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Back to Basics: Men's Conference Grow Deep, Stand together, Press On

August 24-25, 2018

Cost: \$10

Guest Speaker: Rev. Daniel Atkins, Pastor
Taylor Road Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama

"Remember the fundamentals?" "You can't play well if you don't know the basics first." How many times have you heard a coach make these remarks? You can't play sports well if you don't know the basics of the game; you will never build a house if you don't the basics of construction first, and following Chris is no different.

Back to Basics is a conference on Friday night and Saturday morning for men. The goal of the conference is for God to be glorified and for men throughout this conference to be challenged to remember and practice the basics of the Christian faith. Conference is for all men and male students who are entering high school in the Fall. This is the only criteria. We want ALL men here.

What do growing deep, standing together, and pressing on look like in the life of a man who follows Christ? This is the question we will seek to answer throughout this conference as we focus upon Jesus' call in Matthew 28:18-20. On Friday night, the conference will consist of a time of corporate worship-singing and preaching, and Saturday morning will feature break-out sessions, concluding with a another time of corporate worship.

Break-out Sessions include: **Grow Deep**, Landon Reynolds, Worship Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will be leading this session. **Stand Together**, Cleve Calcutt, Life Groups and Outreach Pastor of Greenwood Baptist will be leading this session. **Press On**, Chris Smith, Director of Missions of the Florence Baptist Association will be leading this session.

I would like to share with you a little about the Southern Baptist Convention that met in Dallas earlier this month. J. D. Greear was elected after bowing out from a run off during the last election. Many have said this signals the passing of leadership to a new generation. In some ways it does. This will be the first time a president will serve from a generation younger than the "Baby Boomers". While I fall into the "Baby Boomer" generation, my wife doesn't and I can attest to differences that just 5 years makes.

After the conservative resurgence in the convention, our SBC Seminaries have been more conservative and J.D. Greear is the product of our Seminaries and mentored by a past Seminary President. While none of us would find a person to serve that we agree with on every issue, we need to pray for Dr. Greear, trust God and Greear's previous success in ministry, to lead us well as a denomination.

Perhaps this is the question that needs to be answered: do you trust God or a president to lead us?

Nicaragua is a country that is in turmoil. Several along with myself were there this past August and March. Currently the organization we work thru are not allowing for any trips into the country. We have also had churches mission trip plans changed because of the unrest. Please pray as the church in Nicaragua is suffering because many of the ministries depend on volunteers coming to them. Please pray for our partners in ministry there as they live thru these trying times. Also pray that the situation there is resolved so that missionaries can go there again.

Looking forward,

Chris

Red Wolves Faith & Family Night

**Monday - July 16th
7:00 p.m.**

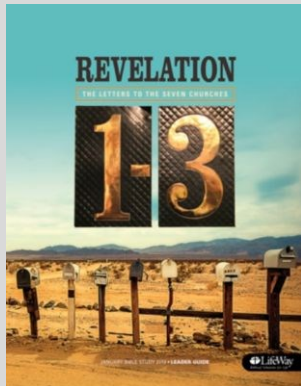
**Tickets - \$4
Orders due to FBA by July 2nd**



Executive Committee Meeting

Will be held on Thursday, July 19th at 11:30 am at the FBA Office. Cost of lunch will be \$5. Please call or email the associational office so appropriate lunch arrangements can be made.

January Bible Study 2019



The January Bible Study for 2019 will be on Revelation Chapters 1-3. Your pastor/church should have gotten a letting in early June concerning an opportunity for each church or group of churches. Chris Smith and several of our local pastors will be available to teach this material in a variety of settings and or schedules.

Please consider contacting us to schedule a study, three sessions, and/or consider partnering with neighboring churches to participate. This will be geared toward church revitalization but would be beneficial for any of our congregations.

Prayer Concerns:

Please include the following prayer needs on your prayer lists and in your prayer times.

Churches without Pastors:

*Elim
Florence First
Northside Chapel*

New Work:

New Covenant

CLC Program

Financial Support

Good News Clubs!

*More volunteers ;
Financial Assistance
Church Sponsors for new clubs*



The FBA Office will be closed July 4-6 in observance of Independence Day!

**We are Grateful!
May Contributions**

Church	May	Budget YTD
Ariel	.00	385.00
Bethel	.00	200.00
Beulah	.00	1,080.00
Calvary	.00	5,097.50
Calvary, Lake City	.00	800.00
Cartersville	.00	1,000.00
College Park	.00	2,924.43
Coward	100.00	350.00
Ebenezer	3,101.98	5,229.94
Elim	.00	2,665.88
Evergreen	396.44	2,068.64
Florence 1st	1,629.12	1,749.70
Grace	.00	7,365.60
Greenwood	.00	3,191.79
Hebron	.00	800.00
Hoffmeyer Rd	.00	5,308.52
Immanuel	.00	.00
Kingsburg	.00	600.00
Korean	.00	.00
Lake City 1st	.00	3,000.00
Mizpah	.00	531.70
Mt. Zion	600.00	1,200.00
New Covenant	.00	275.00
New Hope	.00	45.00
Northgate	254.42	1,444.56
Northside Chapel	.00	.00
Oakdale	.00	763.90
Pamplico 1st	.00	2,083.00
Pee Dee Community	.00	.00
Peniel	.00	300.00
Quinby	206.85	912.14
Rehoboth	.00	500.00
Ridgecrest	530.04	3,053.38
Sardis	.00	862.50
South Florence	.00	449.58
Southside	1,565.20	8,005.97
Sparrow Swamp	.00	2,726.25
Tans Bay	100.00	200.00
Timmons ville 1st	.00	200.00
Union	.00	1,470.58
Unity	883.32	883.32
Willow Creek	156.72	599.15
TOTALS	9,524.09	70,323.03

July Birthdays

- 11 Rev. Bo Treadway, (P) New Hope
- 25 Rev. Charles Larrimore (P), Unity
- 28 Rev. Peter Rivera (AP), Immanuel
- 29 Rev. David Scammell (P), Beulah

July Anniversaries

- 2 Doyle & Francis Jones, retired
- 5 James & Doris Brown, retired
- 11 Cleve (AP) & Vaughn Calcutt, Greenwood
- 14 Ed (MM) & Julie Self, Ebenezer
- 25 Bobby (P) & Penny Earls, Northgate
- 27 Burton (P) & Suzette Welsh, Sardis
- 30 Eddie (AP) & Louanne Stewart, Calvary, FBA

Around the Association

In Appreciation...As many of you know, my mother went to be with the Lord on the Saturday before Memorial Day. My family and I would like to thank you for the kind things you have done during her days at Bethea Baptist Home and since her passing. We appreciate each visit, call, card, text, and Facebook message. Also, there have been some Gideon Bibles given in her honor, and other memorials. Thank you, your concern and prayers have been felt and appreciated.

Rev. Chris Smith.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Rev. Brian Lynn and his family in the death of his grandfather.