



# THE RECORD

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## Your Work Is on Target!



Recently, two of our RBA Churches began special ministries for THE FAMILY, based on some of the work done at LakePointe Church in Rockwall in recent years! I am so BLESSED by what I have seen of these new ministries! Thanks, Pastors/Staff, for having this vision! FBC of Mt. Vernon and FBC of Sulphur Springs have now activated their “Faith at Home” and “Hope at Home” on-site ministries. If you haven’t seen these, Pastors/Leaders, go by and ask to see these Centers for Family Ministry, and ask the Staff to give you a brief, guided tour! There are things you can use in your Churches, and in your work!

Now more than ever, this work is “on target”! Why do I say that? Well, just consider the following: “It’s been 50 years and 20 trillion dollars since President Lyndon Johnson’s famous speech declaring war on poverty. What’s the report from the frontlines? The number of poor people hasn’t shrunk, and neither has the government. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Fighting poverty became an excuse to expand bureaucracy, 92 programs worth. And the result? The poverty rate is the highest at 15% in a generation!

It’s time to consider the one social program we know works: the FAMILY! Every year, the U.S. spends about \$800 billion on anti-poverty programs. That is enough to write every low-income family in America a check for \$59,500. But, throwing money at the problem isn’t solving it, because the real issue is not a financial breakdown....it’s a family breakdown!

Did you know that if a young person will work, graduate from high school, and get married before they have children, their chances of ending up in poverty are about 2%? If all they do is get married, then the odds of living in poverty are about 6%. It’s time for Congress to make the connection between America’s financial mess and its cultural one! Our Nation’s greatest hope continues to be the HOME. What’s necessary, social science tells us, is a married father and mother....an “advantage” only 45% of this generation knows and enjoys. Harvard University did an analysis recently, and its work suggested that single parenthood is one of the largest obstacles in moving up the income ladder! In other words, money cannot replace marriage as a lasting antidote to the poor’s problems. What we need in America is a government that won’t devalue the FAMILY or stand in the way of its formation! Michael Novak said, ‘The family is the first, best, and original Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. ‘ “ (FRC, 4/30/14)

It’s time to focus our attention....and that of our Government....on stronger families, not bigger government.

Personally, I applaud our Churches in RBA for what they are doing to reach and equip families with the tools to take responsibility themselves for their family growth, issues, decisions, and needs. Every family can be transformed, one at a time!

Ring a bell? Then, take a LOOK!

Love You All,

Kent Pate  
Executive Director

# Hispanic Ministry News

\*\* 20 Churches and Individuals are now participating in the 30/50 plan. Our goal is a total of 30 participating.

\*\* CONGRATUALTIONS!!  
to

Angel & Aracely Garcia  
Carlos & Veronica Lira

They completed the 5 year program (60 hours) and graduated from the Ridgecrest Baptist Bible Institute of Greenville with the help of scholarships from Peerless Baptist Church and RBA!

**June 15, 2014**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

THE FATHER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN HAS GREAT JOY; HE WHO HAS A WISE SON DELIGHTS IN HIM. PROVERBS 23:24



## NEW FAMILY MINISTRIES!!!

- \*Caring for An Aging Loved One
- \*Family Finances
- \*Living Together –Taking Next Steps
- \*The Empty Nest
- \*Addiction Issues
- \*Influencing Grandchildren
- \*Discipline with Young Children
- \*Preparing Your Child for Adolescence
- \*Hope to Marry – Proactively Pursuing Marriage
- \*Engaged – Getting Ready for Marriage

These are just a few of the many subjects addressed by the new Family Ministry Centers at FBC of Mt. Vernon and FBC of Sulphur Springs.

These are not new PROGRAMS.

These are Family-equipping centers for families to receive personal guidance as they practice discipleship in their own homes! Take a visit, and ask a Staff member at one of these Churches to tell you MORE!

It might be a tool you will want to access for your people!



# 2014 RBA Annual Meeting

at First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs  
Theme: Religious Liberty

**Date: November 2 Time: 4:15 - 7:15 pm**



Guest: Jeff Mateer  
Constitutional Attorney with Liberty Legal Institute

(Special Session for School Superintendants,  
Boards, and Administration)

Jeff Mateer, Esq., is General Counsel for Liberty Institute. Mr. Mateer joined Liberty Institute in 2010, after 19 years in private litigation practice. He now oversees and directs Liberty Institute's legal team. He specializes in religious liberty matters, including free exercise, free speech, and public acknowledgment of religion cases.

Mr. Mateer has represented clients ranging from large international organizations to local businesses, schools, ministries, churches and individuals in complex federal and state court actions involving religious liberty, civil rights, employment, property and business matters. In private practice, his clients included the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Citigroup, CNA, ConAgra Foods, former officers and directors of EDS, Ford Motor Company, Pilgrim's Pride and PNC Bank. He has tried numerous jury and bench trials in both federal and state courts, and has successfully argued before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and Texas appellate courts.

