **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 home-made). These are handed out during the Christmas season so bring them to the office thru Dec. 16.

⇒ **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! There are 6-8 children, up to the age of 14, who would benefit from a necessity or toy.

**For other ideas, or additional information, contact Chaplain Charlie at 205-310-0195 or [sicm316@yahoo.com](mailto:sicm316@yahoo.com).**



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