

SMOKY HILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

“BETTER TOGETHER”



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NATE'S NOTES

FEBRUARY 2018

To plan or not to plan? That is the question.

We are midway through the winter months. The days have been shorter, and the cold makes it hard to get outside. These are good days to plan. Establishing a long-term planning calendar is a chore for many. I am one of those who don't cherish planning, but I realize the importance of the task. While in the military, I served one assignment as the Operations Officer for a support battalion. One of my tasks as an Ops Officer was to conduct long range planning. I would coordinate with my commander and other staff officers to determine the training needs for the battalion, and then I would put it on paper and on a calendar. These efforts allowed us to have a picture, a snap shot, of what the next 1-3 years would look like.

As a pastor, and now as the Director of Missions, it is just as important to spend time planning for the future. The colder months of January and

February are good for setting aside time to plan. Time to look at what has been accomplished and then determine where we are going and what it will take to get there.

The past is behind us, but it is not forgotten. The past can help us visualize needs for the future. Though much happened in 2017, there is more to do in 2018. So, I am planning. Below is a list of activities that are planned so far:

1. KNCSB Church Leadership Conference – April 14, Covenant Baptist Church, Topeka
2. Golf tournament “May the Fourth Be With You” – May 4, Rolling Meadows Golf Course, Junction City
3. Evangelism training – Date to be determined, led by Lintz Upshaw at College Heights Baptist Church, Manhattan
4. Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas – June 10-13
5. Kids Camp – June 11 – 15 “Heroes”, Webster

Conference Center, Salina
6. Toronto Canada Mission Trip – more information in another article in this newsletter

7. Super Summer – various weeks during the summer, Webster Conference Center, Salina
8. Annual Family Picnic – September 16, Webster Conference Center, Salina
9. KNCSB Annual Meeting – October 8-9, Pratt, KS

As you build your planning calendar, don't forget to add in Margins. Margins? According to Webster's it is:

- The part of a page at the edge left uncovered in writing or printing.
- Something allowed, or reserved, for that which cannot be foreseen or known with certainty.

Have you ever noticed how hectic our lives are in today's society? If you have school age children, they

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Upcoming Dates

FEBRUARY

- 12 QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY

MARCH

- 2-3 KNCSB “MAN UP” MEN'S RETREAT, WCC SALINA
- 4-10 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
- 9-10 KNCSB YOUTH WORSHIP ARTS CAMP, WCC SALINA
- 23-24 KNCSB EAGLE RETREAT WCC SALINA

APRIL

- 7 KNCSB POWERUP VBS CLINIC, WCC SALINA
- 14 CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA
- 23 KNCSB GLOW RETREAT WCC, SALINA

Smoky Hill Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting

Monday, February 12th
@ 7:00pm
First Southern Baptist
1400 N. Mulberry
Abilene, KS

There will be a time of worship led by Pastor Gabriel Hughes, FSBC, Junction City

Following worship, there will be a time of business. This will include current details about the Associational Canada Mission Trip

Plan to stay afterwards to speak with and get to know others from the Association.



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BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- 2 MARIS DEEVER, MANHATTAN
- 13 CHERYL VANBEBBER, RILEY

MARCH

- 13 KEVIN DUNAWAY, OGDEN
- 17 TAE JANG, JUNCTION CITY
- 28 WENDY DEARVIL

CHURCH IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MANKATO



"My name is Brandon Hagins and I am excited about the opportunity to be the new pastor for First Baptist Church in Mankato, Kansas. The journey to get where we are has been quite an interesting adventure; one that actually began in the Dallas area. My wife, Stacy, and I were both born and raised in the suburbs of Dallas and worked for the same title insurance company, which is how we met. We got married in June of 1995 and moved to the Tulsa area in the fall of '96 to be closer to some of our family and to raise our family away from the metropolitan area. We have three biological children, Samantha (18), Kailey (13), and Trenton (10), as well as, three foster children Z (4), R (2) and E (8 months; not shown in picture).

I was employed in the corporate world and serving in youth ministry when God called me into vocational ministry in 2007. After surrendering to His call and waiting for direction, God provided a church family to minister with in Protection, Kansas. I

served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Protection from August 2008 to March 2017.

After much prayer, I resigned from FBC Protection believing our time of ministry there was over. We moved to Coldwater, Kansas, and I worked as a pharmacy technician while we waited for God's next adventure. That next adventure was revealed to us and we are blessed to be a part of the Mankato community.

It is our desire to build stronger and deeper relationships within our church family and to foster unity so that we can mirror the first century church described in Acts 2:42-47. I believe the watching world is waiting to see what the Church is supposed to be. If you are in the Mankato area, please call me at 620-622-7308. I would love to sit down and visit with you."

