

JULY

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bro. Martin Jobe
(pastoral – Mountainburg-7/1/2022)
Bro. Matt McManus
(Pastoral – Cabin Creek 7/9/2023)
Bro. Randy Jones
(Pastoral – Dyer-7/1/15)
Bro. Ben Lairamore
(Pastoral – Ozark 1st-7/1/17)

Wedding Anniversary

Zach & Jennie Belt – 4th
Mike & Julie Sawyer – 7th
Mark & Linda Thornbrugh – 16th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pepper Boulton – 9th
Eric Smith – 13th
Tim Smith – 28th

AUGUST

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bro. Roger Owen
(Pastoral – Shady Grove – 8/1/97)
Bro. Chuck Starnes
(Pastor – Cass-8/8/12)
Bro. Zach Belt
(Pastoral – Open Range-1/1/2015)
Bro. Chris Johnson
(Pastoral – Van Buren 1st –8/25/13)

Wedding Anniversary

Joe & Sue Walden – 1st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Oden – 31st

SEPTEMBER

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

Bro. Nathan Ritchie
(Pastoral – Trinity-9/1/15)
Bro. Mark Thornbrugh
(Pastoral – Uniontown-9/1/91)
Bro. Gerald Gates
(Staff – Trinity-9/8/19)
Bro. Jeff Mize
(Pastoral – Hartman-9/17/17)
Bro. Tim Stuart
(Pastoral – Altus 1st-9/19/2021)
Bro. Tim Smith
(Pastoral – Eastern Heights-9/22/03)

Wedding Anniversary

Tom & Debbie Smith – 15th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roger Owen – 6th
Zach Belt – 23rd
Jeff Mize – 27th

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"Strengthening Churches, Advancing God's Kingdom"

July-September, 2023

Clear Creek Baptist Association's



Clear Creek Baptist Association Women's Conference

Trinity Baptist Church,
Alma, AR

September 9, 2023 9-noon
Brunch will be provided.

Please bring nonperishable food items to donate.



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Musings from the Mountain . . .

During June, the camps which were held at Baptist Vista had 90 professions of faith. Over fifty of those salvation commitments have come from the Boy's and Girl's Mission camps and CCBA's Main Camp. God is still at work, and we should be rejoicing with the angels in heaven.

Lest we forget, there is more that needs to be done. While seeing children and teens come to Jesus as their Savior is primary, the Great Commission commands us to make disciples. That means more than salvation. We are to "disciple" those who are saved.

- Each child and teen should be interviewed again about their salvation experience before baptism.
- Each one needs to understand the meaning and purpose of baptism.
- They should be given instruction about reading the Bible, about prayer, as well as the importance of church attendance.
- They should be encouraged to be involved in the life of the church.
- The church should celebrate with them over their salvation.
- The church must not dip them in water and forget about them. They are your spiritual responsibility.

In the last church I served as pastor, I had a conversation with a boy who wanted to be baptized. He had gone to camp with our children's group, and he had gone forward during an invitation. As I quizzed him about being saved, I began to think something was not right. As his story unfolded, the camp our group attended had a bell affixed to a tall pole. To ring the bell, you pulled on a rope. The camp had a policy to allow those who were saved to ring the bell. Through our talk, I discovered he had not been saved at all. He went forward and said whatever he needed to say because he simply wanted to ring the bell. Fortunately, we were able to sort it all out, he was saved, and then I baptized him. My point is that when dealing with children and teens, there are many motives and emotions that urge them to make decisions. We must be sure, to the best of our ability, that they have been drawn by the Holy Spirit.

I do rejoice over the many that have responded in an affirmative way at camp this summer, whether it be at Baptist Vista or another camp.

Vacation Bible Schools are under way and many children hear the gospel and are saved through this and similar efforts. I praise God that so many churches and the adult members give the effort that is necessary to host VBS or similar evangelistic activities. Reaching children and teens is vital. Statistics indicate that the older one gets, the less likely they will be saved. That is not to say, God cannot save any person. He most certainly can. But the reality is that as a person ages, they may be drawn further and further away from hearing the gospel. The opportunities become less frequent.

I praise the Lord for camps, VBS, children and youth workers, and churches that take the time, money, and effort to share the good news of Jesus with those who are young. To God be the glory.

Brother J. R. DeBusk



Baptist Vista Testimonials

Baptist Vista has been a part of my life since I was a little girl. I've attended camp there almost every summer since I was 4 or 5 years old. I grew up looking forward to GA Camp and Main Camp every year—I loved swimming, Bible drills, and singing. In my teenage years I looked forward to hanging out with my friends from church for a week. As I grew into adulthood, I had to miss a few summers due to work or caring for my small children, but as soon as my kids were old enough to go, I began going again as a counselor, teacher, and for the past few years I have helped my sister with the music in the Children's Tabernacle. Baptist Vista is so important to me that it's the first event I add to my calendar each year so that I can make sure to take off from work for the week of Main Camp.

Every year that I went to camp, my dad (Burnett King) was there, too. He believed that Baptist Vista is an important tool that churches have to evangelize and disciple young people and I have come to have the same perspective. Every time a sermon is preached, a lesson is taught, a devotion is held, there is an opportunity to reach young people with the Gospel. The volunteers at camp have a great opportunity during the week to build relationships with and disciple the young people around us. Just like my dad modeled for me how to love those in our paths each day, I have been able to model that for the young people of my church. And now those same kids that I have taught and disciplined for over 20 years are counselors and teachers at camp! What a blessing! God has always provided for the camp in ways that glorify Him and I pray that He will continue to do so. I pray that Baptist Vista will continue to exist for many years so that future generations can come to know Him and learn how to work for Him. Christy Collins

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I have had the blessing of preaching at Camp Baptist Vista several times in the past 7 years, as well as at boys and girls mission camps, including this year. I am also the youth pastor at Vine Prairie Baptist Church. During the week of boys and girls mission camp this year there were 27 souls saved. That is what it's about. Not only are youth being saved but they are learning how to go back and share their faith. This year one of the young men who was saved went home and led his mom to Christ. These camps are being used to change lives, destinies, and eternities. You cannot put a price on a soul. It's the most evangelistic thing our association and churches do in a year. I hope that you and your church will prayerfully considering coming, and continue giving. As you come and as you give please remember we would love to have your presence, bring your prospects, and always your prayers. Blessings, CW Blood

Logan Ferguson
speaker
Josh Crow
worship

CCBA Youth Rally!!

August 12, 4-7pm

Vine Prairie Baptist Church

games
worship
food
preaching

Prayer Corner

July

UnionGrove—Keith Day, Int.
Unintown—Mark Thornbrugh
Unity — Don Marr

August

VB 1st — Chris Johnson
Vine Prairie — Tom Smith
Webb City — pastorless
Woodland — Bob Powers

September

Altus 1st — Tim Stuart
Alma 1st — Brent Williams
Cedarville 1st — Eric
Smith

Pastorless churches

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East Mount Zion
Getsemani
Union Grove
Webb City

