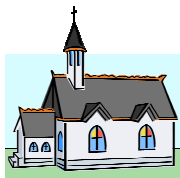


Church News

If your church has a special event or information you'd like to share in the newsletter, please email info@rebothonline.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



Black Oak
Elm
Enloe
FBC, Mt. Vernon—Hispanic Work
Mt. Olive
New Life, Cooper
Peerless
Sulphur Bluff

First Baptist Church, Yantis
is looking to fill the following positions:



Youth Minister
Worship Leader
Piano Player
Custodian

For more information call 903-383-2393

RBA Office
Summer Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday - Closed.



Block Party Trailer

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

Ice Chests	Small Bounce House
Large Bounce House	Tables & Chairs
Popcorn Machine	Sno Cone Machine
Carnival Games	Sound System
2 New Canopies	

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!

Call or email to reserve as soon as possible as dates are filling up fast!
903-885-2868 or shelly@rebothonline.org

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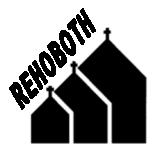
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Mission Statement

The mission of Rebooth Baptist Association is to offer leading edge assistance in creating healthy New Testament churches that honor Jesus Christ by their very existence.



Changed lives through Christ-centered churches



THE RECORD

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“TIRED CHURCHES”



Is your Church “tired”? Do Churches get “tired”, just like an individual or even a family does? The answer is YES! How does this happen? The answer is a 4-letter word. It happens when a Church gets too “b.u.s.y.”!

Years ago, Adrian Rogers made this statement: “If Satan cannot make you bad, he will make you busy.” There is much wisdom in that statement, as cluttered lives are typically not Christ-centered lives.

Quoting from Eric Geiger who says, “The Lord encourages us to be still and know that He is God. (Psalm 46:10) Obviously, there is a connection between being still and knowing God. When we are continually busy, grinding out the work, our awareness, awe, and *knowledge* of Him decreases!”

Many Pastors have wisely encouraged their people to slow down and live by defined and chosen priorities, but many Churches don't follow this counsel. If a Church is “too busy”, what are the major consequences? Again, Eric Geiger says there are three:

- 1) Families are pulled in many directions.
- 2) Church people only know Church people.
- 3) Pastors become program managers.

Dan Reiland suggests that Pastors/Staff and Church Leaders realize “A Lean Ministry is a Smart Ministry.” He makes two keen observations:

1. When ministries are allowed to follow their own course, without change or pruning, they will become more complicated and less effective over time.
2. The more complex a Church becomes, the less the leaders believe simplicity can be achieved.

Dan served for years on Church Staff with Dr. John Maxwell in California. He's an “old-timer”, but sometimes the “young bucks” could learn from this man skilled in wisdom and leadership!

Dan shares these suggestions and thoughts:

- A Lean Ministry Model (LMM) will help your Church create the “margin” that allows you to get better at the ministries you do offer.
- A LMM helps to create the “margin” your people need to pursue God personally, and build healthier families.
- A LMM will allow you to create the “margin” necessary to respond to the Holy Spirit prompts. You create the “space” needed for Him to move!

To help you assess the causes of over-busy, less effective, and “tired” Churches, let me mention another author, Thom Ranier, from Lifeway. Here's what Thom says are the problems and causes that get us into this predicament:

1. Church Leaders fail to ask the “why” question.
When a Church has no clear and compelling purpose for a ministry, it becomes just another activity.
2. Churches often have no process in place to eliminate ministries.
Ministries continue even if they are no longer effective or needed. They become like the clutter in our homes.
3. Some ministries are started just to please people.
Church leaders take the path of least resistance and add ministries just because a few members want them.
4. Ministries in many Churches operate in a silo.
The student ministry has its own plans. The music ministry makes extensive plans but never asks how they fit in with the rest of the Church. An Adult Small Group ministry has its own calendar, without regard for the Church as a whole.

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So, how do you change to a “lean” approach, a focused Church ministry, a healthy and effective Church experience that results in spiritual ENERGY and lasting results? Let me give you some condensed thoughts from all my reading.....

1. Step Back or Step Away periodically so you can become Spiritually Strategic!

(If you want to know how to do this, or receive some suggestions so that you can work out your own plan, ask! This Fall I talked with three Pastors including two outside our Association about just this subject. You know people you can talk to, so TALK!)

2. Establish clearly defined priorities that allow for “margins”!

Margins are “time spaces” that are not already planned full, so that the spontaneous can occur, or the important (rest, family), or the extra.

3. Communicate well with Leaders to get “buy-in”.

God speaks through our Team to us and each other, and then through the Team to a congregation. Teams lead out together.

4. Practice a Church-wide Sabbath.

Would it hurt the Church to detox from ministry busyness occasionally? Do only the necessary, non-optional ministries like the Sunday morning schedule for a specified time period. Just let the Church rest from the “extracurricular”. Sometimes Staff members seem to be trying to outdo other Staff members to prove the importance of their ministries over those of others, or just to receive praise and “strokes”. We need to see the big picture!

5. Focus on Stories of Changed Lives.

These stories are relational. The Church that is too busy often loses the relational aspect in Church life, and becomes more institutional. The relational is empowerment to all we do!

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE:

Next Door As It Is In Heaven
by Lance Ford and Brad Brisco

God bless!

