

SMOKY HILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

“BETTER TOGETHER”



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NATE'S NOTES

JANUARY
2018

Happy New Year!

It's a new year, time for a fresh start. The old has gone the new has come. These are all the thoughts that are running through my mind as I prepare to welcome in the New Year of 2018. This past year has brought changes and challenges to many of our lives. I, for one, like change. But change is difficult and becomes a challenge for many. What changes have you endured this past year? What changes are you anticipating will take place during 2018?

There are some changes that I hope to encounter. In my personal life, I plan to live a healthier life, to love my family more, to stop from time to time to enjoy the

many blessings in my life, to start the process of becoming certified as a Church Growth Consultant, and most of all to draw closer than ever to God. As an Association, we are looking forward to the Canada mission trip, to our first golf tournament to help fund missions, and to begin a training program for those interested in planting churches.

As you look forward to the New Year, what changes can you make to be more incarnate in your community? What can be done to make your church more visible to the community? What if change came in the way of church growth? What if your church doubled in size? What if your church doubled in size next

week? Is this possible? The answer is yes, but it will require everyone bringing at least one guest with them to church next week. Why do numbers matter? Because every number represents a life. I believe all things are possible with God.

Throughout 2018, I will be providing "Gold Nuggets" of information. These "Gold Nuggets" can be used to encourage others, train for the mission ahead, and to spark a desire for church growth.

The first "Gold Nugget" is to use "Big Days" to reach new people. Nelson Searcy defines "Big Days" as, "an all-out push toward a single Sunday for the

Upcoming Dates

JANUARY

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 8-10 TORONTO CANADA VISION TOUR
- 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- 20 PASTORS AND WIVES NEW YEARS DINNER
- 23-25 MIDWEST LEADERSHIP (ADVANCE) CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY

- 12 QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
5:30 P.M.

SMOKY HILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PASTORS, COLLEGIATE MINISTRY
LEADERS, AND SPOUSES
NEW YEAR'S DINNER

BROOKVILLE HOTEL
105 EAST LAFAYETTE AVENUE
ABILENE, KS

R.S.V.P.
Today!

Family Style Chicken Dinner

RELISHES
SWEET-SOUR COLE-SLAW (FAMILY PENNSYLVANIA RECIPE)
COTTAGE CHEESE
ONE-HALF SKILLET OF FRIED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES W/ CREAM GRAVY
CREAM-STYLE CORN
BAKING POWDER BISCUITS WITH CREAMY BUTTER AND PRESERVES
HOME STYLE ICE CREAM

\$17.75 PER PERSON

RSVP TO NATE BUTLER: 785-307-8160



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BIRTHDAYS

- JANUARY
- 17 NATE BUTLER, DOM
- 26 BEN DEEVER, MANHATTAN
- 27 DAN CATE, MCPHERSON
- FEBRUARY
- 2 CHERYL VANBEBBER, RILEY
- 2 MARIS DEEVER, MANHATTAN

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 Association 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.

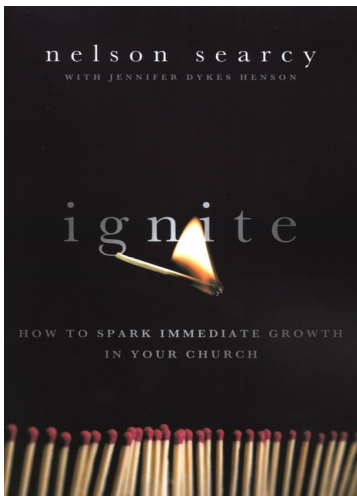
In addition to the sponsors, there will be a silent auction. Would your church be willing to assemble a basket of goodies such as a cooler with beach/pool supplies, maybe a grill filled with Bar-B-Q items, or how about a fire pit with all the supplies for Smores? Pinterest has many wonderful ideas. These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

Recommended Reading

“Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers.” --Harry S. Truman



Do you know how many books the average person reads per year? Two or three, for the entire year. And yet, the average CEO is reading four or five books per month. That's a drastic difference.

One quality of leaders and high achievers in every area seems to be a commitment to ongoing personal and professional development. Leaders never become complacent or satisfied. They are always moving forward toward even greater knowledge and understanding.

Therefore, during the 2018 Calendar Year, I will be posting recommended books to read. These books will provide information and training in the area of church growth, church planting, and leadership.

The first book I will recommend is *Ignite, How To Spark Immediate Growth In Your Church*, by Nelson Searcy. Ignite sets forth a step-by step, biblically grounded, proven plan for creating immediate church growth by utilizing a series of Big Days to mobilize the church for evangelism.

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

purpose of breaking the next growth barrier and setting an attendance record in order to reach as many people as possible for Jesus.”

When I pastored at a local church, we would plan for two or three “big days” each year: 1) Our annual Easter Celebration and 2) a “Back to Church Sunday.” For Easter we would move our Worship Celebration to a much larger venue. We would pray, plan, and prepare for the event, all while trusting God to bring

the guests. The “Back to Church Sunday” takes place in September to coincide with the back to school mindset. More important than the event was the follow-up. People don't care that you know, until they know that you care. Establish relationships in the follow-up. If possible, deliver a coffee cup or some other gift to your guest, and respond to any prayer requests on the guest card. These efforts always resulted in return guests. But then what?

The next step took effort as

we began to move our guests from being an attender to becoming a member of the congregation. This was done through assimilation. Assimilation provides the means and opportunity for the people to become mature followers of Christ. People want to belong. Our church should be a place where people can feel safe, serve, be disciplined, and be part of the local community of faith.

What “Big Days” do you have planned for 2018? If the answer is none, consider

making a change to your planning calendar to include one or two “Big Days.” Get everyone on board to have a role. The more involved they are the more they will invite neighbors and friends.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9



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A large, celebratory graphic for the New Year. The words "HAPPY NEW YEAR" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a black rectangular border. The background of the graphic is a dense, sparkling field of golden-yellow dots and small starburst patterns, creating a festive and shimmering effect.

HAPPY NEW YEAR