

Welcome New Pastors!

Dear Beloved Churches,

For months we have prayed that God would raise up men after His own heart to lead His churches in our association. After much prayer and diligence from the various search committees, we are excited to announce that we have **three new pastors joining our association!**

New Hope Baptist Church in Hobbs has called Pastor Larry Wood. Pastor Larry is no stranger to New Hope or to Hobbs as he has served New Hope as their interim pastor. We are grateful God has brought Pastor Larry to us to stay.

First Baptist Lovington has called Pastor Matt Thackerson. Matt comes to us from First Baptist Church of Idalou, TX where he served in youth ministry. Matt is married to Mandy Thackerson, and they have 4 children.

Finally, join me in welcoming Pastor Dennis Teeters to First Baptist Eunice. Most recently Pastor Dennis served in Big Spring, TX. Prior to this, he and his wife were missionaries to Mexico. Dennis is excited to serve the Lord in this area, and he has already been an immense blessing to the people of FBC Eunice.

Remember the other things that are coming up soon with our association:

On **August 21, 2016** there will be a **Discipleship/Sunday School/Small Group training at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs. Lunch is provided.** This free event will feature Dr. David Prince from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. You will be taught on Christ centered Bible studies, and your Sunday School teachers/small group leaders are strongly encouraged to join.

Also, on **September 17, 2016, beginning at 9 AM at the SEBA Building, there will be an incredible workshop on Biblical Counseling.** This workshop is designed for pastors only and will be the first of many conversations in this field of ministry. Attendees will receive expert training from Brian Arnold, local Licensed Professional Counselor at the Guidance Center in Hobbs who has been trained in and practices daily biblical counseling. Attendees will receive a free copy of *The Pastor and Counseling: The Basics of Shepherding Members in Need* by Jeremy Pierre and Deepak Reju. **To register, email seba@valornet.com with the names of the attendees. Deadline to register is September 8.**

Also, beginning in September, all SEBA pastors will be encouraged to gather together for breakfast for a time of food, prayer, and edification. Pastor Jody O'Briant from FBC Jal will lead this group. In the months to follow, Pastor Jeff Fair will lead book discussions to help support and strengthen our churches' ministries.

We hope that this will be a great time of blessing for you all. Above all, stay faithful in the Lord's work. Know that we are here to support you in any way you may need. Feel free to call me anytime.

—Dr. Danny Kirkpatrick

Associational Coordinator

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Small Group/Sunday School Training by Dr. David Prince

Join us for a premier Small Group/Sunday School training held right here in Hobbs. On **August 21, 2016** at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church, beginning immediately after the morning service, your teachers and leaders will be trained in how to teach Christ-Centered Bible studies geared towards small groups.

The facilitator will be Dr. David Prince. Dr. Prince is Assistant Professor of Preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville KY. He specializes in Christ-centered hermeneutics. Lunch is provided, and the event is free. Dr. Prince is also the pastor at Ashland Ave. Baptist Church in Louisville and blogs regularly at Prince on Preaching.

Bring your small group leaders and Sunday School Teachers immediately after your morning service and be blessed by rich teaching by one of the great Christ-Centered preachers of our day. You will be richly blessed.

When: August 21, 2016, beginning immediately following the morning worship service.

What: A premier training for small group leaders and Sunday School teachers on Christ-centered teaching in Bible studies.

Where: Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Hobbs.

Who: Dr. David Prince from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY



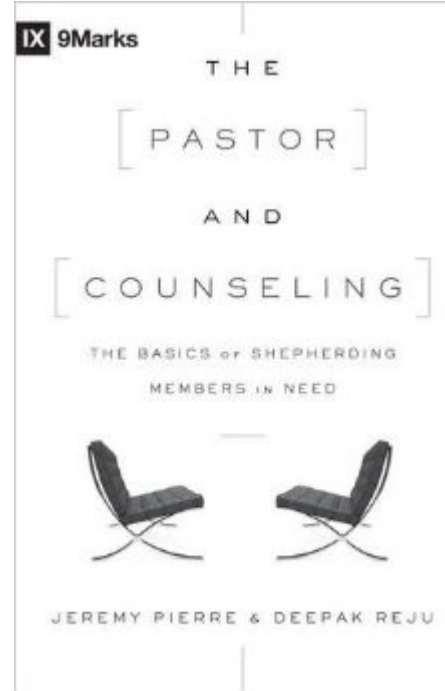
Biblical Counseling Workshop!

Join fellow SEBA pastors for a FREE training in biblical counseling! This workshop is open to all SEBA pastors. It will be held on **Saturday, September 17, beginning at 9 AM—noon.**

This workshop will be led by Brian Arnold, LPC, from the Guidance Center in Hobbs who practices daily biblical counseling with his clients. Attendees will be trained in how to counsel members of their church and community in a biblical way.

All who attend will receive a free copy of the book *The Pastor and Counseling* by Pierre and Reju. The workshop will be held at the SEBA building.

The cost is free, but registration is required. To register, email us at seba@valornet.com no later than September 8.



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Pastor's Gathering

Beginning this September, local pastors will gather together once a month for a time of prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. A book discussion will be led as well, and SEBA pastors will receive a free copy of each book. More details will follow, but the upcoming book will be *Center Church* by *Tim Keller*. Stay tuned for more information.

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