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Saving Private Ryan

In the 1998 film *Saving Private Ryan*, directed by Steven Spielberg, Captain Miller is played by Tom Hanks and Private James Francis Ryan is played by Matt Damon. You've probably seen the film, and maybe more than once. The language is offensive, but the plot is powerful. Captain Miller is given the orders to find and return Private Ryan from the battle front in WWII. Private Ryan's brothers have all been killed, and to spare Ryan's mother the possible loss of all of her sons, the army brass and Secretary of War order this one son to be found and rescued from the same fate.

Miller and his platoon find Private Ryan, tell him of his brothers' death, and of their mission. The Private at first refuses to go, but the Captain gives the orders. A battle breaks out before the platoon reaches safety, and Captain Miller dies on a bridge. Private Ryan cannot fathom the sacrifice for his one life. Miller's last words are, "Earn it."

The movie closes with a poignant scene. Private Ryan is now old and gray. He visits the grave of Captain Miller in Arlington Cemetery. By himself at the gravesite, with his family in the background, he says these words: "My family is with me today. They wanted to come with me. To be honest with you, I wasn't sure how I'd feel coming back here. *Every day I think about what you said to me that day on the bridge.* I've tried to live my life the best I could. I hope that was enough. I hope that at least in your eyes, I've *earned* what all of you have done for me."

I cried the first time I saw that part of the movie. I was deeply moved. I still can replay that scene in my mind. But it has a deeper meaning to me. If a man can live his whole life in gratitude for what a fellow soldier did for him on a bridge, how much more should we believers live for Christ because of what He did for us on a Cross?

Is going to church or serving faithfully in a church too much? Is giving up worldliness and carnality in our lives too much? Is being a sacrificial giver of our finances to spread the gospel too much? Is seeking to live the life of a witness too much? Is being a sold out to Him instead of sold out to yourself or the world too much?

I want to be honest with you. If just the Christians reading this article, including me, lived a life of true surrender and gratitude, our churches and communities would be different, and people would be saved for eternity! Jesus is worth it, and so are the "Private Ryans" out there who need to be brought safely home!

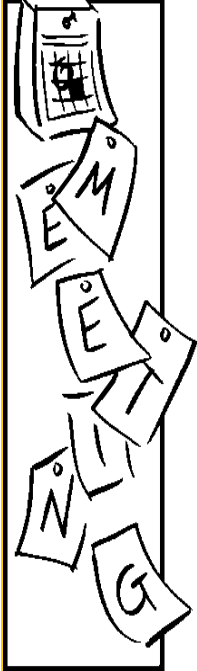
Yours for His Glory!

Kent Pate

Executive Director

RBA 2011

ANNUAL



Annual Celebration of the Churches of Rehoboth Baptist Association

November 6, 2011
First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon

Registration ~ 4:45 p.m.

Business Session ~ 5 - 5:45 p.m.
Vote on RBA Restructure

Dinner/Fellowship ~ 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.
****RSVP for the meal - 903-885-2868****

Worship ~ 6:45 - 8 p.m.



Guest: Dr. David Allen
Dean of School of Theology, SWBTS

Plan to elect your messengers for the Annual Meeting also....the formula is “The Pastor of each church shall be a member. In addition, each church is entitled to one messenger for each 25 resident members, provided that no church shall have more than 10 messengers.”

David L. Allen serves as the Dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is Professor of Preaching, Director of the Center for Expository Preaching, and fills the George W. Truett Chair of Pastoral Ministry. He and his wife Sherri have four children and three grandchildren. Trusting Christ at the age of nine, he followed God’s call to the ministry at sixteen. He received the B.A. at Criswell College (1978), Master of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (1981), and Ph.D. in Humanities with a major in Linguistics from The University of Texas at Arlington (1987). He served as senior pastor of two churches for a total of 21 years, and has served as interim pastor of numerous churches. Dr. Allen has led or been a part of over 400 revivals, Bible conferences, and lecture series, including study tours in the Philippines, Israel, Oxford and Germany. Along with numerous other articles and chapters in multi-author volumes, he is the author of *Hebrews* in the *New American Commentary Series* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2010) and *Lukan Authorship of Hebrews* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010), and is co-editor of *Whosoever Will: A Biblical-Theological Critique of Five-Point Calvinism* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010); *Text-Driven Preaching-* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010); and *The Return of Christ: A Premillennial Perspective* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2011).



Free Marriage Education Class

Saturday, October 15, 2011
 At
 Texas AgriLife Extension Office
 1200-B W. Houston St.
 Sulphur Springs, TX

8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 For

Married Couples, Engaged Couples,
 Seriously Dating Couples

MUST call to sign up
 903-885-3443 or 903-885-3726

Refreshments Served

Engaged Couples will receive a certificate for a \$60 waiver upon applying for a marriage license.



When: October 23-26
 Where: Amarillo Civic Center
 401 S. Buchanan St.
 Amarillo, TX 79101

October 2011

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

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

27 ~ Team Leader Mtg.
 2 p.m. @ RBA Office

November 2011

6 ~ RBA Annual Meeting
 First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon

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

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

24-25 ~ Thanksgiving Holiday - RBA Office Closed

28 ~ Missions Development Team Mtg.
 7 p.m. @ RBA Office

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

ACP's Have Been Sent Out

If you haven't turned yours in to the RBA office please send it as soon as possible!
The Importance of the Annual Church Profile



The ACP is a **historical record** for your church. The information is printed in the association annual minutes book.

The ACP allows your church to be **listed in the BGCT or SBTC annuals**, which is one item that helps your church to send messengers.



The **IRS checks the convention annuals** to prove that a church is entitled to tax-exempt status.

PRAYING + GOING

ACTS 13:2-3

SBTC ANNUAL MEETING 2011

When: November 14-15
 Where: Irving Convention Center
 500 West Colinas Blvd.
 Irving, TX 75039

2012 RBA Evangelism Rally

February 26, 2012
 First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs
 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Fred Lowery
 Pastor of First Baptist Church,
 Bossier City, LA

Church News

If your church has a special event or information you'd like to share in the newsletter, please email info@rebobothonline.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
FBC, Cumby
Journey Baptist
Ridgeway Baptist Church
Chapel Hill Baptist Church
Center Grove Baptist Church
Martin Springs Baptist Church



Revival at
New Life Baptist Church, Cooper, TX
October 2nd-5th
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Morning
6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night
7 p.m. - Monday thru Wednesday

Malcolm Ellis - Preacher
Chad & Melina Ferrell - Music

Congratulations!

to
Black Oak Baptist Church
on their 155th Anniversary.
Black Oak was established in 1856.
They will have the celebration on October 9th
11 o'clock service then
lunch will follow.

Also, Center Grove Baptist Church celebrated their
125th Anniversary on September 18th!



Welcome!

Jeremy Durig
is the new Youth Pastor
at First Baptist Church, Yantis

Leon Stone
is the New Interim Pastor
at First Baptist Church, Cumby

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Mission Statement

*The mission of Reboboth 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

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ELOY GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRIES
SHELLY HUFF, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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