



Madison Baptist Association

THURSDAY,
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2017

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

Jesus' dynamic "Sermon on the Mount" is recorded in Matthew, chapters 5-7. It begins with the Beatitudes, and includes teaching on such topics as prayer, anxiety, and commitment/good works. Then, Jesus concludes His message with the statement, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock....." (see Matt. 7:24-29) It is the sensible and thoughtful man who built his house on the rock/stone, which served as a suitable foundation. When the rain descended, the flood waters came, and the winds beat upon the house with great force, it did not fall. The house had been firmly established upon a rock-solid foundation. By contrast, the "foolish man" (representing those who hear Jesus' words and don't act upon them) built his house upon the sand. This house collapsed when the storm came, "and great was its fall" (v. 27). It had no suitable foundation upon which to stand.

Jesus Christ is the rock/foundation upon which a person must build his life. The Bible says, "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11) It is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a faith-relationship with Him that forms the foundation for living. Without Him one will be washed away in the flood of trials, temptations, and transgressions that assail us. Is Christ the foundation of your life, the rock upon which you stand? Have you made a commitment to follow Him, to build your life upon Him and the truth of His Word? The "wise man" not only heard Jesus' words, but he also acted upon them. He did what Jesus instructed him to do. Thus, Jesus is to be the foundation of our lives upon which we build with the proper materials. These materials are, simply put, obedience to the words of Christ and the full Word of God (the Bible). They involve works of faith. James implores us, "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." (James 1:22) James warns us not to become a forgetful hearer but be an effectual doer of God's Word (James 1:25). Such a person will be blessed in what he does! So let's all make a fresh, new commitment to the Lord in this New Year of 2017 to diligently study God's Word and act upon it that our spiritual lives might be strong. We must be a bright light in this present darkness.

Your Director of Missions,
Charlie

University Baptist Church would like to invite you to hear Bill Barker, National Missionary with the North American Mission Board, National Director at Appalachian Regional Ministry and Mississippi River Ministry, on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**. The service begins at 5:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church. Bill will be sharing about these ministries (though which the Christmas Backpacks are collected and distributed).

A collection of hats, gloves, and scarves will be taken up to assist with items needed in Appalachia; please bring donate-able items to the service.

- Feb 13-19..... Focus on WMU
- 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)
- Mar 9..... Minister's Conference
- Mar 9-11..... Disaster Relief Training Central Park Baptist, Decatur



WinShape Camps for Communities

June 26 - 30, 2017

7300 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, AL

Discounts! Save up to \$40 by registering during March 12-18 (Beginning at 12:01 am EST) 21 skill choices will be offered! See our YouTube video @ 'WinShape Camp 2016 Huntsville, AL'.

For children who have **completed** Grades 1 - 9 this year! WOW! 472 kids attended last year. Register at winshapecamps.org. Cost: \$199 per camper. Only \$50 to register...Balance due by May 26, 2017.

Like us on @Huntsville WinShape Camps for Communities Full & partial scholarships are available at WhitesburgBaptist.org/Winshape

VBS Dates

Directors 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!

Disaster Relief Training Event

Training in Southern Baptist disaster relief will be held at Central Park Baptist Church, 2020 Westmead Street SW, Decatur, AL 35601, March 9 – 11, 2017. This



training is to credential new volunteers, re-credential volunteers who need to be updated or for those who wish to add an additional discipline to their file.

Go to the web site ALSBOM-GM.org and follow the prompts for detailed information on what will be offered and how to register for this training. The deadline for registration and background check is March 6, 2017.



National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 4, 2017

The mission of the National Day of Prayer Task Force is to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture.

To learn more or to organize a prayer event on May 4th go to nationaldayofprayer.org or contact the NDP Task Force Madison County Coordinator at ndp.madisonco.al@gmail.com.

Annual RA Racers

FBC Huntsville (600 Governors Dr)

Sunday, February 26th 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.

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