

# DeKalb Baptist Association



September 26, 2019

## Annual Meeting Sunday, October 20 4:15 pm Broadway

Please remember to participate in this year's annual meeting at Broadway Baptist Church. The Executive Committee voted to completely change this year's format—Sunday night. The annual meeting will begin at 4:15 in the worship space for a brief time of business. From 4:30 to 5:00 attendee's will have the opportunity to mingle with different ministry displays/people from across the County and State. At 5:00 there will be a meal in the fellowship hall downstairs and then the worship service will begin at 6:00. Kevin Blackwell from Samford will be preaching in the evening service.

Please be sure to elect your messengers for the annual meeting. Anyone is welcome to come, but only elected messengers are able to vote to approve the budget and the Associational Leadership.

From the Interim Director of Missions:

It was very much a surprise to me when the committee called and asked me to serve as your Interim Director of Missions, but after a brief yet prayerful time of consideration, I found that I could not in good conscience refuse. Please pray that God will send us a DOM as soon as it is His will to do so. I also ask that you pray for me; I'm definitely in over my head!

Please join me in wishing Ken and Sandra Allen and their family all the best in their new ministry. I am very thankful for Ken's leadership during his tenure with us, and I am even more thankful for his friendship.

We are trying a completely different format for the Annual Meeting this year: we will meet at Broadway Baptist Church in Rainsville on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a very short business session (about 15 minutes) at 4:15 PM, then attendees are invited to check out the various ministry displays that will be set up in Broadway's sanctuary. The organizations that will have a display are too numerous to mention here, but will include the Baptist Children's Home, Long Ranch, New Orleans Seminary, *The Alabama Baptist*, The Summit of Fort Payne, and many others. The evening meal will be served at 5 PM, and the evening worship service will begin at 6 PM. Kevin Blackwell will be the featured speaker. Everyone from your church is invited to attend, but even if you do not plan to cancel services at your home churches that evening, please send at least two (preferably young) people as representatives. Our people need to be aware of all the mission and service opportunities that are available in DeKalb Baptist Association.

The annual pastors' and wives' retreat will be Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg, TN. The cost is \$300 per couple, and includes dinner on Friday, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and lodging for the weekend. A lot of free time is built into the schedule so that your pastor and his wife can enjoy a relaxing weekend that is not just one long series of meetings. October is pastor appreciation month, so perhaps your church could offer to pay for this retreat and enlist the services of a guest speaker for that Sunday. Your pastor deserves it, his wife even more so!

Bethel Baptist Church in Geraldine ordained their new pastor, Jed Richey, on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, and First Baptist Church in Fort Payne will ordain Dan Groghan, Cole Justice, and David Killian as deacons on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for these young men and their families, as well as the churches that are without pastors: Fort Payne First, Lea's Chapel, Liberty Hill, Mt. Hermon, and Ruhama. God bless,

Chris Murdock,  
Interim Director of Missions

## Minister's Conference Schedule October 2019

October 7  
Roundtable at Rainsville  
First Baptist

October 14  
Rev. Lynn Darnell

October 21  
Rev. Ken James

October 28  
Rev. Chris Murdock

## Future Dates to Remember:

Pastor/Wives Retreat  
October 25-27  
Glenstone Lodge

ALABAMA BAPTIST CONVENTION

November 12 & 13

Eastern Shore Baptist Church

Daphne

## AMONG OUR CHURCHES

**Howard's Chapel**-had a total of 326 *weekday visitors* who signed the guestbook in the month of August. There were 163 visitors from Alabama, 159 from other states and 4 visitors from other countries. The total church attendance for the month was 306.

**Chavies**-is seeking a Minister of music. Please contact Pastor Jeff Cole for more information 256-557-1237.

**Collinsville**-is seeking a piano player for Sundays and Wednesdays. Please contact Pastor John Morgan for more information 256-524-2661.

**Union Grove**-is seeking a Bi-Vocational Music Worship Leader for Sunday morning worship service (a blend of Traditional and Contemporary). For details send resume to PO Box 373, Crossville AL 35962 or email to sbryant373@gmail.com

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