

THE RECORD

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America, The Beautiful!



I still like to say those words. Sure, we've got tons of problems and I'm "madder than a wet hen" at times over some of the social, political, judicial, economic, medical, and international decisions and directions of our leaders! I just know "I" could do better! But, where else can we be actual "players in the process"? And, where else can we better influence the culture and world for the values of Christ? And, where else can we find a bigger or better challenge to be salt and light?

This month at our RBA Gathering we will get to hear again one of the true champions of the faith in the government arena when Kelly Shackelford comes our way. Note the advertisement in this issue, and do your best to bring other leaders with you. Kelly is balanced, fair, strong, knowledgeable, and faithful and we can be proud God has raised him up to be a voice for Christian values in the judicial world of America.

To be honest, people in the church sometimes disturb me more than those outside. Dr. Ed Young said, "As we look at the problems we have in America, we need to look at ourselves first. If there is to be healing in this country, it must start with you and me. We have to discover the rock on which we stand and realize that all other foundations are sinking sand."

Mmm, there's more to think about in those words than we might realize. Are believers still standing on the Rock? Or, are believers, Pastors, and even Churches instead standing on sinking sand for their foundations today? In some cases I genuinely wonder.

Regarding involvement, maybe it would be good to take a 6-point test on citizenship once a year...

- How's my giving toward causes and candidates?
- How's my voting? Partisan or principle?
- How's my contact with leaders? Is my voice ever heard?
- Do I use the "platform" I have to encourage others for righteousness and responsibility's sake?
- Am I truly engaged or just a spectator?
- Do I pray specifically, faithfully, and fervently for leaders, secular and spiritual?

Yep, I still like the words even though I am not naïve. I'm just blessed, and I want my country blessed too, and not just for my generation! Let's first of all check our "standing" this year. Then, let's be good citizens to the glory of God!

Blessings!
Kent Pate

A word from our Director of Hispanic Ministries



Recently, at the Lifeway Christian Bookstore, I came across a book that I've been reading called, **"SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND MISSIONS, The Battle for God's Glory Among the Nations"** by Jerry Rankin and Ed Stetzer.

I noticed the forward at the beginning of a page that says, "There is a spiritual battle presently raging for the souls of billions of men and women around the world. The scope of this spiritual battle is eternal. There is a true God over this world who desires all people to experience everlasting suffering in hell."

How much time do we have to waste? NONE
This battle can only be won, if we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit, to keep His ONENESS. Whether local, county, state, or world-wide, we need to fight the battle to be ONE true body of believers in Christ.

I want to thank the churches who have embraced God, first by being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and second, by embracing our Hispanic community to start a true discipleship before our Lord Jesus Christ. I also want to thank my precious Hispanic pastors who are now learning to embrace the vision of the Lord which makes us accountable to each other.

Why do we have to become one? We have to become one because we don't have time for fallen separation. Remember, there is a true God over this world who offers us everlasting joy in heaven. At the same time, we cannot ignore the fact that there is also a false god in this world who desires for all of us to experience the everlasting punishment in hell.

Because of this spiritual warfare during these last days, we need to take action NOW! Now is the time, yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come. Now is the time we need to surrender our disobedient heart which has hindered the work of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I thank the Lord for all of you who are working hard with all the cultures in our local cities and association. Do not faint but keep the faith, otherwise, we are living in disobedience. Even partial obedience is simply disobeying.

Our Father is waiting...hopefully, all of us can hear, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"

He loves us,

Eloy Gonzalez

5 ~ RBA Office Closed

13 ~ Spiritual Development Team Mtg.
11:30 a.m. @ RBA Office

15 ~ Team Leader Meeting
2 p.m. @ RBA Office

20 ~ Administrative Development Team Mtg.
2 p.m. @ RBA Office

22 ~ RBA Gathering - Meal @ 6 p.m. & Meeting @ 6:45
New Beginnings, Sulphur Springs

26 ~ Mission Development Team Mtg.
7 p.m. @ RBA Office

27 ~ Leadership Development Team Mtg.
11:30 a.m. @ RBA Office

22nd Annual Back to Bethel Bible Conference

July 12-15, 2010

Red River Valley Bible Camp
Paris, Texas

Conference Speakers Include:
Malcom Ellis, Colmesneil, TX
Dr. Herb Reavis, Jr., Jacksonville, FL
Dr. David Allen, Ft. Worth, TX

