



Good News

From Elmore Baptist Association
"Churches in Fellowship & on Mission"

August 8, 2007

News from EBA churches . . .

Bethlehem East - Pastor Faron Golden is now serving the church full-time

Eclectic 1st - youth were recently in Orlando to attend a choir retreat - "Sonpower" sponsored by Lifeway.

Friendship - recently celebrated their 125th anniversary with a homecoming service, fellowship and a special music time in the afternoon. Former pastor Dan Wiggins was the guest preacher.

Millbrook - Mike Ingram (former pastor at Ft Toulouse/Hillside) became pastor July 29.

Mountain View - "Back to School BASH" 8/11, 3-6 PM.

Mt Hebron West - will host "First Priority Praise" 8/19 - 8 PM. Outreach at football fields: Holtville HS (8/30) and Stanhope HS (8/31).

Riverside Heights - great time at recent youth camp with several commitments to full time ministry.

Rock Springs - had a good revival recently with several rededications and decisions for Christ.

Santuck - held a joint service (8/5) with St James Baptist Church.

Tallassee 1st - celebrated (8/5) their 155th anniversary.

Wetumpka 1st - the youth recently stayed at Wheaton College as they were involved in a mission project.

from your Associational Missionary,

"Good News . . . Bad News"

The call came in this morning. I was anticipating it - but really didn't want to hear it. The caller said, "I've got good news/bad news."

I love to hear good news from the churches. I don't love to hear bad news.

In my recent reading, I've heard some bad news about the current state of the church. Generally, our culture is becoming more spiritual while it is not becoming more Christian. Even among those who claim faith in Christ - there is less interest, involvement and support for the local church.

In our own association there's plenty of Good News - a new church in Wetumpka wants to become a part of our association, financial gifts are increasing, attendance is growing, and some are building. However, the bad news is there is conflict to be dealt with and declines in baptisms.

However, the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel is always more powerful than any bad news.

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"Church Key Leader Conference"

August 14, 2007 - 6:30 PM
FBC Wetumpka

Clerks (Betty Jackson)	Senior Adults (Ed Bowman)
Deacons (Mike Jackson)	Stewardship (John MacLaren)
Discipleship (Steve Scarbrough)	Student/Youth (Roger Bell)
Library/Media (Marty Woodall)	Sunday School (Wayne Polk)
Men's Ministries (Scott Overby)	WMU (Ann Dowdle)
Pastors/Staff (Chip Smith)	Worship/Music (Charlie Kuykendall)

Equipping & Encouraging the Saints

Mark Your
Calendar



However, the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel is always more powerful than any bad news.

I believe in a God who can provide all our needs. I believe in a church that same Lord created and empowers. I believe the Spirit of God is at work in His church.

The challenge is to deal with the bad but keep our focus on the good. The mission of the church is "out there" (in the world) and not just "in here" (in the church).

Pray for your associational leadership and for the churches of EBA - that we will keep focused on our God who gives Good things to His people as we are faithful to His Mission.

Grace,

**Great Training Opportunities
For your SS Team
REGIONAL SS LEADER TRAINING**

August 25th - FBC Opelika
September 8th - Taylor Rd, Mtgy

Call EBA (567-7321) or SBOM (800-264-1225)
For more info

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**Important Upcoming Dates
In your association**

Executive Committee Meeting
September 18 - Good Hope Baptist Church

Annual Meeting
October 23 - FBC Tallassee

Back to School Events

"Heroes of the Faith"
Back 2 School BASH
August 17 - 6 PM

Shoal Creek Baptist

Band: "Thalon" and Speaker Nicholas Allen
(followed by "DNow" conference)

Worship & Commitment Service

Led by Nathan Hamilton along with prayer and
commitment devotions led by church staff
August 19 - 6 PM

New Home Baptist, Titus

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Church Petitions EBA for Membership

The EBA Petitionary Letters Cmt met recently with the Words of Life Church in Wetumpka which requested membership in the association. A report will be presented at the Exec Cmt Mtg (9/18).

**"en fuego"
Youth Evangelistic Event**

August 25th - Verbena AL
Gate opens at Noon - Bands start at 1 PM

Help Needed

Counselors
contact Penny (285-9989) to volunteer
Folks to raise SBOM Tent
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