

### 2021 Tallapoosa Baptist Men's Conference *"King of Kings"*

"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple!"

ISAIAH 6:1

First Southern Baptist Church Tallapoosa
Saturday, February 20, 2021
8:00 am until Noon—Lunch will be provided
Doors open at 7:30 am

SPEAKER: Kim Bridges—FBC, Marmaduke, AR MUSIC: Grace Proven

For more information contact Pastor Ricky Taylor, 573-379-0265

Social distancing and masks are recommended.

#### FROM the DOM:

We find in Luke 9:23 the words of Jesus to His disciples, "..., If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." That describes the life of a true follower of Jesus, i.e. a disciple. That is what should characterize our lives. Do we really understand what those words mean? Do we see this kind of lifestyle in the context of the visible church today?

I am reading Kyle Idleman's book *Not a Fan: Becoming a Complete-ly Committed Follower of Jesus.* He discusses the reality of what we see in Christianity today. There are many fans of Jesus, but a smaller number of followers of Jesus. I cannot mention all that he says about the difference in those in this short article. But let me paraphrase one of his observations: fans admire Jesus and think He is something good, but followers are devoted and willing to sacrifice for Him. It is one thing to support the team and root for it and quite another to be an active member of the team.

Jesus did not call us and save us to live a life of convenience and ease. He actually bids us to come and die! But wait, I thought He calls us to have life? He did, but we must first die to ourselves and then we can live for Him. We live for Him whatever it takes and wherever it leads. Our life is no longer our own because we belong to Him.

I believe we are about to encounter some days where there will be a clear distinction between fans and followers. It is time to surrender and serve the Lord. May we die each day so we can truly live.

#### COMING in 2021:

- ⇒ Spring Prayer Gathering—Monday, March 22
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School Clinic—Tuesday, April 6
- ⇒ Children's Day—Saturday, April 17
- ⇒ J.O.Y. Spring Homecoming—Saturday, May 15
- ⇒ Women's Prayer Retreat—Monday, May 17
- ⇒ Younger Girls' Camp—June 20—23
- ⇒ Younger Boys' Camp—June 27—30
- ⇒ Junior High Camp—July 4—7
- ⇒ Special Edition Camp—Saturday, July 10
- ⇒ Senior High Camp— July 11—14

"This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do. Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:8-9 (CSB)



#### **Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### **Lunch Hour:**

Monday—Thursday

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

# The mission moves forward

"Therefore, my dear brother and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

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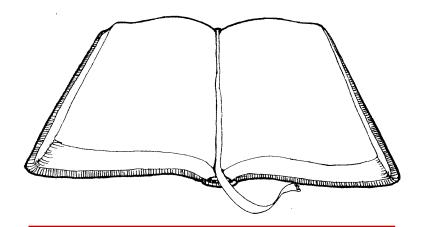
\$300 Training and conferences for church planter's wife

\$500 Neighborhood outreach event

\$1,000 Emergency travel assistance for missionary family

\$1,200 Bibles, Gospel tracts and discipleship materials

\$1,400 Monthly worship facility rent



#### **Associational/State Events**

Focus on WMU......February 8–14
Presidents Day.....February15

(Office Closed)
Week of Prayer for North American
Missions....March 7-14
Spring Prayer Gathering....March 22
Camp/Camp Food Committees Meeting
.....March 30

#### **Pastors' Events**

Pastors' Fellowship	February 8
Pastors' Fellowship	February 22
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#### **Spiritual Food for Thought**

"Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For the Lord your God is the One Who will go with you; He will not leave you or abandon you."

**DEUTERONOMY 6:31** 

#### **Associational Directory**

Director of Missions	Kevin Carter
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