

The Year is Ending But We're Still Going!

Dear Beloved Churches,

2016 has been a blessed year for our association. Thank you for all of those who have served and gave together to advance God's Kingdom here in southeast New Mexico and beyond. It has been a pleasure to serve you again. Let me now tell you all what happened this last month and what's ahead.

Last month we had our first pastor's breakfast. At the October SEBA semi-annual meeting, all pastors were provided a copy of *Center Church* by Tim Keller. On Saturday, November 19, pastors from our association gathered for a great time of fellowship, food, and discussion. A big thank you goes out to Jeff Fair, Leadership Development Team Leader, for coordinating this effort. If you missed this one, you MUST come to the next one.

Also on November 19, the Women's Missionary Union gathered together for a stellar workshop led by Connie Dixon of BCNM. There were some 30 people in attendance representing numerous churches. A big thank you goes out to Rebecca Davis who coordinated this event. All who attended were blessed, and we are grateful for the women (and men) who are on faithful mission with God with WMU.

Our Administrative Team also approved to let a new church plant in our area, named Fellowship Church, utilize the SEBA building for their weekly services. Fellowship Church is a new church plant work in our area that is reportedly a member of the SBC and desires membership with SEBA. The Administrative Team and I are still in discussions with this group regarding membership, and more details will soon follow.

Also, very importantly, pastors we will all gather together for a time of fellowship, discipleship, and vision casting next month. Many of you pastors were present at the Pastor's Conference in October with BCNM in Taos. There, the speaker encouraged us to have time away from our work to focus on the Lord and the vision He has given us for the upcoming year. We are delighted to announce that **January 12-14, 2017 is this year's Pastor's Retreat. It will be held at Sivells camp. We will caravan from the SEBA building that Thursday afternoon on January 12 and meet at Sivells in time for dinner. We will return Saturday afternoon. The cost will be under \$150 per person, and assistance is available. Gentlemen, please make this retreat a priority.** You will be blessed as we gather together as pastors to seek God's face.

Please pray for Taylor Memorial as Pastor Andrew Hebert accepted the pastorate position at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo TX. They are receiving a great pastor. Please pray for TMBC as they seek a new pastor, and continue praying for FBC Tatum and Trinity Baptist Lovington as they are also seeking a pastor. May God bless you all.

—Dr. Danny Kirkpatrick

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SEBA Pastor's Retreat at Sivells



Pastors,

We were challenged at the 2016 State Pastor's Conference to find time to get alone with God and seek His vision for 2017. Now, you get your chance.

Join other SEBA Pastors on January 12-14, 2017 at Sivells Baptist Camp in Cloudcroft. We will carpool to Sivells that afternoon or you can meet us there as soon as you can get there. What's in store?

- Physical and spiritual refreshment
- Comradery with fellow Pastors in your area
- Discipleship and worship
- Vision casting for 2017

Pastors, you are not in this alone. Your brothers are serving the same area as you are. Let's come together to rest, to pray, to worship, and to seek God's face.

For two nights stay in a motel and 5 meals, it will cost approximately \$100.00. SEBA will sponsor any pastor needing assistance. We simply want you there!

This event will bless your soul. Clear your calendar now!

WMU Luncheon a Success

On Saturday, November 19, women (and men!) from numerous SEBA churches, gathered together for the Missions Education 10 City Tour. Pictured right is Connie Dixon, State Director for WMU, along with numerous attendees. They learned “What’s New with WMU” and how to lead in missions even if one’s church does not have a WMU. We are grateful for Connie and all who attended to make this event memorable.



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Save The Date

A promotional poster for the Ministers and Family Retreat. On the left, a man (Gary Thomas) is shown on a stage, gesturing with his hand. The text on the poster includes: "Ministers and Family Retreat", "August 3-5, 2017", "Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown", "featuring Gary Thomas Don Whitney and OVERFLOW a worship trio", and "save the date".

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