



Madison Baptist Association

THURSDAY,
JANUARY
25,
2018

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

“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ 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. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’” (James 4:13-15)

Just this morning, I saw the mist or fog above the Tennessee River as I crossed the bridge coming to the office. Early in the mornings, as I sit at the table in our kitchen, I will see the mist above the pond in our backyard. Each time I see that mist or fog in the early morning, I am reminded of this verse from James.

It is a very vivid reminder of the shortness of life. So often we make plans and decisions for what we will do next year or many years from now. It is not wrong to make plans, but I believe that James is reminding us to make plans with God’s will in mind. Sometimes His plans may be different than ours.

Just this past September my “plans” were changed by a doctor’s visit and a biopsy. For forty plus years I had ministered to others in hospitals, nursing homes, and funerals. But when the doctor told me I had cancer, it was different! It is like the statement, “No surgery is minor when it is on me.”

Well, to make a long story short, after surgery and three months of recovery, I am cancer-free and forty-five pounds lighter! Plus a lot of prayers prayed and many prayers answered!

Was it the plan that I would have chosen for the past three months? No, but during the past three months I have been able to reflect upon many things in my life. I have slowed down for a time and remembered what is really important in life. I now understand James 4:14 a little clearer.

As we begin 2018, let us all make plans with the Lord’s will in mind. God has a plan and purpose for your life and mine! I pray I will not come to the end of my life with regrets that I have not completed the purpose God intended for me.

Let us finish strong!

One of your associational missionaries,
Ron

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June 17—22, 2018
Visit www.rocketcitymissions.org for more information and to download registration forms.

Save the DATE!
The MBA Evangelism Conference
Not Ashamed of the Gospel
has been rescheduled for
Thursday, April 19, 2018.
Check back here in the
coming months for more
information!



Jan 25-26	ABREA Annual Gathering
	Pelham First
Jan 29	Executive Board Meeting
	(MBA Office, 10AM)
Feb 6	Minister’s Conference
Feb 9-10	Bivocational Minister/Spouse Retreat
	Shocco Springs
Feb 13	Minister’s Conference

Minister’s Conference Schedule of Speakers
*Unless otherwise specified, the Minister’s Conference will be held at the Madison Baptist Association Office and the fellowship time will begin at 10:00 AM, with the meeting beginning at 10:30 AM.

Jan 30	Rev. Al Phillip s, Bethlehem Baptist, LS
Feb 6	Rev. Timothy Payne, Wears Chapel Baptist
Feb 13*	Eileen Mitchell, State Missionary
	<i>Reaching Adults Aged 55+</i>
	*The meeting featuring Eileen Mitchell is open to anyone.
Feb 20	Rev. Gary Gates, Cave Springs
Feb 27	Russell Medley

As space permits, we enjoy sharing and promoting the events of our MBA churches. If your church has an upcoming event that would be of interest to others, please contact Denise for more information at dpanter@madisonassociation.org or (256) 536-0015.



Decision Making and the Will of God Men’s Conference February 9, 2018

First Baptist Church, 201 East Hobbs Street, Athens, AL



Dusty McLemore
Lindsay Lane
Baptist Church
Pastor



Tim Anderson
Clements Baptist
Church
Pastor



Joel Carwile
First Baptist
Church
Pastor

Tickets on sale at FBC, CBC, LLBC offices or Register online @ fbcaathens.org

Dinner at 5:00 p.m. \$20 per person 6:30 p.m. Conference

NIGHT to Shine
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will be hosted by Huntsville First Baptist Church on February 9, 2018, from 6-9 p.m. This is a prom night experience for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.
VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!
For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit: www.fbchsv.org/events/nts/ or call 256-428-9062.

Executive Board meeting
Monday, January 29th
10:00 a.m.

Madison Baptist Association, Inc.
Dr. Charlie Howell, Executive Director of Missions
Rev. Ron Lynch, Church Ministry Director
Regina Berry, Financial/Administrative Assistant
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Office Hours: 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday Closed on Fridays

