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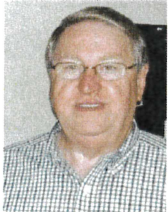
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Big Event Coming Soon

Recently you might have received an email from me with a "Save the Date" notice. I want to give just a bit more information. The date is **Tuesday, March 12**; the event is a marriage and family seminar with **Dr. Gary**

Chapman. You might know his name from his book on *The Five Love Languages*. The place for the event is Siloam Baptist Church. The time is 6:30pm for pre-session music with the session beginning at 7:00pm. In this stress-filled time, we want to build strong marriages. Strong marriages help to build strong churches and strong leaders. Plan to attend. Please invite some friends to attend with you. Pray for God's Spirit to anoint the session.

February has been called "the love month." I once knew a pastor who gave each member a cut-out piece of a giant heart. For a Sunday School attendance promotion, they were asked to bring their piece of the heart on a given Sunday. If everyone brought their piece, they would re-assemble a giant heart during the worship service. The theme was "don't break my heart" Sunday. I don't know if all the pieces were brought back on the given Sunday. I have had this thought about it. I wonder how often we bread the Lord's heart, and how do we do it. Perhaps that could be a sermon series. The take-away for this article is this. Let's be faithful to pray, witness, love and serve our wonderful Lord.

Robert



Liberation

On January 27, 1945 the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz Birkenau was liberated by the Russian army. Although no one knows the exact number of people that went through the camp, at least 1.1 million people were exterminated on the grounds of this place.

I will never forget walking through the halls of the barracks



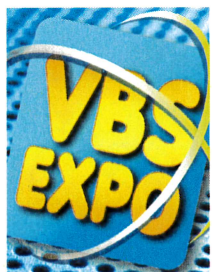
museum at Auschwitz and seeing the thousands upon thousands of shoes and suitcases.

Or walking into Block 11 and seeing the "wall of death". The thing that had the most powerful effect was standing at the train station at Birkenau and seeing the vastness of that camp littered with the foundations of the cabin barracks. It was probably as large as the entire downtown area of Easley, from the railroad tracts back out to Big Lots.



How many people in our communities and in our churches are in Satan's concentration camp. Marching around daily completely enslaved to their sin. They are spiritually malnourished and in hopes that someone will liberate them soon. Galatians 5 speaks to us about the freedom that is found in Christ. That we are called to freedom and to serving in love. Do you or someone you know need liberating today? Freedom is only found in the Great Liberator, King Jesus. My prayer is that we find Him and share Him daily this month.

Chris Jordan



Get Ready for VBS

Saturday, March 23, 2019

8:30am - 12:30pm

Fairview Baptist Church, Greer

VBS Expo provides VBS training for church leaders. It's all about providing practical ministry ideas with real solutions as churches seek

to deepen and widen their success in reaching kids and families in their communities. You may register at scbaptist.org.

Mobile Unit Trainings:



◆ Tuesday, February 19,
PBA Office, 6:30pm

◆ Saturday, March 30, PBA
Office, 10am.

Treasurer's Report December 2018

Contributions from Churches	25,255.90
Other	1,648.74
Total	26,904.64
Total Spent in Dec	28,698.11
Difference	-1,793.47

Monthly Budget Required	25,567.33
Budget Required thru Dec	306,807.96
Receipts to date	261,170.44
Spent thru Dec	288,972.64
Difference	-27,802.20

