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Knowing the Way

“Make me know Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, Your compassion and Your loving kindnesses, For they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; According to Your lovingkindness remember me, For Your goodness’ sake, O Lord.”
Psalm 25:4-7 (NASB)

Have you ever lost your way? Speaking geographically, GPS and maps are a help (though I did apparently get Siri lost once). I really like to see road maps and take note of terrain and structures to help me find my way, but these are completely insufficient when one seems to have lost their way in life. Even the faithful can, at times, seem to get off track and get into rather desperate situations.

I like what the Psalmist requested of God: “Make me know YOUR ways...” We might set a course that seems good to us, but instead lead us astray. It is vastly important for us to seek to know God’s ways and His way—His plan—for the trajectory of our lives. So much of the ‘popular’ Christianity in the American culture is aimed at bending God’s will to ours rather than seeking to know, practice and enjoy His will for us. Consequently, most of what the ‘name it and claim it,’ theology is heresy and therefore dangerous to one’s fellowship with God.

Our best course of action is to beseech the Lord to teach us His paths. When we seek to know and walk in His way, we have access to His teaching which is Truth. Let me camp out here for a few minutes. There is nothing and I do mean NOTHING, that is more important to our wellbeing or the wellbeing of our children than the teaching of Scripture. The God of Scripture is the Creator of the universe; the sustainer of life; the source of all wisdom and He is the God of our salvation. Such a God surely knows the way we should travel through life and the timing for our travel. I am in favor in getting as much ‘formal education’ as possible, but I also know that a person can read hundreds of volumes of great literature and history, and be Biblically illiterate. To know all of the scientific theories of the world is not nearly as important as knowing the Author of the Christian faith and that He reveals Himself in His written Word. He is sufficiently wise enough to direct our path in life because His path is sure and His determined outcomes are perfection.

When we do lose our way, we are encouraged by the fact that the God of the Bible is a God of compassion. We can take great comfort in His lovingkindness. The Apostle Paul wrote of His compassion, comfort and mercy in 2 Corinthians chapter one verses three and four: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which*

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we ourselves are comforted by God.” (NASB) He who is the Father of mercies and the God of Comfort, is well able to set our feet on the solid path. If you lose your way, don’t look for an atlas or consult your smart phone for GPS information. Instead Cry out to God. His paths are sure and His Road Map is clearly laid out in Scripture. If you seem to have lost your way, cry out to God who has always been rich in compassion and loving-kindness.

Peace be unto You,
Tom Edwards



Pray for the churches listed below who will have their VBS in July

July 15-19 Winfield Central
July 21-26 Douglass, FBC
July 29-Aug 1 Towanda, FBC

Reminder, churches who have completed VBS, please be sure and complete your VBS report.



26th Annual Praise! Sing

Friday, August 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Location: TBA

The Praise Sing is for anyone who wishes to participate. It is suggested that no more than two selections from each church be shared. The service will also include some congregational participation. Fellowship and refreshments following the Praise! Sing Service.

If your church would like to participate please call or e-mail the association office, (620-221-3988 or scba47@att.net) and let us know. Please be prepared to give the name of your selection(s) and who is singing in order to avoid duplication of music shared. The SCASB office will prepare a bulletin for the Praise! Sing Service.



Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico, November 5-10, 2019 with Casas por Cristo. Coordinated by First Baptist Church of Douglass. Registration with a \$100 deposit deadline is Sunday, July 14! Cost \$550 per person (plus your meals outside of Mexico). Must possess a valid U.S. Passport.

A letter with attached flier and video was emailed to SCASB churches in early June by Voyt Lynn. Check with your pastor for information. Or **contact Pastor Voyt Lynn at FBCD cell 316-249-1310; for additional information or to register.** The 2018 trip included participants from five SCASB churches!

What will you do in Mexico? Build a new home for a needy family through the Casas por Cristo ministry; Share age and language-appropriate evangelistic materials in the neighborhood around the build site. No Spanish is required; No carpentry skill is required; no experience is required.

