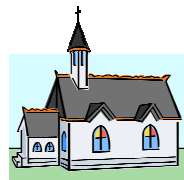


Church News

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:
Pastorless Churches

**Black Oak
Cornerstone
Enloe
Hispanic Work, FBC, Mt. Vernon
Saltillo**



Block Party Trailer

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



The RBA Office
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September 7th
For the Labor Day
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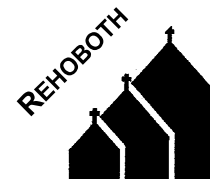
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Suppose I Wanted To Destroy America?

Years ago, when I was a Seminary student at Southwestern in Fort Worth, I met Governor Mike Huckabee. Mike and I are the same age, and he and I had one class together, vocational evangelism, taught by Dr. Oscar Thompson. Mike and I sat across the aisle from each other for a semester. Fast forward to about 2012 and I got to say hello to Mike again at a Dinner hosted by the Messianic Jewish Bible Institute in Dallas. Mike was the keynote speaker. Mike and I didn't hang out together, and we weren't "best friends" during Seminary, but I have always appreciated and respected him.

In July this past summer, Mike wrote an article that intrigued me. It was titled, "Suppose I wanted to destroy America?" I will edit his comments, but here's that message. It seems very timely to me today with the riots, the coronavirus, the upcoming elections, etc. **"Do you ever get the idea that some of the people in our country just don't like it? Even some elected officials who want to govern the country say we need to dismantle the very structures of America. So, suppose I wanted to destroy America? What would be the best way to do it?"**

I would first replace the education system top to bottom. Instead of giving students the tools to think, reason, and analyze based on hard facts, I'd give them a system in which everyone thinks alike. Deviating from "group think" would be strictly forbidden, and would result in a person being scorned, ostracized, and prohibited from even being employed. I'd erase all substance and symbols of history. Instead of ensuring that students actually read and understood the documents of our origin, like the Constitution, I'd focus instead on pop culture and demonize George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison by never allowing students to see what these men actually said or did. I'd find any flaw in them and make that the only thing kids learned.

Second, I would seek to undo the system of economic capitalism which rewarded work and innovation. I wouldn't demand equality of opportunity. And why take the risk of working from early to late, if all it netted you was the same as the person who came late, left early, and never created anything? I would just give everyone a trophy. No one would ever lose. Everyone would be the same.

Third, I would get rid of law enforcement. Cops get in the way of us doing what we want, taking what belongs to others, and having civil order. The problem is not the lack of law enforcement, but the presence of law enforcement.

Fourth, I would use words that cover my real intentions. I would say equality, when I mean favoritism. I would say tolerance when I really mean intolerance. I would say women's health when I really mean doing a very unnatural surgical procedure to kill a baby.

Fifth, I would marginalize religion and brand its adherents as fanatics, bigots, hate-mongers, and racists because believing in absolutes like love, forgiveness, charity, sacrifice, and service are a real threat to controlling people and making them follow what they are told.

I would never attack America with a bomb, bullets, or battleships. I'd just lie about her history and origins, destroy every symbol of its legacy both good and bad, indoctrinate instead of educate, and take away all ownership of private property.

But, I don't want to destroy America. I love America. And that's why I won't let her get destroyed without a fight!"

So, what about you and me? Will we be a voice and a vote for Judeo-Christian values? Will we be known to others by what we are against as well as for? Will the salt leave the salt shaker to make a difference? Will we stay safe and popular with our words and actions, or take some risks for the sake of good and Godly influence? Where would we be today without those before us who stood/fought in times past?

Is it our turn?

God bless you!

Kent Pate, Ph.D.
Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE

2020 RBA Annual Meeting RBA Vancouver Missions Emphasis October 25, 2020

Change in Plans for RBA Annual Meeting!

Due to Covid-19, we will be having the usual schedule for our Annual Meeting this year.

Date: Sunday Night, October 25th

Location: FBC, Sulphur Springs

5 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)

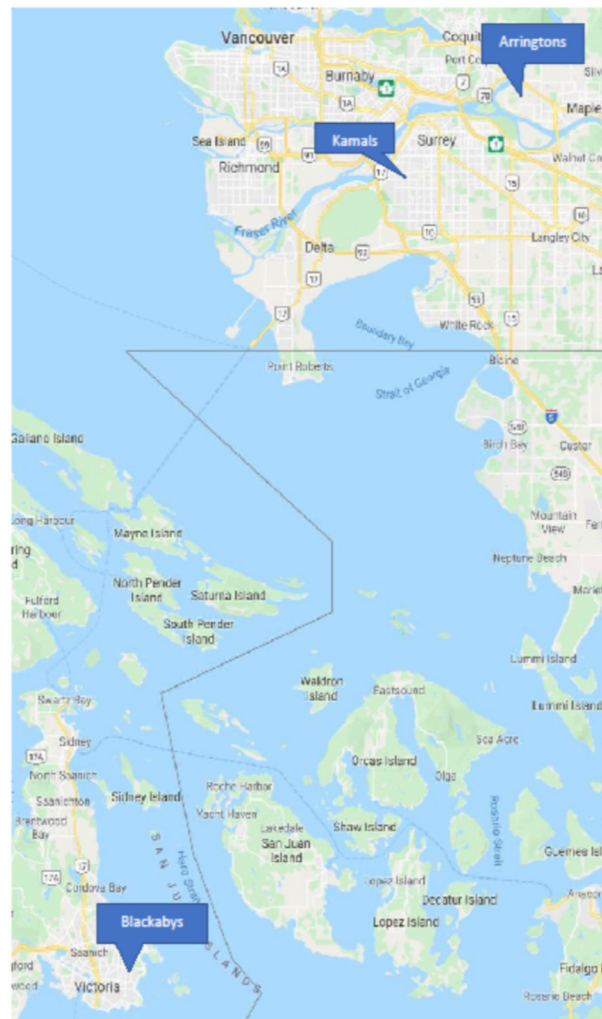
6 pm: Live Worship led by Darren Gray

Canadian Guests via Zoom

Guest Speakers include:

- 1) **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)



BGCT Week of Prayer
September 13-20

Churches and individuals are encouraged to pray, promote and support Texas Baptists ministries and missionaries serving and sharing the Gospel around the state and world.

WEEK OF
PRAYER
for Texas
Missions

Join in TEXAS Missions



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

Administration Team Meeting

September 22nd - 11:30 am
at FBC, SS (Room 108)



SBTC
Week of Prayer for
Reach Texas Missions
September 20-27, 2020

Reach Texas OFFERING

100% of your Reach Texas giving is spent on Missions & Evangelism Ministries / Strategies (Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Evangelism and Missions). Because of Cooperative Program giving all funds given through Reach Texas will go to missions and ministry with no administrative costs.

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 will mail a paper form as well as an online option.

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

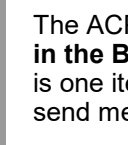
Please complete the ACP's as soon as possible so that we can prepare information for the Annual Meeting. If we don't receive the ACP for your Church we can not include it in the RBA Annual Report.

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 **tax-exempt status**.