Church News

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



Please be in prayer for our:

<u>Pastorless Churches</u>

Black Oak
Brashear
Cornerstone
Enloe
Hispanic Work, FBC, Mt. Vernon



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

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 dates fill up fast! 903-885-2868 or shelly@rehobothonline.org

Israel Step By Step Pilgrimage Kent Pate is working on a return trip to Israel for



May 17-26, 2021

If you would like more information, please contact the RBA Office @ 903-885-2868

or email kent@rehobothonline.org.

Kent has been to Israel 4 times and has taught twice.

The trip would be a smaller, more personal group, and not one of the large ones led by nationally known leaders like Tony Perkins, Mike Huckabee, David Jeremiah, etc. Kent has been on both types, and both are rewarding.



RBA office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday starting at Noon on November 25th - November 27th.

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My Vote for President Trump



Back in 2016, I voted for Donald Trump as President. When my vote became known, I received criticism from several Pastors I knew, and also some Christian lay leaders across the state. I understood the criticism, but my reasons were fourfold:

- 1. The Platform of his Party. Did you know that lawmakers vote with their platforms 82% of the time? I knew personally two of the men who helped write the platform. I just believed this would be a respected guide. It has definitely proven to be so!
- 2. <u>The Advisors he surrounded himself with</u>, such as Mike Pence, Ben Carson, Franklin Graham, Robert Jeffress, Jack Graham, Harry Jackson, etc. These men are strong voices with biblical values. He's kept these advisors all four years!
- 3. <u>Change in his personal life</u>. I believe in change. I believe it's possible. I was told by one Pastor, "I don't trust him. If he is elected, I believe he will be who he's been, and walk away from his words." My answer was I think his change/changing is real. I was right, thank goodness! He's kept his promises on the Sanctity of Life, religious liberty, constitutionalist justices, family values, etc. In fact, I have a year-by-year listing of his accomplishments. They are impressive, and are proof of a genuine change even in the face of unbelievable attacks and opposition!
- 4. The Candidate/Party he faced. We were at a major crossroads in America in 2016. A socialist, immoral, and secular agenda was the choice. We could not waste any votes on secondary and lesser candidates for the sake of "conscience". I heard some absolute "doozies" for this rationale in the criticism aimed at me. But, "lesser" candidates stood no chance and only divided the vote. Thankfully again, enough evangelical voters weren't persuaded by this logic.

■ We are now at another major crossroads! I hope you watched a major part of the Republican Convention in
■ August on television. The people who spoke were largely everyday Americans, just like us, and not celebrities,
■ elites, or professional politicians. We heard genuine faith-stories, values, and humble patriotism. Honestly, at
■ times I almost felt like I was in "church".

I know what I will vote in 2020. The same as in 2016. My "hope" is not in politics, a President, or a party. It's in

Jesus, where it's always been and where it needs to be. But these are my personal thoughts when it comes to my

citizenship responsibility, before the Lord.

God Bless Our Country for His Glory!

Kent Pate



2020 RBA Annual Meeting October 25, 2020

Date: Sunday Night, October 25th

Location: FBC, Sulphur Springs

4:30 pm: Registration Begins

Prayer Guides have been website: on the RBA

You need a paper copy!

4:45 pm: Catered Dinner (\$3 per person) Fellowship Hall of FBC, SS

Business Session (During Dinner): 2021 Budget, New Pastors, Team Nominations

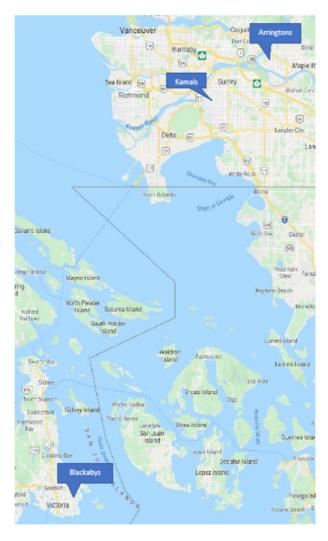
> Guest Reports: Collier Syzdloski (Lakeview) and Joe Schmidt (BSM)

6 pm: Live Worship led by Andre Simon and the Worship Team of FBC, SS

Canadian Guests via Zoom Guest Speakers include:

- Ray Woodard Serving As: Lead Church Planting Catalyst (NAMB Canada)
 Location: Vancouver British Columbia Ministry: Send City Missionary –
 Vancouver Website: http://westcoastbaptist.ca
- 2) Shahid Kamal Serving As: Lead Church Planter Location: Delta British Columbia Ministry: South Asian Community Church Website: https://southasiancommunitychurch.ca
- 3) Mike Blackaby Serving As: Lead Church Planter Location: Oak Bay British Columbia Ministry:
 Canvas Church Oak Bay Website:
 https://www.canvasoakbay.ca
- 4) Josh Arrington Serving As: Lead Church Planter Location: Pitt Meadows British Columbia Ministry: Church on the Rock Website: http://www.churchontherockglobal.com

(Social Distancing, Masks, Hand Sanitizer)



SBTC Annual Meeting

November 9 - November 10

Messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention will gather at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin November 9 & 10 to conduct the Convention's twenty-third Annual Meeting.

For more information go to https://sbtexas.com/annual-meeting/



VOTER REGISTRATION!

Voter registration in Texas ends 30 days before the Election.

For registration assistance and information on issues: Go to www.jonathanproject.org

"I am grateful to the Jonathan Project for their focused efforts to encourage Christians to vote and express their faith and values at the ballot box." - Franklin Graham



Recommended Resource for Pastors/Churches

Biblical Principles for Political Engagement Worldview, Issues, and Voting

How's Your View?

By David Closson Family Research Council Washington, D.C.

(Contact Kent Pate for information to download a link)

Ministry Team Meeting November 19th

5:30 p.m. at RBA Office

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Be sure to show your appreciation for the service that your pastor provides for your church and the community.

BGCT (Texas Baptists) Annual Meeting

November 15 - November 17 Waco Convention Center, Waco, TX

Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be a gathering for the purpose of worship, fellowship, mobilizing, encouraging, informing and uniting Texas Baptists to accomplish the Great Commission, as well as elect officers; receiving recommendations and reports of officers, committees and boards; and for any other business that may arise or be scheduled.

For more information contact Coleen Wall at annualmeeting@texasbaptists.org or call (888) 244-9400.

Annual Church Profiles

It's that time of year again for the Annual Church Profiles. Church clerks/secretaries should begin gathering info on your church officers for the coming year with their current mailing addresses, phone numbers, etc.

ACP's can be completed online.

SBTC does not mail out a paper form anymore.

BGCT—if you did not receive a paper form and need one you can download it at https://texasbaptists.org/ministries/church-administration/annual-church-profile

Please call the RBA Office if you have any questions or need help!

Please complete the ACP's as soon as possible so that we can prepare information for the Annual Meeting. If we don't receive the ACP for your Church we can not include it in the RBA Annual Report.

ACP's are due by Friday, October 9, 2020

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 <u>tax-exempt status</u>.