

# February 4, 2016

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# BALDWIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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## THE JOY OF GIVING

Have you discovered the true joy that comes from giving? God loves a “cheerful giver”. Jesus taught more about giving than heaven or hell! Half his parables were related in some way to giving. Jesus spoke more about giving than, perhaps, any other subject. Why? There is a spiritual connection between our walk with God and giving. God is the ultimate giver: “*For God so loved the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son*”. God desires that we experience the joy of giving of our money and other resources as we give our tithes and offerings to our local church, contribute to the ministries of Baldwin Baptist Association and support missions around the world through our Cooperative Program and special missions’ offerings.

When we give joyfully and cheerfully out of love for the Lord our God, there are special benefits to our lives. We are drawn closer to God because of our obedience. We are making an investment for eternity by supporting God’s work. It shows that God has first place in our lives, reminding us that everything that we have is a gift from God. As we give expectantly, God will do great things through what we give. Giving is an act of worship because we love our God.

It is amazing to witness all that God is doing through the ministries of Baldwin Baptist Association through the faithful giving and support of our churches. May God continue to bless you as you faithfully give to Him.

*Rick Ellison*

### Human Trafficking Seminar

Summerdale FBC  
Feb 21 @ 5:00-6:30 pm

#### In the US:

- The average age of entry into human trafficking is 11-14 years.
- This is a \$10 billion/year industry.
- An estimated 100,000 to 300,000 children are victims of human trafficking.

Come learn more about basic human trafficking, human trafficking in our schools, how **Hope Haven** is attacking the issue and what the victims have to say.

~ Sponsored by Hope Haven ~



### BBA Youth “Project Serve” Disciple Now Weekend

February 19-21, 2016

Kickoff is Friday at FBC Silverhill  
\$30/student (includes t-shirt)

- ⇒ Speaker is Kyle Beshears, Author of “Robot Jesus and Three Other Jesuses You Never Knew”.
- ⇒ Worship led by BBA Youth Leader Band.
- ⇒ Participating Churches will provide their own host homes; the large groups sessions will be at FBC Silverhill.
- ⇒ Schedule will include 3 Large Group Sessions (Fri Night, Sat Morning, Sat Night plus 4 small group studies.)

Contact Jennifer Ellzey 251.209.2986 or  
Jason Moya 251.689.0152

**Registration Deadline: February 14**



*For The Ladies of BBA!*  
April 23rd, 2016

BBA WMU invites you to “Dress It Up” at their **FASHION GALA & BRUNCH** from 10 am—Noon at FBC Fairhope. Tickets are \$10 with proceeds going to Hope Haven.

Silverhill FBC is hosting the **Priscilla Shirer Simulcast** from 8:00 am—3:00 pm. The tickets are \$15—includes simulcast and lunch.

*More details on both fabulous events on our Facebook page and in the next newsletter!*

**HERE  
I AM SEND  
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
**North American Missions**  
March 6-13, 2016  
Goal: \$70 Million

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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Stockton FBC**—is seeking a bi-vocational Youth Minister. A house is available rent-free for the minister. Contact pastor, Wes Bates, at 251-348-6619. Email resumes to [wrbates721@gmail.com](mailto:wrbates721@gmail.com) or mail to the church at 52700 State Hwy 59, Stockton, AL 36579.

**Spanish Fort Baptist**— is seeking a youth/children leader. Please send resume and 3 references to [firstbaptistosf@bellsouth.net](mailto:firstbaptistosf@bellsouth.net) or mail to **POB 7111 in Sp Fort**.

**Hamilton Baptist**— needs a bi-vocational youth leader. Contact pastor, Drayton Smith, at 931-3037 or [hamiltonbap@hughes.net](mailto:hamiltonbap@hughes.net).

**Elberta FBC**—is seeking a music director. Please contact Debbie Koehler at 986-8422, if interested.

**Daphne Baptist**— is prayerfully seeking someone to direct the music. Contact Paula Brackins at 533-6243 if you would be willing to help.

**WILD GAME  
DAY—Feb 27**

Wild Game Day will be held at **Hamilton Baptist Church** (32815 Co Rd 112 Robertsdale) on Saturday Feb 27. Lunch will be served at 11:00am with auction at 1:00pm. All proceeds from the auction will go toward building a new fellowship hall



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