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Associations 'Igniting Passion' for Local Cooperation

(An article I thought encouraging and helpful. Kent Pate)

When a Vermont pastor's father became deathly ill, the pastor called the Green Mountain Baptist Association. Like many pastors in the state, he works another job to make ends meet. Unable to pay for the long trip home to be near his father, he needed compassionate counsel from a trusted colleague in ministry.

"Within minutes of his phone call, I was able to send out a plea to all our pastors," Terry Dorsett, director of missions and church planting catalyst with the association, told SBC Life in an email. "In less than two hours I was able to call him back and tell him that we had collected all that he needed to make the trip home."

That is just one example of the numerous ministries carried out by Baptist associations – groups of local churches that join together for a common purpose. The association is the oldest cooperative unit in Baptist life, tracing its existence back more than three hundred years.

For many pastors, the association serves as a primary support system for their work and ministry. Associations are heavily involved in cooperative evangelism, providing the resources for the local church, encouraging fellowship, equipping churches for ministry and service, and helping connect churches to bear one another's burdens.

"I think that historically it's just sort of been proven that our Southern Baptist Convention needs associations, because there's a role that associations have that is very unique," said Johnny Rumbough, director of missions for the Lexington Baptist Association in South Carolina.

Associations represent the most local level of Southern Baptist cooperation, servicing churches through resources, consultations, and ministry coordination.

In addition, associations connect churches with opportunities to help other churches and engage in cooperative local ministry.

For example, Jeff Crabtree, director of missions for the Warren Association in south-central Kentucky, paired ten of the more evangelistic churches in the association with ten associational churches that had not baptized anyone the previous year. He asked the stronger churches to pray specifically that the other churches would experience evangelistic effectiveness in the coming year. At its 2009 annual meeting, the association reported that eight churches with no baptisms in 2008 had baptized twenty-nine new believers in 2009, using video footage of actual baptisms in those churches in its report.

"The evangelistic impact begun that year has continued," Crabtree said, "In 2010, a total of twenty-three churches in the association reported an increase in baptisms and the association began to pray for one thousand souls to be baptized in the 2010 – 2011 associational year."

Associations are about reaching people that are beyond one church's ability to be able to reach because no one church can do what multiple churches can do together.



2012 Childhood Ministry Summit

August 10 – 11, 2012

Training tracks for Preschool/Children's Ministers and Teachers, Weekday Directors and Teachers, and Parent's Day Out Directors and Teachers.

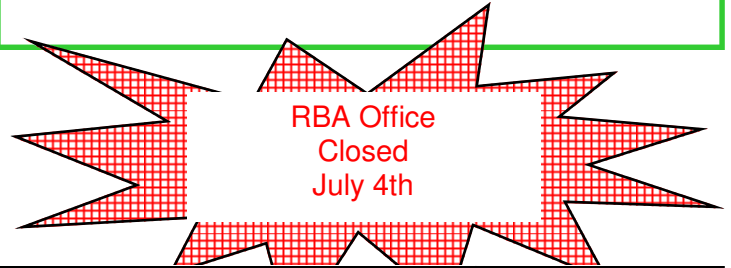
Location:

Dallas Baptist University
3000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX

For Registration or more information go to:
<http://texasbaptists.org/events/childhood-ministry-summit/>

Lakeview Summer Camp Schedule

July 20—23 Faith Explosion Camp #1
July 23—26 Faith Explosion Camp #2
Contact Kris Wardlaw at 903.759.9049



(14 EVENTS ONE LOCATION)



EQUIP is a mega conference of 14 conferences focused on leadership development for the church.

- Avoiding Thin Ice (Saturday)
- Black Church Equipping Conference (Saturday)
- Children's Music Leadership Conference (Saturday)
- Church Library Conference (Friday-Saturday)
- Church Staff Retreat (Thursday-Friday)
- Equipping Churches Conference (Saturday)
- Kid's Conference (Saturday)
- Real Men of Impact Rally (Friday)
- Stewardship Conference (Saturday)
- Tribal Church Family Forum (Friday)
- TODAY Sunday School Conference (Saturday)
- Women's Leadership Challenge (Friday)

For Registration and more information go to:
<http://sbtexas.com/equip-2012/>



Texas Baptists Annual Meeting

October 29 - 31st, 2012
American Bank Center
Corpus Christi, TX

RBA Annual Meeting

November 4, 2012
at
First Baptist Church
Sulphur Springs
5 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.



Guest Speaker
Dr. David Hardage



July 2012

- 4 - Independence Day - RBA Office Closed
- 26 - Ministry Team Meeting
5:30-7 p.m. @ FBC, Sulphur Springs
- 29 - Church 2 Church Conference for Bivocational Churches
5:30 - 8 p.m. @ Macon Baptist Church
- 31 - Administration Team Meeting
2 p.m. @ RBA Office

SBTC Bible Conference and Annual Meeting



Sun Nov 11 – Tue Nov 13, 2012

Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX

HEART OF Hope

Heart of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center
Located at 127 Gilmer St., Sulphur Springs

Hours:

Monday	10:00 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday	2:00 pm-6:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	2:00 pm-6:00 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Or By Appointment

Heart of Hope is the Sulphur Springs branch of the Paris Pregnancy Care Center

- FREE services include:
- Pregnancy Testing
 - Sonogram of Baby
 - Advocacy and Support Services
 - Parenting Skills Classes
 - Adoption Referrals
 - Material Needs Assistance
 - Post Abortion Counseling

All-Star Sunday School Training

Sept. 14, 15, 2012

First Baptist
Mount Pleasant, TX

Registration Opens 6:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9.00 - noon

Cost \$30
Early Bird Discount: \$25 before Sept 1.
Church discounts available. See
www.allstarsundayschool.com



David Francis
Director of Sunday School
LifeWay Church Resources



Tim Smith
Director of Sunday School,
Georgia Baptist Convention



Josh Hunt,
Author, You Can
Double Your Class in
Two Years or Less



Student Evangelism Conference - North
Allen Event Center, Allen, TX
July 27-28, 2012

\$30 through July 13
\$40 after July 13 (at the door)
***Ticket price includes**

Newsboys CD for each student!

The purpose of SEC is to see Texas students give their life for the sake of sharing Jesus Christ. Through SEC, the gospel will be communicated and lost students will have the chance to respond. Students will be challenged to share their faith and to go home and be UNASHAMED of the gospel.

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
Friendship, Pecan Gap
Posey Baptist Church
Ridgeway Baptist Church

VBS Materials Available

County Line Baptist Church has some left over Teaching Materials from their VBS (Adventures on Promise Island) if anyone is interested Call Rita Clinton @ 903-994-4477.

Tabernacle Baptist Church in Pickton has some left over Materials from their VBS (Amazing Wonders Aviation) if anyone is interested you can call the church office at 903-866-2315.

Vacation Bible School

Upcoming VBS:

July 8 - 11: Mt. Olive Baptist Church
August 1 - 4: Fellowship Baptist Church, Campbell
August 6 - 10: First Baptist Church, Yantis

VBS Reports:

Tabernacle Baptist Church in Pickton
91 Kids (Average Attendance)

County Line Baptist Church
99 Kids registered
12 Decisions

First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs
600 Kids (Average Attendance)

Chapel Hill Baptist Church
28 Kids (Average Attendance)

VBS 2012

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!!

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Friday 8:30AM - 2:30PM