In addition to having received an A-V rating by Martindale-Hubbell, Mr. Mateer has been honored as a Texas Rising Star and Texas Super Lawyer. He received his undergraduate education at Dickinson College, where he graduated with honors in 1987, and his legal education at Southern Methodist University, where he graduated with honors in 1990. While in law school, he served as an Editor of the Law Review. He is licensed to practice law by the state of Texas and is admitted to practice before all Texas State and Federal District Courts and the 2nd, 5th and 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

# Upcoming Events

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Pastor's Conference  
June 8-9

&

2014 SBC Annual Meeting  
June 10-11

Baltimore Convention Center  
Baltimore, Maryland

Speakers at Pastor's Conference include Rick Warren,  
Francis Chan, James Macdonald, Eric Mason, J.D.  
Greear & more.

For a full list of events and  
speakers for both conferences click on link below  
[www.sbcanualmeeting.net/sbc14/default.asp](http://www.sbcanualmeeting.net/sbc14/default.asp)



### Opportunities for RBA Churches!

Pastor David Pettis of Friendship Baptist Church in Brimfield, MA, needs some light construction done at their parsonage (a Revolutionary era home which they have been in process of restoring over the last two years or so). They would really like to finish the project so that they could use part of the building as an apartment for a youth pastor individual or couple. Also, the parsonage needs to be painted on the outside.

Pastor Pettis 774-208-6916 [davidpettis@outlook.com](mailto:davidpettis@outlook.com)

Pastor Seth Opoku of LifeWay Baptist Church International in Leominster has asked for assistance with VBS, missions, child evangelism. Not exactly sure what all that entails. This is a Ghanian congregation where most of the adults and all of the children speak English.

Pastor Opoku 508-667-0669 [papasetho@yahoo.com](mailto:papasetho@yahoo.com)

Both Pastors asked for partners in prayer. If you have anyone in your churches (even 2 or 3 folks) who could help this summer, it would be most appreciated. For more information, please contact these Pastors directly or contact Kent Pate!

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SNA EXP TOUR 2014 & 2015

SEND NORTH AMERICA CONFERENCE

11/6/2014 Dallas, TX

## "Fresh Encounter" - 3 Services Event!

February 22 – 24, 2015  
at FBC, Sulphur Springs  
(In Lieu of the Annual Evangelism Rally)

### Guests:

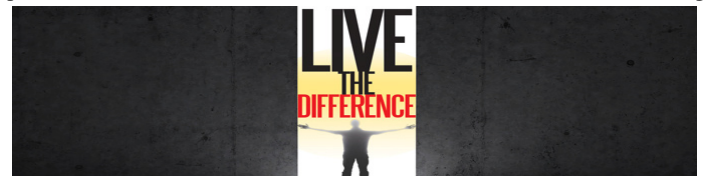


Speaker: David Dykes



Worship: Mike Parks

(Focus is Spiritual Renewal and Revival)



BGCT 2014 ANNUAL MEETING  
November 16-18  
at the Waco Convention Center ~ Waco, Texas

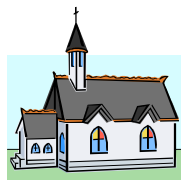
Scripture:  
*Whoever says, "I abide in Him", ought to walk just as He walked.* 1 John 2:6 nrsv

Seek The Lord  
Isaiah 58:6-7, 12-13  
While He May Be Found

2014 SBTC ANNUAL MEETING  
November 9-11  
SWBTS, Fort Worth

# Church News

If your church has a special event or information you'd like to share in the newsletter, please email [info@rehobothonline.org](mailto: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

Black Oak  
Enloe  
FBC, Mt. Vernon—Hispanic Work  
FBC, Yantis  
Hilltop  
Mt. Olive  
White Oak

## VBS Dates

**June 2 - 5** Pine Street Baptist Church, Winnsboro  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**June 16-20** First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs;  
9 a.m. - 12 noon  
First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon  
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**June 29 - July 2** Cornerstone Baptist Church, Cumby  
6 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**August 4 - 8** First Baptist Church, Yantis  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pickton  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**East Delta Baptist Church**  
in Charleston/Lake Creek area  
is looking for  
a Bi-Vocational Youth Director

If you or someone you know would be interested  
you can contact Tina Rainey @ 903-408-7531  
They have about 100 members.

County Line Baptist Church  
has three buildings that need to get moved.  
One is on pier and beam (30/65) the sanctuary,  
the other two are on slabs, (25/55) & (25/65).  
They will take any offer made and need them moved ASAP.  
Anyone interested can call Wayne Darty  
**903-243-5277 cell, or 903-994-4920.**

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