



Bigbee Baptist Association

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Brother Brad's Box...

As I write these words, the sun is shining, and it is indeed a beautiful day that the Lord has given us. But, then again, aren't they all?!

I tend to strike up conversations with those around me while in line at the grocery store or other places. We may not leave there knowing much more than when we arrived, but chances are we can leave with a smile on our faces.

When speaking to some, I'll sometimes get a response similar to, "I'm better than I deserve to be," or "Every day's a good day," or "I'm still going," or maybe even "I'm here." To these in this order, I may usually reply, "Oh, yes, me too!" or "It sure is!" or "Just keep going!" or "There are lots worse places to be than here."

Just a few very simple words of confirmation or affirmation are all that some folks need to hear! It makes us realize we aren't in this world alone, and we don't have to be! Sometimes the cloudy days are what reminds us to be thankful for the sunshine. Days of rain can remind us to be thankful for the rainbows.

One Sunday morning very recently, just four of us had arrived at the church early that morning, and very quickly realized that none of our heating units, all of which operate on butane gas, were running. None of us who would normally take a moment to check the tank had thought to do so. And there we were, 44 degrees in the sanctuary, much colder than most folks would ever find comfortable. So regrettably, those four of us got on the phone and called everyone to give them the news we would not be meeting in person.

The week that followed was weird. Several of us commented later that our routines were disrupted and not attending our church for worship was a big let-down we had not planned on experiencing. We were "still going" or "just here" but not really enjoying our week, because of what we had missed — our worship time together.

I've very likely shared this with you before, but I truly do believe our Bigbee Association should capitalize on that word "Association." We are to be "associated" with one another. We are reminded scripturally to "not forsake the assembling" of ourselves. Wherever we choose, whatever church to which we belong, we should be there and take an active part in worship. By offering our churches across Sumter and Greene counties the opportunities to gather for events and worship, we are obeying scripture. And we do so, not begrudgingly, but excited to be with other like-minded believers!

I do hope you'll each make a valiant effort to take advantage of our Associational gatherings whenever they arise. I believe you'll be blessed. I can assure you, when you aren't present, you are really missing out!

For reference, make note of these things. The Men & Boys Breakfast is always the last Sunday morning of January at 7:30. The Praise Fest (formerly Choir Festival) is set for the 3rd Sunday of February at 4:30. The Pastor/Deacon/Spouse dinner and the Senior Adult Rally are always in May. The annual meeting of the Association is always the 3rd Tuesday night in October at 6:30 (this year at York), and our Executive Committee meets the 3rd Sunday afternoon of January, April, and July at 2:00 at the office.

Watch the Association calendar in these issues of The Alabama Baptist. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours,
--Brad

Calendar of Events

March

- 2 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 8 *Daylight Savings Time BEGINS*

APRIL

- 6 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m., BBA Office

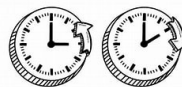
MAY

- 4 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 19 Deacon/Pastor/Spouse Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., York
- 28 Senior Adult Rally, 10:30 a.m., Christian Valley

JUNE

- 1 Pastors Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., BBA Office
- 9 SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL

DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME



*Make sure you change your clocks
forward on Saturday night, March 7.*

Deacon/Pastor/Spouse Fellowship

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:30 p.m.

York Baptist Church

CALLING ALL SENIORS TO THIS EVENT!

Senior Adult Rally

Thursday, May 28, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Christian Valley Baptist Church