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Brother Brad's Box...

Hi Friends!

It's newsletter time again. And that word 'newsletter' simply refers to a letter full of news. So as I write this letter to you, I ponder the news.

In our Association, I am always thrilled to report on our Bible Drillers. Church, Association, and District Bible Drills have now taken place, and the young folks did an awesome job with their Scripture memorization and presentation. Their leaders are to be commended. As a former Bible Driller myself, I will never regret all the hours of study, Saturday mornings spent practicing in the church library, and standing in line with the others as we were called on to "present Bibles" and recollect what we had learned. Most of the Scripture verses I can quote today are a result of having learned them through Bible Drills. If you have young folks in your church interested in Bible Drills, please contact me about how to get started.

We can almost smell Vacation Bible School in the air as well. The Association's VBS clinic is set for Sunday May 5 at 2:00 pm at the Association office. This simple workshop is for all of your VBS workers and directors. Please make your plans to attend, and please share your VBS dates with us.

As the school year is nearing its completion, plans are being made for the summer months. Even if you cannot go around the world or even across the country on an organized mission trip, pray that the Lord would give you specific instructions on what is to be your personal mission this summer. Where would He have you go? And to whom would He have you share?

In the way of world news, I hope you pray regularly for our Country's leaders. They are bombarded and attacked daily in ways we will likely never know or experience ourselves. And even though they seem to be ignored in the mainstream media reports, our great military men and women are putting their lives on the line every single day. Whether we hear about it or not, there are wars being fought all around our world, and the United States Military is involved. Pray for their safety, wisdom, and health.

As I write this, people around the world are also mourning the unbelievable destruction of the Notre Dame Cathedral fire. This news hit the hearts of all the millions of us who have visited that amazing place. But even so, God is good, and He is, as we remind ourselves this blooming spring, ever alive and in control!

News. In my childhood that word usually referred to the conversations taking place either in the beauty shop or at the barber shop on any given day. Most news wasn't really new. It was just being shared with a new person, or perhaps in a new way.

The Gospel, by definition, is "Good News". This may not be new to everyone, but it is certainly news, in that as we share it, whether by the same old faithful ways or in some new way or circumstance, someone 'new' might come to know the One about Whom the news was written. And when that happens, a new life begins, a new opportunity is born, and a new beginning is made! What could be more newsworthy than that?!

May the Lord bless you as you continue His faithful work in our Association. And whatever your news, share it with us so that we may keep everyone informed. For updates on the Association news, refer to our web page at www.bigbeebaptist.org. Mrs. Muriel keeps it up to date and would love to include your events.

As you hear the news from one church to the next, interpret it as another "N"ew "E"xciting "W"ay to "S"erve.

Blessings,
--Brad

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 5 Associational VBS Clinic, 2:00 p.m., BBA Office
- 6 Pastors Conference, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 16 Senior Adult Rally, 10:30 a.m., Cuba
- 21 Deacon/Pastor/Spouse Conference, 6:30 p.m, Siloam
- 27 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 3 Pastors Conference, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 11-12 Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham
- 16 Father's Day
- 20 Small Church Tax Conference, State Board of Missions Facility, Prattville, AL

Mark your calendar for the Associational VBS Clinic Training



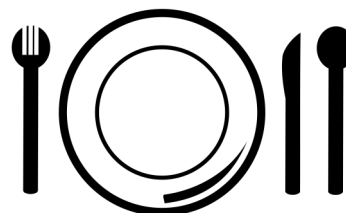
Sunday, May 5
2:00 p.m.
BBA Office

Senior Adult Rally

Thursday, May 16
10:30 a.m.
Cuba Baptist
Speaker: Lonette Berg

Meal will be provided!

Deacon/Pastor/Spouse Conference



Tuesday, May 21
6:30 p.m.
Siloam Baptist

Meal will be provided