



# SBA Weekly News

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**Summer is upon us by the calendar, but we already have had some Summer experiences. PTL for the Grace Youth Mission Trip which is in its 3rd day of ministry in Portland. More to follow.**

**Is your church going (even to one of our own churches) or having folks come to assist your church. Please let us pray for you and them.**

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**New SBC president** [Excerpts from Baptist Press](#) article by Diana Chandler, staff writer. Karen Willoughby of the Louisiana Baptist Message contributed to this report.

NEW ORLEANS (BP) --

"I've been with Southern Baptists for 25 years as pastor," he said,

Luter was unopposed for the SBC presidency. A trailblazer in the SBC, the pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church was the first African American to preach the convention sermon at the annual meeting in 2001, also held in New Orleans, and in 2011 was the first black elected as SBC first vice president.

Luter got the SBC's attention in the early 1990s when the church led the Louisiana Baptist Convention in baptisms. Wayne Jenkins, LBC director of evangelism and church growth, contacted Luter while attending a New Orleans meeting, when Luter graciously invited Jenkins to preach, having just met him.

Jenkins describes Luter as authentic, a close friend and a good preacher who has maintained a strong personal witness.

"What you see of Fred on the platform and what you see of Fred off the platform is the same man. A good family man, strong morals. That was part of the success, I think, the blessing of God on his church," Jenkins said. "He made a strong stand and said, 'I will not have anybody serving in this church that does not hold to those strong views,' and he had to discipline some people during that period of time."

Jenkins introduced Luter to evangelism leaders across the SBC and the invitations started pouring in, including the 1996 SBC Pastors' Conference.

"James Merritt was the president of the Pastors' Conference, and you know, everybody, a lot of pastors from across the country come to the Pastors' Conference," Luter said. "When I preached that sermon there, it literally put me on the map. I started getting calls from everybody.

Luter married his high school sweetheart Elizabeth on Oct. 11, 1980 -- he succinctly states the date with pride. Their 27-year-old son Fred III is Franklin Avenue's youth pastor; their 30-year-old daughter Kimberly teaches school in Birmingham, Ala.

The family stayed with Kimberly when Katrina's floodwaters damaged their New Orleans home and the church that Luter had diligently grown from a membership of 50 in 1986 to 7,000 less than 20 years later. His love for Franklin Avenue stirred him to turn down post-Katrina offers to pastor elsewhere, instead he met with church members scattered in at least three states until they were reunited in the renovated facility. Franklin Avenue met for two and a half years at First Baptist Church in New Orleans, where Luter and the church family developed a close bond with the majority white congregation and its pastor, David Crosby, who nominated Luter for the presidency.

Luter's life is replete with godly relationships he says he's been gifted to develop. From his youth, he said, friends looked to him to serve in such posts as captain of the football and basketball teams or on the student council.

"I just do what God has called me to do. I'm amazed at the opportunities that have been given to me through the years."

Paste this to your browser to get the complete article which includes more of his history, etc.

<http://www.baptistpress.org/BPnews.asp?ID=38080>

## • Prayer Needs and Praises:

- Let me know if your church has a prayer concern it will be posted here.
- Updates are a great thing.

- **Grace Youth Mission Team** - We will be in Portland June 18-23 at the Portland Rescue mission.
- **Jamie Batte**: He is facing serious life changes and needs total clarification from God that he is doing what God wants him to do.
- **Church Needs**: We have three churches that could use **large tents** for a period of time. They would need to hold about 100 for two and 150 for one. Pray that God would make provision for those tents and the muscle to put them up! PTL there is a possibility for College Heights. Checking into it more.
- **Bruce Pearson**: Strength and healing from heart surgery.
- **Margaret Fry**: Healing from lung removal cancer surgery.
- **Children and Youth Team** as they plan Camp 2012. Lenny and Sherry Brewer are leading out in this. See below for dates of meetings. Pray that these are well attended and much is accomplished.
- **College Heights** - Pastor Search Committee as they discern God's direction in regards to a new pastor. They are taking resume's for their pastoral position. Pray that they will find the man God is leading to their church. Continue to pray for the reconstruction and all of what goes into that.
- **Pastor Ron Lloyd, FBC Tule Lake, CA**. Church family is still in pastoral call process: please pray for church unity and wisdom from God as they complete their pastoral call. As for Carol and I, we continue to trust Him to provide further wisdom as our next interim ministry.
- Melissa had some issues in regards to her surgery. Last I heard she is better and home.
- **From Pastor Richard Williams, Petra, Central Point; 3/22/12**  
Pray for Petra as they seek God's direction and will for their place of worship.
- **Pray for your purity of heart, that you will be a bold and courageous witness that God can use.**
- **Pray for these Pastors and their wives:**
  - Grace, Rogue River: Lenny and Sherry Brewer,
  - Jim and Beverly McKinney
  - Zach and Tabitha Badley
- **Pray for all of our Pastor's and wives, Region 4 Team, Missionaries (IMB and NAMB) and NWBC staff** that they (we) would give all their anxious thoughts to God and rest in His peace. Phil. 4:6-7
- **Be in prayer for Bill Crews, Executive Director of the NWBC. Pray for his health and those who are treating him.**
- **Be in prayer for Sara Wisdom, Retired Women's Strategist/WMU Director of the NWBC. She has cancer and covets your prayers.**
- **Prospect Baptist Church and Bob Batte** as they work on making more room for many new folks and bus ministry. They are on hold for engineering etc. The waiting game begins.
- **For ministries throughout our SBA area that are reaching out to their greater community.**
- **For upcoming events, that they would encourage and edify the Body of Christ here in So. Oregon.**
- **For So. Oregon New Work** that we will seek to see where God is leading and follow Him to reach many for Jesus.
- **For our churches that are struggling with both much and lack of growth and financial issues.**

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## Reminders of upcoming Current Calendar Information:

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### June Birthdays and Anniversaries: Please remember to pray for these on their special days.