Toronto Canada Missions

The Associational 2018 summer mission trip to Toronto, Canada, is beginning to take shape. In early January, Nate Butler and Alan McElroy spent a day with church planters in Toronto, Canada. After a long day and times of prayer, Alan and Nate feel God is leading the SHBA to partner with two different networks of planters. The partnerships will be determined by the need of the network and the dates they need our assistance:

1) The Emmanuel Baptist Church Network: This network is a group of Hispanic churches that have a vision to plant 20 churches by 2020. The planters have asked that we assist them with Fiestas (block parties) and with some light construction and painting. Of interest with this network is the need for us to take two groups on different weeks. The first group would travel to Toronto in June to conduct survey work and to hand out invitations to the Fiestas. The second team would travel in July to help with the Fiestas and the work of construction.

2) Fellowship Network: The church planter that we will help is a young man you will be introduced to during the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Week of Prayer. He is highlighted in the NAMB Week of Prayer pamphlet. His name is Kesavan, pastor of Fellowship Church Rouge Park. He has a great testimony of what God has done in his life. The planter has asked us to assist with evangelism, kids camp, and community engagement.

If you are interested in going to Canada this coming summer. Please email Nate Butler at nathan.butler365@gmail.com or call him at 785-307-8160.

Association Party Trailer

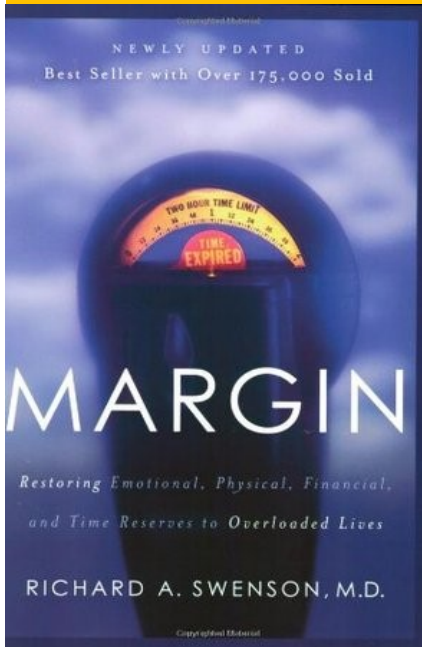
Now is the time to reserve the party trailer. If your church has an activity coming up and would like to use the trailer, contact Nate Butler at 785-307-8160. Reservations are on a first come basis. There is a \$100 deposit required when checking out the trailer. If your church is a member of the Association, you will receive \$50 back when the trailer and equipment is returned in good order. Non-member churches will be assessed \$100 to use the equipment. Fees will be used to make repairs and purchase needed supplies. In addition to the deposit, the church must supply a copy of a certificate of liability from their insurance company, with date(s) of the event, and location of the event.

To date, we have a 30' inflatable slide, a toddler bounce house, inflatable knocker balls, a canopy, a kids frisbee golf game, a cornhole game, and a popcorn popper. By summer, we hope to have a cotton candy machine and a snow cone machine.

We still need a large inflatable bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, two plastic lifetime tables, 4 plastic lifetime chairs, a large cooler, and a sound system. If you have any of these items or would like to help us purchase these items, please make your check payable to Smoky Hill Baptist Association. In the memo line write: Party Trailer Equipment. Send to: P O Box 473, Concordia, Kansas 66901.



Recommended Reading



During the Pastors and Wives dinner in January, the group was asked what great books they are reading. Here is a list of the books that are being read: *Destroyer of the Gods*; *Go Pro Network Marketing*; *Knowledge of the Holy*; *The Best Yes*; *Love and Respect*; *Ministry Revive Our Hearts*; *True Womanhood 101*; *A Different Beautiful*; and *Ordering Your Private World*. Let me encourage you to pick up one of these books or find a book that you enjoy. It has been said, great leaders never stop reading.

I recently pulled a book out to review it again. The book is **Margin**. I am glad I did.

This paragraph provides a great summary of the book. *Margin* is the space that once existed between ourselves and our limits. Today we use margin just to get by. This book is for anyone who yearns for relief from the pressure of overload. Reevaluate your priorities, determine the value of rest and simplicity in your life, and see where your identity really comes from. The benefits can be good health, financial stability, fulfilling relationships, and availability for God's purpose.

PRAYERS/NEEDS

For those who are interested in partnering with, or praying for, the Smoky Hill Baptist Association, the following prayer list is provided:

- Mission trip plans for 2018
- Your pastor
- Your pastor's family
- Our Association churches
- Kansas Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists
- Church plants
- Our nation's leaders
- Military Service Members
- Pastorless churches
- Golf Tournament

KNCSB HIGHLIGHTS

MAN UP CONFERENCE TO EQUIP MEN AND TEEN GUYS

March 2 & 3, 2018, at Webster Conference Center

Registration is online.