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2017
Agape	2,617.32	3,211.59
Arial	3,653.00	3,275.00
Bishop Branch	12,136.63	10,100.40
Brushy Creek	11,000.00	11,000.00
Calumet	2,090.00	1,599.00
Calvary Hill	8,857.70	7,323.25
Cannon Memorial	2,875.02	3,200.00
Cateechee	3,544.60	3,620.00
Cedar Rock	2,619.47	3,006.68
Central First	3,155.00	2,913.00
Connection Fellowship	765.00	675.00
Corinth	2,288.43	2,607.89
Crosswell First	900.00	1,300.00
Easley First	9,316.63	8,600.00
East Clemson	2,903.39	2,650.53
East Side	4,500.00	4,500.00
Elljean	1,326.60	1,478.73
Enon	4,783.30	4,499.45
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	750.00	550.00
*Fellowship Comm	200.00	400.00
Flat Rock	8,246.39	7,708.79
Geer Mem.	4,031.26	4,213.89
Georges Creek	2,653.03	2,491.65
Glenwood	2,915.91	2,876.33
Graceway	.00	487.28
Hunt's Mem.	3,600.00	3,600.00
Jones Ave.	6,225.23	7,714.68
Liberty First	5,500.00	6,500.00
Mountain Springs	9,043.69	8,514.26
Mt. Airy	9,600.00	9,600.00
Mt. Carmel	8,025.80	7,724.01
Mt. Moriah	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mt. Pisgah	12,000.00	12,000.00
Mt. Tabor	348.00	348.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	8,000.00	10,500.00
Park Street	237.00	134.00
Pendleton St.	761.64	450.06
Powdersville First	12,093.40	11,746.92
Refuge	2,080.00	2,020.00
Rice's Creek	1,784.56	1,784.51
River Road	1,025.77	1,071.75
Rock Springs	52,238.33	58,890.69
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	10,134.27	9,730.35
Six & Twenty	2,800.00	1,408.76
Slabtown	2,448.00	2,306.00
Smith Grove	400.00	700.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	200.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	958.21	1,013.06
Total	250,632.58	255,245.51

*Not a member of PBA



Birthdays:

- 2 Jennifer Meaders, wife of Missions Coord., Mt. Airy
- 3 Jean Parton, wife of Pastor, Arial
- 6 Mandy Gilmore, Pre-School Director, Mt. Airy
- 9 John Powers, Pastor, Georges Creek
- 10 Faye Dickard, wife of DOM
- 14 Donna Brock, wife of Min. of Education, Brushy Creek
- 14 Christy Bridges, wife of Pastor, Powdersville First
- 18 Harold Sanders, Pastor, Wren
- 18 Dave Shorter, Pastor, Calvary Hill
- 23 Marion Roach, PBA Clerk
- 25 James Wiles, Pastor, Hunt's Memorial
- 26 Stacey Campbell, wife of Pastor, Mt. Pisgah

Staff Anniversaries:

- 2015 - Darren Rood, Pastor, Cannon Memorial
- 2015 - Josh Gibson, Minister to Students, Rock Springs
- 2019 - Joshua Hughes, Pastor, East Side



Pastor/Staff Lunch

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 11:30am
Silver Bay, Easley.



East Side has called Joshua Hughes as pastor. We welcome the Hughes to PBA.

Jones Avenue is hosting a North American Mission Board lunch on Thursday, February 28. All church staff are invited to attend. There is no cost to staff but reservations must be made by calling 859-1746 on or before February 18.

Norris First is seeking a full time Pastor. Please email resume to jemccon@clemson.edu or mail to Norris First Baptist Church Pastor Search Team, P O Box 130, Norris, SC 29667. Deadline for resume acceptance is March 31, 2019.

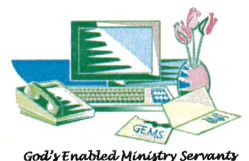
Refuge: Jeremy Ladd is now serving as part-time Youth Pastor.

Refuge will have a D-Now Weekend on March 29-30. Josh Gardner from Clayton King Ministries will be the guest speaker. Music will be led by Basic Life Band. For more information contact Heath Bowie at 864-423-8827.

River Road is seeking a pianist. For more information please contact Teresa Evans at 864-325-3437.

Ministry Assistants to Meet

Tuesday, February 19, Noon at the PBA Office.



Lunch will be provided but you must call Joyce at 859-9906 or email

joyce@piedmontbaptist.com to make your reservation.

Also, please bring a wrapped mug with your name on a piece of paper on the inside as we try something new. We will begin a "prayer mug exchange" and we will explain at the meeting. We think you will enjoy being a part of this. Hope to see each of you.

WMU Focus Week February 11-17