

# January 7, 2016

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# BALDWIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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## CHALLENGE FOR A NEW YEAR

### IMPACTING BALDWIN COUNTY FOR CHRIST 2016

*"66% of Alabama households do not profess to be an evangelical believer." Reported by Alabama Baptist Convention, State Board of Missions.*

What should our association's focus be as we look to 2016? What Jesus is passionate about should be our passion. We must penetrate an ever changing culture with the light of the good news of the Gospel. This is both urgent and a command from our God. This must be priority and our focus. Please consider the following challenges as we look to a new year:

- Pray with a broken heart for the lost and unchurched in our county. Many of these are our family, neighbors and friends. Our prayer warriors are asked to focus your attention to fervent prayer for those who need Jesus.
- There must be an ever renewing spirit and commitment in our churches to reach out. The best church revitalization that I know of is when a church begins to look beyond themselves and reach out to others for Christ. Revival comes when church is not just about us and our issues but on bringing others to Jesus. I once heard a pastor say that most churches are either "fussing or fishing." Jesus has called us to be "fishers of men" meaning that we are to reach out to everyone because they need Him. What is at stake is eternity. What is the plan of your church to reach others this next year? What will you do intentionally?
- There must be a continually renewing commitment through our associational ministries to always keep evangelism as a top priority.
- We must start new churches and ministries. There are enough unchurched people in our county to fill up every existing church as well as new ones. Baldwin County is predicted to have significant growth in the immediate future. We must focus on areas and people groups that we are not effectively reaching. New churches tend to reach people not currently being reached and often grow quickly. Pray for the start of new work.

Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit as we seek to reach our county with the good news of the gospel.

*Rick Ellison*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Spanish Fort FBC**—On January 9th, the Sand Spurs gospel group will sing at 5 pm for the church's "Saturday Night Live" dinner. All are invited to attend!

**Bayside Baptist**—On Feb. 4th, will host the Durochers at 6:30 pm at the Lillian Community Center. The concert is for the whole community and there will be no charge, however a love offering will be taken.

**Elberta FBC**—is seeking a music director. Please contact the pastor, Chad Janey, at 251-533-3242 if interested.

## Church Tax & Minister's Tax Conferences for 2016

Register online at [www.alsbom.org](http://www.alsbom.org) or call 800-264-1225, ext 208

### Church Tax Conference

10:00 am—3:00 pm

January 26, 2016—Silverhill FBC  
\$15 if paid before Jan. 22, \$25 after

### Minister's Tax Conference

9:00 am—12:00 pm

February 23, 2016—Silverhill FBC  
Free, but still need to register.

## Josephine Baptist Church Annual Ladies Event

January 23, 2016—9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### "The Altar Life"

Guest speaker/worship leader will be Becky Brown from Richland, MS.

**Registration fee is \$20.** (Make checks payable to JBC. In the "for" line, write Ladies Event. Also include your e-mail and church home). Registration deadline is January 17th. This fee includes: continental breakfast, 2 sessions with Becky Brown and lunch by "A Catered Affair".

Mail to JBC Ladies Ministry, c/o Teresa Denney, P O Box 568, Elberta, AL 36530. Need more information? Call 251-978-1973.



**Becky Brown**



**Prayer Ideas for January**—*Praying for our family, community, church, country and world.*

**January 10**—plan specific "touches of caring" for friends: invite them to lunch, to work out, to go fishing, to jog, send a card, provide transportation if their car is in shop, etc.

**January 17**—Pray for church's planned evangelistic emphases for the next six months: VBS, revival services or special music programs.

**January 24**—Read I Tim. 2:1-6 aloud. Intercede for the nation during this presidential election year.

**January 31**—Pray for the IMB and NAMB missionaries, and for church planters and pastors to be called out of our churches and into the local mission field.

**For prayer walking ideas, prayer calendars and other materials , go to [www.InAllThingsPray.net](http://www.InAllThingsPray.net)**

## **Faith Focused Security Training** **Sentinel Level A**

**Saturday, March 12 9am-4pm**

*Redemption Church*

*1251 Industrial Parkway, Saraland*

Led by certified Sentinel Trainers, recognized in faith-based training for mission organizations. Topics will include travel security, code of conduct, crime survival, basic crisis policy and more, all from a faith-based perspective.

This training is highly recommended for all churches taking mission trips and required for churches who participate in State Board of Missions projects.

\$45/participant—non-refundable  
Includes lunch & training

Register at: [www.alsbom.org/ffst](http://www.alsbom.org/ffst) or call 800-264-1225, ext 398



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## **MINISTERS'** **CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, January 12th  
at 11:00 am  
Mama Lou's in  
Robertsdale

This is for all pastors, retired pastors and staff. Come share some good food and meaningful interaction with others in the ministry. Pastor Tim Smith of Silverhill FBC will share a brief devotional.

The meal is  
"Dutch  
Treat".



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