



# Madison Baptist Association

“Assisting churches in fulfilling their mission, and providing them opportunities for fellowship and to work together in advancing the kingdom of God”

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY  
26,  
2017

It is just unbelievable how fast time flies by! By the time you read this article, we will have almost completed four weeks of January, 2017! By now many of us may have already forgotten the promises or resolutions we made for the New Year. I am constantly reminded of James 4:14 which says, *“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”*

Time is so precious and valuable! I pray daily that I will make the most of the time God allows me to live and serve Him. When my three sons were young and playing little league baseball, gentlemen told me to enjoy them at that age because they would be grown and gone before I realized were the time had gone. Being in the middle of the hectic schedule at that time, I just said yes and did not think about it until later. He was right. Time passed quickly.

All of that to say this, “Treat every day as a gift of God.” God has a plan for your life! I pray that each of you will seek out God’s plan and direction for your life in 2017.

As a father and grandfather, one of the things I enjoy most, is seeing one of my sons involved in ministry or seeing our granddaughters in a play or musical at church. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, Debbie and I were able to go to Louisville and hear Nick preach at Highview Baptist Church.

It is always a joy to hear him preach the Gospel! He preached the passage from 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 on reconciliation. Verse 5:20 is one that I learned at a young age as a Royal Ambassador. *“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf; Be reconciled to God.”*

Nick’s message from this passage was a reminder to me that I am daily called to be an ambassador for Christ! In the short time that God gives us here in this world, we are to be about bringing others to Christ.

So, my encouragement to you and to me in 2017 is this: let us make the most of the time that our Lord and Savior gives us to be faithful to His calling on our life!

Your associational missionary,  
Ron

**Minister’s Conference**  
**Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.**

**The guest speaker will be State Missionary Mark Wakefield (ALSBOM) speaking on the topic of Church Security.**

**Fellowship and lunch will take place after the conference. Lunch will be provided for \$5 per person.**

**We hope to see you there!**

- Jan 26 .....Church Safety & Security Conference (FBC Huntsville, 9AM)
- Jan 26-27 .....ABREA Annual Gathering
- Jan 27-28 ..... Alabama Bible Drill (Shocco Springs)
- Jan 30 .....Executive Board Mtg (MBA, 10AM)
- Feb 9..... Minister’s Conference (10:30AM)  
Mark Wakefield (ALSBOM) “Church Security”
- Feb 12.....Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- Feb 13-19 ..... Focus on WMU
- Feb 14..... Happy Valentine’s Day!
- Feb 14.....Minister’s Tax Conference (Decatur First)
- Feb 20.....President’s Day (MBA Closed)
- Feb 26..... RA Racers (Huntsville First, Registration @ 1:00 PM)
- Feb 27-28 ..... State Evangelism Conference (Pelham First)
- Feb 28.....Ministers’ Wives Luncheon (Pelham First)

*only \$150 per student!*

*space limited register soon!*

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missions

**changing one house and one life at a time!**

Rocket City Missions is a ministry of Madison Baptist Association.

**Executive Board meeting**  
**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Annual RA Racers**  
**FBC Huntsville** (600 Governors Dr)  
 Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Registration: 1PM; Race: 2 PM

If you’d like to find out more details about Royal Ambassadors and the RA Racers or the RA race please call **Dwight Sisk** at 256-714-2401.



**Mission Opportunities for 2017**

**Rocket City Missions**  
 Week #1 June 18 – 23, 2017  
 Week #2 June 25 – 30, 2017

**Williamsburg, Kentucky Mission Trip**  
 July 16 – 20, 2017

**Romania Summer Missions**  
 April 27–May 9, 2017

Mark your calendars now – more information is available at the MBA!

**MARCH 6 - 8, 2017**  
 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
 Fort Worth, Texas

**TEXT-DRIVEN PREACHING CONFERENCE**

Guest speakers include: H.B. Charles, Steve Gaines, Steven Smith, David Allen, Matt Carter and many more!


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**Save these VBS dates!**

**Director’s 101 Meeting**  
 Thursday, March 23  
 6:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.  
 @ the MBA

**VBS Clinic**  
 Saturday, April 22  
 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.\*  
 @ Farley Community Church\*\*



\*new clinic schedule! \*\*new venue!

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