Purpose of South Central Association of Southern Baptists. The South Central Association of Southern Baptists (SCASB) exists to resource its member congregations in ways that will enable them to fulfill their unique, God-given vision for reaching the lost, developing disciples and leaders, and being involved in missional partnerships.

KNCSB WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2019

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September 12-13-14
Webster Conference
Center, Salina, KS

Save the Date!

The KNCSB Women's Conference "Renew" is an event for women and is planned by women who want to see women grow up spiritually while enjoying a weekend of girl fun! The scripture foundation this year is Mark 5. It is suggested that you begin studying this chapter as you prepare for what God is going to do in you.

A poster, registration information and letter with complete information was sent to all KNCSB churches the first week of June. The back of the letter gives detailed information about online registration. **Renew 2019 registration will be open from July 7th—August 22nd. Online registration deadline is August 22nd, registrations will not be accepted online after this date.** If you do not have internet access, need to make changes or have questions, you may call Jessica at 785-228-6828 on Tuesdays/Thursdays.

Conference package (includes registration fee): On Campus, includes 2 nights lodging and ALL meals is \$95. Off Campus, includes Friday lunch & dinner and Saturday lunch is \$75. The conference starts Friday 9:00 a.m. with registration; worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end Saturday around 3:30 p.m. Thursday night fun time at 7:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker: Donna VanLiere

VanLiere is a national author and speaker who will share on the topic, "Reaching For Jesus." Many will be familiar with her books, *The Christmas Shoes*, *The Christmas Star*, *Finding Grace: A Story About Losing Your Way in Life* and many more. And her movies ***The Christmas Secret*** and ***The Christmas Note*** when aired were among the highest rated movies in the history of the Hallmark Movies and Mystery channel. For more about VanLiere visit www.donnavanliere.com.



Worship Leaders: Melinda Hollan and Mary Murphy are from the Blue Valley Baptist Church in Kansas City.

Melinda is a transplanted Texan who moved to Olathe, KS in 2007. She holds a BS in Mathematics from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and a Master of Arts in Curriculum Design from Emporia State University. She currently teaches ELL Math. She is the church pianist at BVBC Antioch Campus in Overland Park. Her husband John serves as the worship Pastor. She and her husband are the parents of three daughters.

Mary was raised by a worship leader, children's music director of a small town church in Missouri. She came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior at age seven. She received her nursing degree from Southwest Baptist University and currently works at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. She and her husband are the parents of three children. Mary serves in the BVBC music ministry singing in the choir and on the praise team.

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July

- 4 Office Closed, Independence Day**
- 11 Pastors Fellowship, Noon, KC Colvin host pastor. Shindigs, in Winfield.
- 15 Administrative Team Meeting, 7:00 PM at FBC, Douglass**
- 22 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at SCASB Office Building**

August

- 5 Administrative Team Meeting 2020 Calendar and Budget Planning at SCASB Office Building**
- 8 Pastors Fellowship, 6:30 PM
- 13 KNCSB Nominating Committee Mtg.
- 16 26th Annual Praise Sing location TBA**

September

- 2 Office Closed, Labor Day**
- 4-5 Missionary/Staff Leadership Team Mtg. Baptist Building, Topeka
- 5 Executive Committee Mtg, Topeka
- 6 Mission Board Mtg., TBA
- 11 ACP's due on Line or in Association Office**
- 12 Pastors Fellowship, Noon
- 13-14 Renew, WCC (Formerly Wonderful Weekend for Women)**

September (Continued)

- 16 Administrative Team Mtg., Annual Meeting Preparation, 7:00 PM at FBC, Douglass**
- 23-29 Viola Webb Missions Offering & Week of Prayer Emphasis**
- 25 See You at the Pole (Local Schools)
- 29 Viola Webb Missions Offering Day**



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| 01 Mike Marker | 18 Donna Hutchison |
| 09 Page Butler | 20 Bert Neff |
| 12 James Gillespie | 21 Ron & Robin Long |
| 17 Cale & Cynthia Magruder | 22 Lisa Lee |
| 17 Lorraine Swift (Retired) | 23 Roger & Lisa Lee |
| | 29 Blake & Ruth Orr |