Conference Schedule

Monday - Thursday
Nights

5:00 p.m. - Dinner
7:00 p.m. - Service
(2 Sessions)

Tuesday - Wednesday
Mornings

9:00 a.m. - Bible Study
10:00 a.m. - Service
(2 Sessions)
12:00 Noon - Lunch

Thursday Morning

11:00 a.m. - Service

Tuesday - Thursday

4:00 p.m. - Teaching Session For All
Preachers and Teachers with Dr. David Allen

July RBA Gathering



on July 22, 2010
will be held at
New Beginnings Fellowship
Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs
Meal ~ 6 p.m. & Meeting ~ 6:45 p.m.

**Kelly Shackelford, President, Liberty Legal Institute
will be the guest speaker.**

Mr. Shackelford is a constitutional attorney who has presented cases to the Texas Supreme Court and the US Supreme Court. He is a foremost defender of religious liberty and Christian values in America!

Bring some of your key leaders to hear Kelly!

Wake Up America Conference...



with **Jack Robbins** as the guest speaker
Friday, August 6th
Saturday, August 7th
at
The Way Bible Church,
Sulphur Springs, TX
Farm Road 2560 (Reilly Springs Road)

The Wake Up America Conferences are a country wide movement focused on prayer, fasting, and spiritual revival in our country!

They are an invitation to all Christians, across all denominational lines, to come together and pray for county, state, and country wide revival. Conferences began in 2009 as a part of Lovem's 2020 Vision for America, which is a vision to see prayer and fasting conferences in all 3,140 US counties by 2020.

A L K Ahead...



August 9 ~ Church Dev. Team Mtg.
10 a.m. @ RBA Office

August 10 ~ Church/Denomination Dev. Team Mtg.
2 p.m. @ RBA Office

August 11 ~ Community Ministry Dev. Team Mtg.
11:30 a.m. @ RBA Office

September 6 ~ Labor Day - RBA Office Closed

Annual Celebration of the Churches of Rehoboth Baptist Association

VBS 2010

Attn: All Churches that conducted VBS

Please email or call in your VBS reports to the RBA Office. We want to hear and report the results of all your hard work!

Your response is greatly appreciated!!

October 17, 2010

at

First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs



With Guest Speaker: Dr. Ken Hemphill

Dr. Hemphill is the

National Strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth.

Empowering Kingdom Growth is an initiative designed to call individual Southern Baptists to renew their passion for the Lord Jesus and the reign of His kingdom in their hearts, families, and churches from which God can forge a spiritual movement marked by holy living, sacrificial service and global witness.

Dr. Hemphill was previously the President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX.

September RBA Gathering

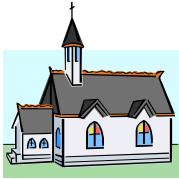
Thursday, September 23, 2010

at First Baptist Church, Dike

Meal at 6 p.m.
Meeting will start at 6:45 p.m.

Church News

If your church has a special event or information you'd like to share in the newsletter, please email info@rehobothonline.org or call the office, 903-885-2868. The Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.



Please be in prayer for our:
Pastorless Churches

Enloe
FBC, Como
Journey Baptist
New Beginnings, Sulphur Springs
Posey
Ridgeway Baptist Church



Block Party Trailer...Ready For Use!

The Block Party Trailer is available for use by the churches of the Rehoboth Association. The trailer includes the following items:

Propane Grill	Ice Chests
Small Bounce House	Large Bounce House
Tables & Chairs	Popcorn Machine
Sno Cone Machine	Carnival Games
Sound System	Canopy

There is a \$100 fee to use the trailer to help cover the costs of maintenance of the trailer.

Contact the RBA office if you would like to reserve the trailer for your next church event!

Adult Lifeway Sunday School
Material Available...
First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs
has some left over Sunday School
material for anyone
who is interested.
Please call Shirley at 903-885-0646



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Branson Boykin
as the new Pastor at
Union Baptist Church

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healthy New Testament churches that honor
Jesus Christ by their very existence.*



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Friday 8:30AM - 2:30PM