

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS MINISTRIES

Congratulations !

On January 30th, we held our Annual Sunday School / Small Group Banquet. The event was hosted by Cottage Hill Baptist Church. Nine of our MBA churches received awards. They are as follows:

ENROLLMENT NUMERICAL INCREASE

1st	FBC Tillman's Corner	607
2nd	Dauphin Way	130
3rd	Shiloh	35

ENROLLMENT PERCENTAGE INCREASE

1st	Parkway	67%
2nd	Heron Bay FBC	50%
3rd	FBC Tillman's Corner	46%

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE NUMERICAL INCREASE

1st	Wilmer FBC	238
2nd	Highpoint	133
3rd	Bethel	42

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE INCREASE

1st	Heron Bay FBC	50%
2nd	Trinity	33%
3rd	Bethel	31%

A special *thank you* to the guest speaker, Daniel Edmonds, Director of the Office of Sunday School and Discipleship at the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

Also, we thank the guest singers, Robert Clifton and Kym Harding, for providing the music. *Thank you* to Chris Harding, Leah Lott and all the Food Services staff for helping make this event a huge success.



VBS Clinic
for ALL VBS workers
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Dauphin Way Baptist Church

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

Sunday, August 12, 2018 **4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
Dauphin Way Baptist Church
Featuring Dr. Steve Parr

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

On February 13th, over 340 Senior Adults from across the MBA joined together in a time of fellowship, food, and gospel music. The MBA Senior Adult Ministry joined with the Cottage Hill Baptist Church 55+ Ministry for this annual event. This year the special music was shared by "The Nelons."

MEN & BOYS MINISTRIES

Congratulations to these 2018 Royal Ambassador Tournament Racers:

LAD RACE:

- 1st place: Carter Lund, Irvington FBC
- 2nd place: Frank Wilson, Irvington FBC
- 3rd place: Cody Muelbrandt, Bayou Sara

LAD DESIGN:

- 1st place: Cody Muelbrandt, Bayou Sara
- 2nd place: Nate Perkins, Bayou Sara
- 3rd place: Jake McClain, Bayou Sara

CRUSADER RACE:

- 1st place: Drew Little, Irvington FBC
- 2nd place: Samuel Itza, Bayou Sara
- 3rd place: Brycen Reed, Bayou Sara

CRUSADER DESIGN:

- 1st place: Holt McClain, Bayou Sara
- 2nd place: Brycen Reed, Bayou Sara
- 3rd place: Alex Strickland, Bayou Sara

SPECIAL CONFERENCE

"On any given Sunday, up to 1/4 of a worship congregation will be in some stage of grief." On March 27 we held a special conference on how to develop an effective ministry to those in grief. There were 14 participants. From the responses we received, we anticipate having another "Special Issues" Conference in the near future. *Suggestions? Call 661-7111.*

WMU/WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Don't forget to get your meal tickets by this Thursday, April 19th for the WMU/Women's Ministry Annual Celebration.

Jesus is the Light of the World

The Celebration is **Thursday, April 26, 6:00 p.m.** at **First Baptist Tillman's Corner**. State missionary Scotty Goldman is the guest speaker.



DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE

Locally, this has been a quiet time regarding disasters. However, we must never get complacent. Therefore, this has been an opportunity to get out into local churches and promote Disaster Relief training and encourage participation in our association. It has been my privilege to visit 15 of our churches and provide information regarding Disaster Relief and upcoming training opportunities. The response has been positive and very encouraging. I look forward to visiting more of our churches in days to come. ***If you have an interest in promoting Disaster Relief in any way, or if I can help your church be more prepared for an event, please contact me. It would be my joy to serve you.***

In other news, our state was affected by another tornado in the Jacksonville/Gadsden area. Alabama Baptists have responded in mass to serve the people in that area. At last check, 68 people from 9 Alabama Baptist Associations have responded to Gadsden to serve in administration and clean-up/recovery/mud out. Additionally, over 200 from 35 associations have responded to the Jacksonville area and served in administration, chaplaincy, mass feeding, shower unit, and clean-up/recovery/mud out. How exciting to see so many different associations responding in a time of need! Our neighboring associations of Washington and Escambia were among those who responded. It's our goal to be prepared to send out volunteers to such an event. Will you encourage your church to get involved?

*West Point Baptist Church, near Jacksonville
Photo Courtesy Buster Taylor*



*Calhoun Baptist Association DOM and State DR missionaries
speak with pastor Ronny Moore
photo by Grace Thornton, The Alabama Baptist*

In that vein, here are some training opportunities coming soon in our state:

- **Chaplaincy, Clean-up/Recovery/Mud out, and Chain Saw:** April 19-21, 2018, Crossville
- **Clean-up/Recovery/Mudout and Chain Saw:** April 27-28, 2018, Anniston

Stay tuned to the MBA newsletter and sbdr.org for more information concerning training opportunities.

Serving you for Him,

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