



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,
OCTOBER
12,
2017

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ before His “inner circle” of disciples (Peter, James, & John) is recorded in Matthew 17, Mark 9, and Luke 9. The Bible says Jesus “...led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.” (Matt. 17:1-2) What was the purpose of this remarkable event? Let me list three primary reasons for its occurrence. First of all, the transfiguration of Christ affirmed His deity. Mark states that Jesus’ “...garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.” (Mark 9:3) Along with His face shining like the sun, we quickly realize that an incredible event took place on the mountain. In essence, the glory of God was revealed in Christ that day and His spiritual splendor shone forth. The writer of Hebrews says, “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature....” (Heb. 1:3) Jesus is the brightness of the glory of God because He is fully God. Jesus is the full expression of the essence of God because He is fully God. These three disciples literally saw the essence of God shining forth from Christ, for “...God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.” (I John 1:5) What an impact this must have had on Peter, James, and John as they beheld Jesus and His divine glory. It had to greatly bolster their faith as they realized they were devoted to more than just a man. John would later write, “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory....” (John 1:14) Peter, in recalling this mountaintop experience, writes “...we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased’- and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.” (II Pet. 1:16-18) And of course, the utterance of the Father that Peter is referring to is recorded in all three gospel accounts of this story. Jesus Christ is God, and that truth is clearly seen in this wonderful story of His transfiguration and elsewhere in Scripture. In my next article, I will conclude this emphasis on Christ’s transfiguration by discussing two more reasons for its occurrence.

Your Director of Missions,
Charlie

FATHER/SON CAMPOUT CAMP MACOBA in New Market, AL OCTOBER 27-28

For 1st-6th grade boys

\$10 PER PERSON
INCLUDES FRIDAY SUPPER AND
SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Questions?
Contact Chris Wilson
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Register at willowbrook.org

DADDY/DAUGHTER CAMPOUT CAMP MACOBA in New Market, AL OCTOBER 28-29

For 1st-6th grade girls

\$10 PER PERSON
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SUPPER AND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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Romans 1:16

MBA Fall Evangelism Conference

at Southside Baptist Church

Thursday, October 26, 4:00—8:00 p.m.

(includes optional supper, \$6 each)

Call the MBA (256-536-0015) for meal tickets.

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Danny Lovett, Senior Pastor, The Church at
Chelsea-Westover (Westover, AL)

Dr. Joel Carwile, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church
(Athens, AL)

Music by the Southside Baptist Praise Team
Special Time of Prayer during the Conference

Oct 11-12.....	MBA Closed
Oct 17.....	Minister’s Conference
Oct 24.....	Special Olympics (Milton Frank Stadium, 9:15 AM)
Oct 24.....	Minister’s Conference
Oct 25-26.....	Christmas Backpack Drop-off (MBA, 7:00 AM—4:00 PM)
Oct 26.....	Evangelism Conference (Southside Baptist, 4:00 PM)
Oct 27-28.....	MBA Father/Son Campout (Camp MACOBA)
Oct 28-29.....	MBA Daddy/Daughter Campout (Camp MACOBA)
Oct 31.....	Minister’s Conference
Nov 7.....	Minister’s Conference
Nov 11.....	Veteran’s Day
Nov 13.....	MBA Closed

Minister’s Conference

*Otherwise specified the Minister’s Conference will be held at the
Madison Baptist Association Office and will begin at 10:00 AM.

Oct 17	Rev. Pat Helton, Pleasant Springs
Oct 24	Rev. Steve Andrews, Meadowdrive
Oct 31	Dr. Jimmy Jackson, Whitesburg, “The Witch of Endor”

Galilee Baptist Church 4262 Old Hwy 431, New Hope

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL!
Saturday, October 21, 2017
4:00—6:00 p.m.

Come out for fun, food, and games!
Everyone is welcome!
No admission charged.



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