

SMOKY HILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

“BETTER TOGETHER”



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NATE'S NOTES

This has been a hard 13 days. Last week I was informed that my sister was in the hospital in ICU. This past Wednesday, my sister passed from this life into eternity with God the Father. As I type this note, I am reminiscing about the past 53 years. Time has moved so fast, faster than it ever has before. Yes, I am aware the speed of time hasn't really changed, but my perception of time is that it often moves at the speed of light. My earliest memories are from when my father was planting Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, Indiana. I was four years old when my parents arrived home with my baby sister. I can remember them telling me they brought home a bundle of Joy. My sister's name was Joy. Much happened over the next 53 years, and I will hold on to those memories. She and I had been very close. This week I have heard from so many who have been praying for my family. I am honored that you would consider my family in your prayers. Hold your family close. James tells us these words about life, "You don't even know what tomorrow will

bring—what your life will be! For you are like smoke that appears for a little while, then vanishes." James 4:14

Husbands and wives, are you showing "Love and Respect" towards each other? We read these words from Ephesians 5:33, "each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband." Men we are to love our wives unconditionally. Wives you are to respect your husband. It is a cycle that will continually recharge itself if we follow these biblical principles.

Parents, do you love and train up your children? My sister loved her three children and her grandchildren. I believe that almost every time I saw a picture of her she was with one of them. Hug your children often. Tell them you love them. Today, my children are all successful adults. Yet, we always tell each other "I love you" and if I hadn't seen them in a while, when we meet, we hug and kiss each other on the cheek.

Pastor, do you love your calling as the Under Shepherd of the church. You have been called and given a task "for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12) Often this kind of love requires sacrifice. But that does not mean that we sacrifice our families on the altar of the church. Be committed to your calling but be sure to carve out time for your family.

Lastly, do you, as a Christian, love the church? I am not certain that you can love Jesus without loving the church. The church is the bride of Christ. One day Jesus will return for His bride. And, as the great preacher, Adrian Rogers, once said, "when Jesus returns for His church, we will hear the song, *Hear Comes The Bride.*" I absolutely love the church, her pastors and their families. And I am excited to be part of the greatest family to ever walk the earth, the family

MAY
2018

Upcoming Dates

MAY

- 10 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING, MUSON'S PRIME
- 14 SHBA QRTLTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH, SALINA
- 26 CANADA MISSION TEAM TRAINING, CROSSROADS, RILEY

JUNE

- 9-10 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERS, DALLAS
- 10-11 SBC PASTOR'S CONFERENCE, DALLAS
- 11-15 KIDS CAMP, WEBSTER CONFERENCE CENTER
- 12-13 SBC ANNUAL MEETING, DALLAS
- 25-29 SUPER SUMMER WEEK 1

JULY

- 2-30 SUPER SUMMER WEEKS 2-6
- 15-22 MISSION TRIP TO TORONTO, CANADA



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BIRTHDAYS

- MAY
- 17 CAROL MADSEN
- 24 HEDI SAVAGE
- JUNE
- 3 SHEILA WOOD
- 5 TERRY BUTLER
- 22 MATTHEW CARDER

ANNIVERSARIES

- JUNE
- 3 BRANDON AND STACY HAGINS



Toronto, Canada

July 15-22, 2018

Signup Deadline: June 1, 2018

Cost \$850

Contact Nate Butler: 785-307-8160

Must have a passport

YOUR VIOLA WEBB OFFERING AT WORK

Korean Central Baptist Church of Junction City, Kansas



This past winter, the Korean Central Baptist Church had a fire in their parsonage. Pastor Woo Jang was in the house when it caught fire. We are thankful that he was not injured. The repair costs for the parsonage have been estimated to be \$34,500. The church has partnered with a Korean Church from California to come out in June to repair the building and provide \$25,000 for the repairs. This left more than \$9,000 to be paid. Churches and family members from around the Association and the KNCSB provided \$1,500. A motion was made during the last Association Executive Board Meeting to send the Viola Webb State Offering money to the church along with a matching amount of up to \$1,000. Our half of the Viola Webb State Offering that was returned to that Association was \$2,000. Therefore, the Association provided Pastor Woo Jang and the congregation a check for \$3,000. Funds are still needed to purchase materials for the repairs. If you or your church is interested in helping, please contact Nate Butler at 785-307-8160.

TORONTO CANADA MISSION

The dates for the Toronto Mission Trip 2018 have been set. We are going "On Mission" July 15 -22. Team training is now scheduled for May 26, 9:00-11:00 A.M., at Crossroads Baptist Church, Riley, Kansas. Here is the good news. It's not too late to join the team. The cutoff date for signing up to go is June 1. This cutoff date has been established so that Nate can confirm housing for the team while they are in Toronto. The \$850 cost will get you a seat in the van, and the opportunity to experience going "On Mission."

While on mission, the group will assist the Emmanuel Baptist Church Network. This network is a group of Hispanic churches that have a vision to plant 20 churches by 2020. The mission trip will consist of hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the children in the local communities. The churches are hoping to attract 30-50 children to attend the VBS. This group will also conduct evangelism and distribute invitations to the Fiesta that will be held on July 21. Additionally, a few from this team will assist one of the pastors with some light construction work.

The teams will leave on Sunday, June 15, after worship services, drive 10 hours and take a rest at a church in Indianapolis. We will arrive in Toronto on Monday. Be prepared to hit the ground running. Our housing for the week will be at the University, sleeping in their dormitories. We will prepare our own meals or eat at local restaurants. The team will spend one day at Niagara Falls. There will be an opportunity to take the boat ride up to the falls and to fly through the air on a zipline. We will depart on Saturday, July 21, to return home. The plan is to stop and worship at a church along the way.

