

**OCTOBER**  
**CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Bro. Corey Marquis  
(Pastoral – Shibley-10/26/08)



**Wedding Anniversary**

Gerald & Sandra Gates – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tim & Jo Maria Smith – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tim & Christina Stuart – 15<sup>th</sup>



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Corey Marquis – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mark Thornbrugh – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Chuck Starnes – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Matt McManus – 27<sup>th</sup>

**NOVEMBER**  
**CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Bro. Eric Smith  
(Pastoral – Cedarville-11/5/17)



**Wedding Anniversary**

Tom & Karen Dicus – 21<sup>st</sup>



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Troy George – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Martin Jobe – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tom Dicus – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Don Marr – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Brad Euston – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Sean Pratt – 21<sup>st</sup>

**DECEMBER**  
**CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Bro. Sean Pratt  
(Pastoral – Mulberry-12/4/17)  
Bro. Pepper Bourlon  
(Staff – Van Buren 1<sup>st</sup> – 12/15/02)



**Wedding Anniversary**

Sean & Callie Pratt – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Chris & Lauren Johnson – 31<sup>st</sup>



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Nathan Ritchie – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Joe Walden – 19<sup>th</sup>

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Proclaim the Lord's death  
till He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26b, NKJV

**151st Annual Meeting**

**October 17, 2023**

**Second Baptist Church  
Clarksville, Arkansas**

Afternoon session begins at 4:00

Dinner will be served at 6:00

Evening session begins at 7:00.

Dr. Mike Spradlin, President at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, will be our guest preacher in both sessions.

Come and be blessed as we rejoice over all God has done through our association this year, and what He is going to do in the future.

## Musings from the Mountain . . .



### This is a busy time of the year around Baptist Association offices.

Budgets are being completed, nominations are being made for ministry positions and committees, and plans are being finalized for the annual meeting. We are also awaiting the information that the churches prepare for the ACP (Annual Church Profile).

**October 17<sup>th</sup> is the date of Clear Creek's annual meeting.** This year Second Baptist Church in Clarksville will be the host church. I am excited that we have Dr. Mike Spradlin, president of Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis as our guest preacher. Dr. Spradlin is well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as an author, theologian, evangelist, and preacher. It will be well worth your while to join us that evening. I look forward to seeing you.

It is with heavy heart that I report to you the passing of **Brother Joe Bisby** who had been pastor of Graphic Southern Baptist Church for thirty-three years. Faithful men such as Brother Joe will line the halls of heaven. Most will not have been known outside of their local church and community, but God does not judge eternal things as does the world. There will be a host of faithful and dedicated men and women who hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

**October is pastor appreciation month.** I would encourage you to write a note of encouragement to your pastor and church staff. Collect a love offering, wash their car, or take them fishing. There are hundreds of ways that you can show your appreciation. From personal experience, even the smallest expression of support and appreciation is always welcome. I can also attest to the fact that pastors and staff members desire your prayer support. If you pray regularly for servants of God, please let them know from time to time.

We are living in an unusual day and age. **Secular philosophy and moral values** have turned away from basic Judeo-Christian values in extreme and drastic ways. Language is being used in ways that may at times put Bible-believing people on the defensive. Some are choosing to withdraw from the world or to simply be silent as words are twisted to make Christianity appear to be bigoted and heartless. Silence is not the answer, but neither is an angry argumentative spirit. Jesus said, "They will know you by your love." Loving people with the grace that we have received from Jesus is an extraordinary act. With service and love you can open doors to speak truth into the lives of people.

Some have taught that our lives are the only Bible that some people will ever read. I admit there is some truth in that statement, but on the other hand, how will they really know unless someone tells them. They need to hear your voice express the truth of why and how you are able to love. **Jesus first loved us.** Acts of kindness and love do not originate out of our fallen sinful nature. They are generated by the power of God's love at work in our lives by the Holy Spirit. Who are you "loving" today that needs to HEAR of God's love? Please do not remain silent. Speak up for Jesus.

Brother J. R. DeBusk

Hey my Baptist Vista fam,

As we go into the fall/ winter season, it is a time for reflecting on the summer we've had. 105+ salvations, 25+ rededications, PraisetheLord! Thanks to all for the prayers (for me and the camps) and time and money spent. Each of you had a part in each salvation. Each of you had a part in each rededication.....and maybe most importantly, each of you had a part in every seed planted this summer, and that is truly what we're supposed to be, seed planters.

On to the physical side, we had enough donations to buy an ice machine, PraisetheLord! Had a fan go out in the walk-in cooler but got it going again. Had our box freezers go out, but had donations come in and got new ones, anotherPraisetheLord! Haven't truly figured out where the water leak is, but leaning toward each cabin has a little. Fixing to have the cabins winterized, so if anyone is going to come work on one this fall/winter, you need to let me know.

I ask you once again to join me in prayer for next year, believing it will be the most God-Awesome year yet.

Pastor Jim "BigPoppa " Gabbard  
Baptist Vista Camp Manager



Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel. Mark 16:15

### October

Cabin Creek – Matt McManus  
Concord – Dale Walker  
Dyer 1<sup>st</sup> – Randy Jones

### November

Cass Chapel – Chuck Starnes  
Eastern Heights – Tim Smith  
FBC VB Msn – Edwin Reyes, Int.

## Prayer Corner

### December

Cherry Street – Jim Hughes  
Clarksville 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tom Dicus  
Getsemani – Santiago Albuja  
Iglesia Betel – Santiago Albuja

### Pray for our pastorless churches

Hagarville  
Open Range  
Union Grove

### Clear Creek Annual

## Christmas Dinner & Fellowship

Thursday night, December 7, 6:30pm

First Baptist Church, Mulberry

Cost: \$10.00 per ticket in advance  
\$13.00 per ticket or \$25 per couple at the door

Make reservations and send your money to:

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### CALENDAR SUMMARY

Oct. 9 – Baptist Vista Delegation Board Mtg  
Oct. 17 – CCBA Annual Meeting,  
Clarksville 2nd Baptist  
Oct. 23-25 – ABSC Annual Meeting  
Nov. 13 – CCBA Executive Board Meeting  
Dec. 7 – CCBA Christmas fellowship, FBC  
Mulberry

## ACP is due!