

The Voice

Information and Inspiration for the Welsh Neck Baptist Association
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STAY INFORMED

Please visit our website to receive up-to-date information and to learn about upcoming events within the association. *The Voice* is posted on our website each month under the newsletter tab. You can also find *The Voice* on our Facebook page.

As we move into the new year we will be working to provide relevant and needful information about the opportunities, happenings, and events within the association.

So, plan to make a regular stop at our website to stay informed about YOUR Welsh Neck Baptist Association.

Find us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/welshneck

Dates To Remember

January 6: Ministers Meeting, Mission Center, 10:30am.

January 23: Associational Council Meeting, Mission Center, 10:30am.

January 28: Solemn Assembly Led by Ronnie Floyd, First Baptist Church, Columbia, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Welsh Neck Baptist Association Executive Committee Meeting

February 13, 2020

7:00pm.

Mission Center

Each church is entitled to representation on the Executive Committee by one staff member and one lay member.

IMPORTANT ADDRESS INFORMATION

Beginning January 1, 2020, we are asking all of our churches to use the association's physical address for all mail correspondence and contributions. We will be discontinuing our PO Box in 2020. This change will benefit us financially and will also be more convenient for retrieving our mail. Thank you for mailing your future correspondence and contributions to:

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"Weekend of Encouragement" Marriage Retreat January 31—February 1

Pastor Rob Pierce from Latta Baptist Church will host a marriage retreat for husbands and wives. The retreat will be held at the Double Tree Resort, Myrtle Beach. Dr. Richard Blackaby will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$99.00 per couple. For details visit the website at <https://weekendofencouragement.com> or, contact Rob Pierce via email at repierce@aol.com or by phone at 803-473-0386.

A Word from the DOM

It seems like yesterday we were all worried about the Y2K bug and, now, here we are 20 years later with many more cultural concerns than the Y2K bug. Our society and culture are changing at an ever increasing speed. The "Knowledge Doubling Curve," as it is now known, was estimated at every 100 years in 1900. By 1982 Buckminster Fuller estimated that knowledge was doubling every 12-13 months. Some, like IBM, are now saying that as we enter into 2020, because of the internet and technology, knowledge will double at a rate of every 12 hours! So where does that put the Christian community and the church? The same place it has always been, in the hands of a sovereign, omnipotent God who is not worried nor dismayed over the happenings in this world. Indeed, He is in control of and rules over this world, no matter how quickly it moves. In times like these we must learn from God's word to Joshua, "Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

The new year provides for us a new opportunity to be strong in the Lord and to shine brightly for Him in the midst of a rapidly changing and increasingly dark world. In Philippians 2:14-16, Paul tells the Christians in Philippi that they, like we, are lights in the world. He writes, "Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain." Notice all the things that surround our being lights in the world: No grumbling or disputing, blameless, innocent, above reproach, and holding fast the word of life. As children of God this is how we are to live so that we can impact our culture for Christ. I pray that all of us will take to heart these truths as we enter into a new year and, that this will be a faithful, Christ-honoring year for all of us.

Your fellow servant,

Joe Willard

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This year we are adding a leadership training element to the equipping ministries of the association. Last year we introduced our Lay Preacher Training Class. This year Pastor Tim Coker will be leading a class on leadership and discipleship for men who desire to be better leaders in the church, in the home, and in the work place. We are working out the details for this training opportunity and will be announcing those in the coming weeks. Brother Tim will be sharing about this opportunity with our ministers at our upcoming ministers meeting on Monday, January 6. Tim has taught a similar class at Central Baptist Church for 15 years with many men, their church, and their families benefitting greatly. I encourage our ministers to be present for our meeting in January and I encourage the men of our churches to be praying now about participating in this training opportunity.