



I once went to class in college and was surprised by it being test day. I thought I had another week. I was unprepared. The good news was in that class I could drop a test grade during the semester! Guess what test that I dropped.

Other times I was unprepared to stand up to preach only because my prayer life was shallow. As I get older I try to spend more time praying than ever before. I now see that study without prayer is a good intellectual exercise yet not a spiritual experience.

Jesus set the example in prayer at His baptism. "He prayed and Heaven was opened", as it says in Luke 3:21. Jesus, in the middle of ministry would "often slip away to the wilderness and pray" in Luke 5:16. Before a major decision Jesus spent time praying all night before calling the 12 Disciples in Luke 6:12. One time Jesus prayed alone and His Disciples were with Him in Luke 9:18.

In my prayer life I never remember having Heaven to open. At other times, in the middle of ministry, I get too busy to pray. When the pressure of a major decision comes, I have never prayed all night. When others are with me, I have a difficult time getting alone to pray. I want to be like Jesus but I must admit that I am just a beginner in prayer. At least if I compare myself to Jesus I am.

In my life there are no days that I can drop because I failed to pray. What about you?

Remember the Holy Spirit came after the church was in unity in prayer.

I remember a story of Suzanna Wesley the mother of John and Charles and 17 other children would sometime during her day raise her apron above her head. It was a signal to her children that she was praying. I wished that I had an apron.

Join me in the prayer closet.
Dan



Block Party Equipment Reservations

Please call the associational office for a full reservation schedule of the Block Party and Bouncy House trailers. (575) 763-1588

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On Mission With God



Eastern Baptist Association Annual Meeting

FBC Melrose • October 4th

Meal will begin at 5:30
Meeting will begin at 6:30



THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 25-26, 2011



This year's convention will be hosted at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Farmington. The theme is "Highway to Holiness". The special guest will be Jim Shaddix of Riverside Baptist Church of Denver and Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board. The Annual Sermon for the convention will be presented by Larry Miller, pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church of Albuquerque.

HEART MEDICINE



PROVERBS 17:22

You Know You're From California When ...:
The fastest part of your commute is down your driveway.
You were born somewhere else.
You know how to eat an artichoke.
You go to a tanning salon before you hit the beach.
You drive to your neighborhood block party.

Why are you always welcome in the Show-Me-State?
Because Missouri loves company.

What did the flag say to Thomas Jefferson?
Nothing. It just waved.

Which U.S. President liked to clean house?
Hoover.

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Prayer Needs

Pray for every pastor that he will be a strong spiritual leader for his home and his church.

Pray for every deacon that he will be the spiritual man that God wants.

Pray for every church to develop a stronger prayer ministry.

Looking Ahead

October 4: Annual meeting at FBC Melrose with the meal at 5:30 & the meeting at 6:30 pm.

October 25-26: Baptist Convention of New Mexico annual convention at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Budget \$ At A Glance

Beginning Balance\$292.48
Income\$10,501.36
Expenses-\$10,876.88
Ending Balance(\$83.04)
Contingency\$2,610.76
Disaster Relief\$1,881.85
Evangelistic Trailer Fund\$2,199.77
Ministry to Churches\$ -
EBA Savings Account\$7,920.92