February—A Month to Love

Dear Beloved Churches,

No sooner had Christmas ended than we started seeing the red and pink boxes of non-essential, money-draining, diabetic-making merchandise on the shelves. As a way to remind husbands that they need to show love for their wives, society says "Buy these things" and "You aren't really loving her unless you get..." I don't know about you, but I am so grateful for a God whose love lasts forever. He doesn't just show it one day. He shows it everyday!

We are off to another great year as an association. Our association is doing quite well in almost every respect. We are strong together, and for that I am most grateful. Last month, we had a wonderful pastors' retreat at Sivell's Camp just outside of Cloudcroft. We had several pastors go, and we spent 2 nights and three days with each other and the Lord. While I can't share all the hilarious stuff that happened (like someone running over traffic cones, someone vomiting in the back of the bus, someone forgetting to latch the door to the luggage compartment, and more—AND TRUST ME THERE WAS LOTS MORE!!!!) what I can tell you is that God moved amongst us, and the fellowship was so very sweet. There's something about getting together with God and your brothers in ministry in the mountains and around a campfire that is powerful.

Remember this month we will have our semi-annual meeting of SEBA on **Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs.** We will begin with a dinner at 5:00 PM and worship and meeting at 6:00 PM. Pastor James Russell of Pleasant Green Church will be bringing the Word. In accordance with our bylaws, we sent out written notice to you well in advance of the 30 days required to amend our bylaws. Mailouts were sent to each church, and an accompanying email was also sent. Our Administrative Team is confident that these are changes that would best serve our churches and help our association.

We will also be voting on a petitioning church. Fellowship Church, led by Pastor Mike Adams, has petitioned SEBA for membership, and they have met all criterion as set forth in our current bylaws. You will have the opportunity to vote on this petition at our upcoming meeting this month.

February is a month to love, and I want you to know how much I love you and love serving you. If we can serve you better in any way, if there is anything else we can do, please let me know. On a closing note, I have mentioned before how God has laid it on my heart to do summer missions in Kenya. By God's grace, He has supplied my every need for going, and I am now fully funded. Now, would you consider joining me as I, and a team with Houses with Hope, go June 8 -18? May God richly bless you all.

—Dr. Danny Kirkpatrick

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Pictured above are pastors who attended the Pastor's Retreat at Sivell's Camp. God was truly good to us. Stay tuned because we hope to do a pastors and family camp in the near future.



Join us for our 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Baptist Association. All Churches are invited and encouraged to send messengers to this meeting. It will be held at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs, 1700 E Yeso Dr.

It will begin with a dinner at 5:00 PM and worship and meeting at 6:00 PM. This year's sermon will be brought by Pastor James Russell of Pleasant Green Baptist Church. You will not want to miss this great time of fellowship and cooperation.

To register messengers, go to www.seba-nm.com or mail back the mailout that was sent out. Please be advised there will be some bylaw changes at this meeting. Details will be mailed out to all churches. Please register by February 10.

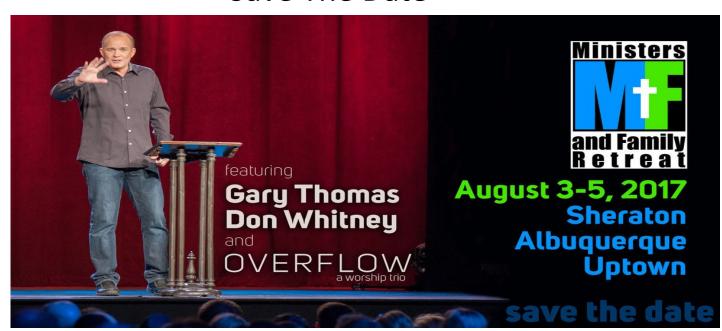




Brothers and Sisters, would you prayerfully consider joining me this summer to do mission work in Kenya! I and many others from New Mexico will travel to Kisumu Kenya June 8—18 to train pastors in the Bible and build a home for the needy while sharing the Gospel to all. The cost is approximately \$3,300 total. Contact me or visit www.houseswithhope.org for more information.

—Dr. Danny Kirkpatrick

Save The Date



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