Kevin and Linda Darr-Anni - 14th; Mike Franell, 18th; Zach and Tabitha Badley-Anni, 17th; Bruce and Susan Sloan-Anni - 19th; Jim and Beverly McKinney-Anni - 21th; Kevin Darr-22nd; Ken and Nancy Goss-Anni - 23rd; Larry and Carolyn Brons-Anni - 25th

### Camp Leadership Meeting June 23rd, Cancelled See Camp Note from Sherry

### July Birthdays and Anniversaries: Please remember to pray for these on their special days.

William Burns - 1st; Richard and Patricia Williams-Anni, 8th; Sawyer Badley (4), 9th; Zach Merritt, 17th; Ken and Pat Barrington-Anni, 18th; Carolyn Dawson, 21st; Rhonda Smith, 24th; Bob and Betty Batte-Anni, 25th; Teri Franell, 28th; Stan Smith, 29th

### VBS 2012 Grace Baptist

July 2-6

### CAMP 2012- July 9th - 13th, 2012 - Very Important for those sending kids to camp!!

All camp paperwork & monies need to be in to Lenny & Sherry Brewer **NO LATER THAN** June 25th before then would be great as Lenny has convention mtgs in Vancouver the 25th-27th and I hope to work on it while I'm with him there.

- **Mail to** 4233 E Evans Crk Rd; Rogue River, OR 97537 If it won't be there by the 25th, you can e-mail your camp list with:
  - names,
  - last completed grade (if adult where they want to serve)
  - t-shirt sizes
- If you have leaders coming who have already committed and know their choice /preference of work arena if you would let us know that as soon as possible that would be awesome so we can go ahead and start looking for placement for those who are flexible.
- Judy Hardy, who is overseeing the kitchen, hopes to meet with others who wish to serve in that arena toward the end of June.
- **PASTORS please do not submit leaders / adults without doing a background check.**

NO CAMP MTG on June 23rd. Delayed until we have all paperwork in and assignments made.

If you have questions feel free to call Lenny at 541-326-1238.

### VBS 2012 Lozier Lane Baptist

July 29-August 4

### 5th Sunday July 29th - College Heights, Grants Pass

### 5th Sundays 2012

September 30th - Grace, Rogue River ??? may need a back up for this one. Call Sherry

Dec - we will not have a 5th Sunday sing in December 2012

**A Thought worth repeating: Regarding Vacation Bible school:** I was looking for some statistics regarding Vacation Bible School in the last few years but did not get to the right place evidently. As I recall from before, VBS is the largest outreach most SBC churches do in a year. It targets children but adults and whole families can be affected by it. A lot of folks who came to know the Lord early in life did so at a VBS. Pray, pray for the 4 churches in our association that are having VBS. If you can step out of your zone and help in some way that would be such a blessing to at least a couple of them. Grace, Rogue River; Lozier Lane, Medford; College Heights, Grants Pass; and Trinity, White City.

These two items have looked interesting. Just thought I'd send them on. Nancy



(Exerpts from web page:)

It is true! Single mothers are now the fastest growing population in the world today with 53% of the births last year born out of wedlock to women 30 years old and younger.

Statistics also show that 95% of single mothers do not attend church. This also means that the 37.5 million children of single mothers are also un-churched. Pastors now have the opportunity to impact the most challenged future generation of our time by getting single moms and their children thru their doors.

It is extremely simple for the church to implement James 1:27 that says: Real religion is to minister to the widows and orphans. The main reason 95% of single moms do not attend church is they feel they do not fit in anywhere, and are afraid of being judged due to their situation.

All a church needs to do to help single moms walk thru their door is have a class that is a SAFE PLACE just for them as a woman and single mom. No co-ed classes please! The 21 Principles of a Healthy Single Mom Bible Study provides what you need to hold this class. These 21 Principles are BIBLICAL SOLUTIONS TO REAL LIFE ISSUES FOR SINGLE MOMS ([www.hope4singlemoms.com](http://www.hope4singlemoms.com))

I welcome the opportunity to talk with you personally about starting the 21 Principles. Please feel free to call my office in Atlanta at 678-828-9079 or email me back with any questions or a time that you would like for me to call you. Also, the website ([hope4singlemoms.com](http://hope4singlemoms.com)) is a wealth of information. I look forward to hearing from you soon and your partnership.

#### **A fund raiser idea:**

Hello, My name is Paul Little. I am a bi-vocational Pastor here in Geraldine, Al. We make laser engraved plaques - Amazing Grace, Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer and many more. If you know of any churches that are wanting to do a fundraiser we will wholesale the plaques for \$10 with free shipping (6 or more) and they sell for \$20 or \$25. If you could forward this to any churches or people that may own a store that would be great. I started this when I seen the amazing grace plaque that P. Graham Dunn sells but it was \$40 and the one that they had for \$20 was small. So I had a couple of places around here give me a price on making me one and they were around \$40, so I decided to make them myself and offer them at a reasonable price. I also envy your prayers on this endeavor and upon my ministry, thanks and God Bless.

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