Robert Green is the main speaker. Robert is a 30 year youth ministry veteran, avid runner, spiritual coach, chaplain, and former Special Forces Green Beret.

Theme: Brothers in Arms.

SUPER SUMMER 2018

Pre-registration is now open. kncsbevents.org/ss2018

Cost: \$250.00 per person

Week 1, June 25-29 Dave Atherton and Cloverton

Week 2, July 2-6 Andy Addis and Jason Waller

Week 3, July 9-13 Jeffrey Dean and Jason Waller

Week 4, July 16-20 Ryan Fontenot and Jason Waller

Week 5, July 23-27 Jeffrey Dean and Matt Atherton

Week 6, July 30 - August 3 Ryan Fontenot and Jason Waller

Nate's Notes Continued

are up before 7 A.M. (and you along with them), racing to get ready, racing to prepare breakfast and pack lunches, racing to get them either on the bus or dropped off at school.

Then there is work. Work hours are long, as more and more companies are requiring mandatory overtime. If you serve in a local church, then you know the demands that come with the calling.

Here's the point. As you plan your calendar be sure to not let all the good things you do, take away from the best things that God has planned for you. Let God design your

schedule so that there is opportunity for times of refreshing, so that you don't fill up the Margins with every day events that will drain you of joy, peace and power of the Lord.

"Unless the LORD builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain; unless the LORD watches over a city, the watchman stays alert in vain. In vain you get up early and stay up late, working hard to have enough food—yes, He gives sleep to the one He loves." Psalm 127:1-2

Nate

2018 Kids Camp

Save the date for
Kids Camp
June 11-15

Cost: \$165.00
Fundraising will
be available
soon!



1 John 4:4

Questions, contact: Nate Butler at 785-307-8160
or Cheryl VanBebber at 785-341-7107

Registration available March 4th



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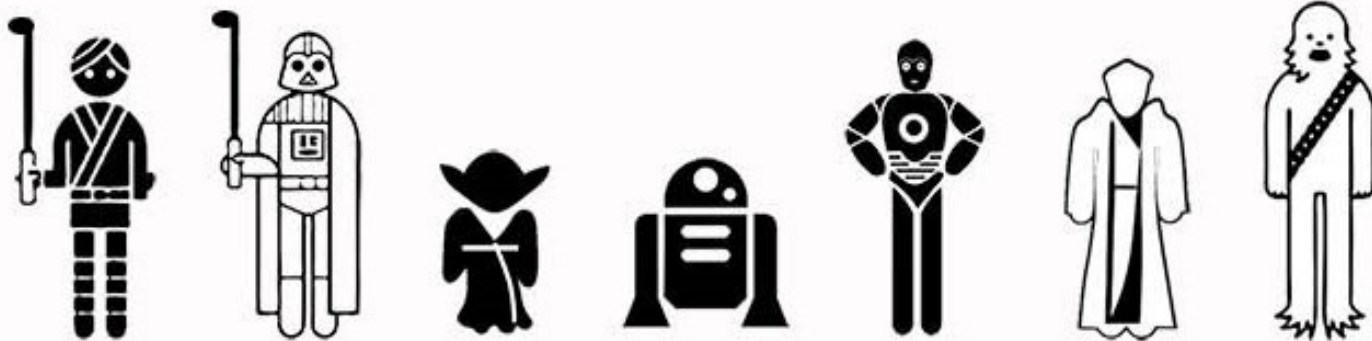
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SMOKY HILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



“May the Forth Be With You”

Rolling Meadows Golf Course

Junction City, Kansas

May 4th, 2018

9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start

Lunch Provided (Courtesy of Munson Angus Burgers)

**Chance to win a car from Jim Clark Chevrolet for a
hole in one.**

Gather your team of four for an 18-hole golf scramble. Great fun, tasty lunch, good competition, and all proceeds (above cost) go to scholarships to send Association members on mission.

There will be a costume competition for the best dressed Star Wars team.

A challenge goes out to each of our Associational Churches. Each church is challenged to find one or two business sponsors for each of the 18 holes. The goal is two sponsors per hole. Each sponsorship will cost \$100, with a sign posted by each tee identifying the sponsor.

In addition to the sponsors, there will be a silent auction. Would your church be willing to assemble a basket of goodies such as a cooler with beach/pool supplies, maybe a grill filled with Bar-B-Q items, or how about a fire pit with all the supplies for Smores? Pinterest has many wonderful ideas. These baskets will be displayed for golfers to bid on.

P.S. May 4th is a Friday. Be sure to request a day off of work when you gather your team.

GOLF
It's All About The Fun!
Tournament