The cost of the trip includes: transportation, lodging, food, and the trip to Niagara Falls. You will need a Passport to enter Canada and return to the U.S. If you are interested in going to Canada, please email Nate Butler at nathan.butler365@gmail.com or call him at 785-307-8160. Again, the cutoff for signing up to go is close of business, June 1.

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

We are a third of the way through the year and summer is approaching fast. What do you have planned for your summer? Let me encourage you to include three events on your church calendar for the summer:

- 1) Kids Camp, June 11-15, for students currently in grades 3-6
- 2) Super Summer, June 25-August 3, (you choose the week), for students currently in grades 6-12.
- 3) Of significance for pastors and staff is the annual Southern Baptist Convention Meeting in Dallas, June 10-13. The Pastors' Conference meets June 10-11 and the Convention meets June 12-13. Pastors, I hope that you will be able to attend. If you are concerned about funding the trip, there are scholarships currently being offered by the Caskey Center. If you are interested, go to <https://caskeycenter.com/2018/04/30/pastors-conference-scholarships-available/> . If you are attending, please let Nate know. He and Terry would like to have a group lunch or dinner.

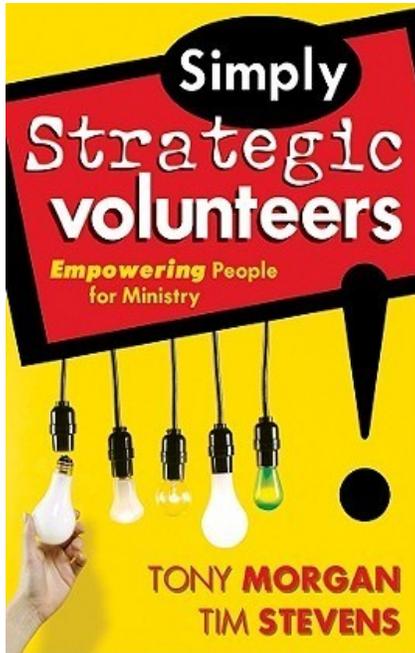
SUMMER OUTREACH

Are you are getting ready for your summer outreach programs? It would be great to hear about your efforts and the outcome. Share pictures with me and a short write up on the activity. Others may read about an idea they can use to reach their area of influence.

GREAT QUOTE

"The measure of a leader is not what you do but what people do because of you."
— Howard Hendricks

RECOMMENDED READING



Pastors and leaders, are you looking for a book that will provide straightforward solutions to help recruit, train, motivate, and keep volunteers in ministry? If your answer is “yes” then look no farther than *Simply Strategic Volunteers, Empowering People for Ministry*, written by Tony Morgan and Tim Stevens, pastors at Granger Community Church. These authors show you how to help volunteers use their strengths to benefit the church—and their spiritual growth.

Lead people from being consumers in the church to being contributors—and help them find greater personal fulfillment in the process. The authors give you field-tested ideas on how to: create a serving environment, structure unique serving roles, help people learn how God has wired them for ministry and more.

I have used this book numerous time to gather ideas for our volunteers. Ideas like: mastering the art of celebration; good enough isn't good enough; hiring your volunteers; and many more. This book has become my go to resource.

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

NATE'S NOTES

of God.

Yes, there will be days when relationships are strained. When those days come, tell those around you that you love them. Romans 12:10, “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”

“Because He Lives”
Nate Butler

EASTERN KANSAS LEADERSHIP CONF

The Eastern Kansas Church Leadership training in Topeka was outstanding. One of the two breakouts was facilitated by our own, Greg Savage, from First Southern Baptist Church, Salina, KS. Greg covered *Training Lay Pastors*. If you are interested in starting a program in your church to train up lay pastors, give Greg a call. He can provide you

with insights on how to initiate out to the lost and unchurched, sharing Jesus the training.

Another breakout was on *Connecting with Our Community*. Pastor Doyle Pryor from First Southern Baptist Church, Topeka, provided information and techniques his church uses to connect to their community. His plan is all about reaching

to church. From Easter Egg Hunts to Block Parties, his church is doing whatever it takes to reach their community. Looking for ideas, give Doyle a call, I'm sure he can provide you with some ideas.

SUPER SUMMER 2018

Super Summer 2018 will explore the book of Galatians and campers will learn how to “Breakout” and find true freedom.

Galatians 5:13 (NCV) is the theme verse: “My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self. Serve each other with love.”

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-Aug 3 Ryan Fontenot and Jason Waller

2018 Kids Camp

Kids Camp
3rd-6th grade
June 11-15
Webster Conference



Cost: \$165.00
Scholarships
available

Questions? Contact: Nate Butler at 785-307-8160
or Cheryl VanBebber at 785-341-7107

Registration must be postmarked by April 26.
Scholarships are available through the Roy Howard Association Offering, on an as needed basis.
Scholarship will pay up to 50% of cost for students of churches that give to the Roy Howard Offering.



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Smoky Hill Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting Monday, May 14, @ 7:00 P.M.

First Southern Baptist Church
2401 S Ohio Street
Salina, Kansas 67401

There will be a time of worship lead by First Southern Baptist Church, followed by a presentation from Glenn Davis, Director of Missions, Heart of Kansas Association. Glenn will be with us to speak on the topic of "Associations Were Biblical, Before They Were Baptist."

Following worship, there will be a time of business. This will include current details about the Associational Canada Mission Trip, Children's Camp, and other upcoming events.

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

All Pastors, Messengers and guests are encouraged to attend.