Kent Pate
Executive Director

RBA Church Contributions

Church	May '17	Jan-May '17
Black Oak	\$25.00	\$125.00
Brashear	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
Calvary	\$25.00	\$125.00
Center Grove		\$0.00
Chapel Hill	\$183.55	\$976.94
Clearwater	\$343.11	\$1,755.94
Community Bible Fellowship		\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
County Line	\$40.00	\$200.00
Cross Country Cowboy Church	\$287.00	\$1,358.00
Cross Timber Cowboy Church		\$101.73
Cypress	\$220.02	\$945.69
Daugherty	\$20.00	\$100.00
East Caney		\$0.00
Elm		\$0.00
Enloe	\$50.00	\$200.00
Fellowship		\$100.00
First, Cumby		\$333.34
First, Miller Grove		\$0.00
First, Mt. Vernon	\$783.34	\$3,916.70
First, Sulphur Springs	\$8,472.60	\$32,935.14
First, Yantis	\$456.91	\$2,443.33
Friendship	\$263.00	\$688.00
Good Hope Family Fellowship		\$192.32
Greenwood	\$10.00	\$50.00
Hilltop Country Church	\$73.47	\$202.89
Immanuel		\$0.00
Journey Baptist church	\$229.23	\$1,073.13
Macon	\$83.63	\$446.81
Martin Springs		\$0.00
Mt. Olive	\$132.50	\$851.25
New Beginning, MP		\$0.00
New Beginnings Fellowship, SS	\$140.00	\$700.00
New Hope		\$0.00
New Life	\$50.00	\$250.00
Peerless	\$100.00	\$700.00
Pine Street	\$2,440.92	\$9,651.52
Posey		\$0.00
Purley	\$257.13	\$1,175.48
Reilly Springs	\$40.00	\$200.00
Saltillo	\$41.34	\$189.04
Sulphur Bluff	\$100.00	\$500.00
Sulphur River Cowboy Church		\$766.88
Tabernacle	\$299.21	\$1,605.19
Union		\$227.05
Weaver	\$150.00	\$750.00
White Oak	\$209.00	\$970.00
Birthright Hispanic Mission		\$0.00
First, MV Hispanic Mission		\$0.00
Pine Street Hispanic Mission	\$156.28	\$521.28
Primera, SS Mission	\$34.68	\$134.88
Prince of Peace		\$0.00



Please be in Prayer for VBS

- Pray for the Pastors, VBS Directors and workers that they will be filled with joy and enthusiasm.
- Pray for the safety and health of participants and workers.
- Pray for the spiritual preparation of all workers.
- Prayer for a clear presentation of Jesus Christ to all children. Pray that they Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of every person who attends VBS.
- Pray for the unchurched families who will attend VBS. Pray that God will help them find love and acceptance in the church.

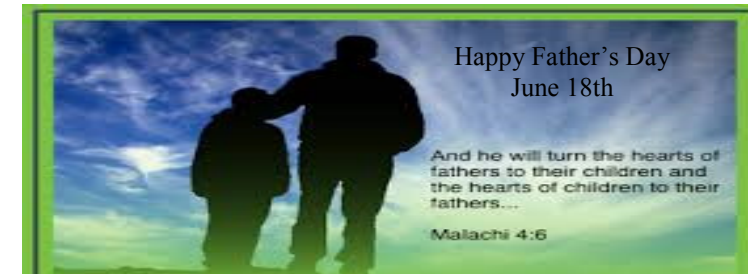
VBS Dates

First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon
June 12-16th

First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs
June 19-23rd

First Baptist Church, Yantis
June 19-23rd

Purley Baptist Church
June 26-30th



Free Marriage Education Workshop



- Communication
- Expectations
- Goal Setting
- Conflict Resolution
- Money Management

Saturday, August 26, 2017
Facilitator: Johanna Hicks, Extension Agent
(Member of FBC, SS)

8:30 am to 3:30 pm with Lunch Provided
Must Call to Sign Up 903-885-3443

WHO can come: Married Couples, Engaged Couples,
Dating Couples

Engaged couples will receive a certificate to save \$60 upon
applying for a marriage license.

2017 RBA Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 29, 2017
at FBC, Mt. Vernon

Guest Speaker: Dr. Allan Taylor, LifeWay
Worship led by Fred Randles, FBC, Mt. Vernon



Allan Taylor joined Lifeway Christian Resources in August 2015 to provide help, training and assistance to churches and Ministers of Education across the country. Allan served 20 years as the Minister of Education at First Baptist Church Woodstock, Georgia. Under his leadership, the Sunday School attendance grew from 2,500 to 5,800. He also served at Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN and London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, VA. Before surrendering to full-time Christian service, Allan was a high school football coach. Allan is the founder of Ember to Blaze Ministries and writes Sunday School, leadership, and training materials.

He has authored three books: "*Sunday School in HD*", "*The Six Core Values of Sunday School*" and "*Disciplining and Restoring the Fallen*", and two DVD series "*Sunday School Done Right*", and "*Forward From Here!*"

Allan and his wife, Linda, have three children and three

29th Annual Back to Bethel Bible Conference

June 26-29
Red River Valley Bible Camp
Paris, TX
rrrvbcparis.com

Speakers Include: Larry Jordan, Jerry Vines,
Malcolm Ellis

Conference Times: Monday-6:45 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 10 am and 6:45 pm

No Cost for the Conference or Meals
Childcare available for all services for ages 5 and
under



2017 RBA Budget Summary January - April

Total Receipts: \$57,187.55
Total Disbursed: \$57,636.20

Deficit: \$448.65