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A Message from our DOM, Wendell Ray

Greetings EBAC Family,

I woke up on a blow up mattress this morning. I'm at my son's house in Athens, AL. Our grandbaby, Shepard, turned 3 weeks old yesterday. It was the first time that Melissa got to see him. Since it was my 2nd time to see him, for some reason I guess I just thought he would be bigger. But he's still a little baby at 6 pounds. His growth is measured in ounces not pounds. Shepard was born by emergency C-section on September 24, while I was in Ecuador. He wasn't due until September 13. I got to see him when he was a week old. Melissa could not come because she was sick with two illnesses. One was very contagious.

When I got back from Ecuador, I stayed at another house for two nights before heading north on I65. If I stayed in the house with Melissa, I would not have been able to go help with the grandbaby. Two weeks went by before I could sleep in my own bed and be home with the love of my life. That's too long for me! Shepard stayed in the hospital a little over a week before he got to spend his first night at home. Our family went through some stressful times but now we are so happy that he is home and progressing well. My "spiritual maturity" philosophy is that we need to be moving in the growth/mission direction..

Whether we are new babies in Christ or older Christians struggling with "spiritual health", the need is to move toward growth, health and ministry. EBAC provides opportunities globally, here and abroad, for our churches to grow and work together. Join us in the habit of stepping in the growth and ministry direction. Christian's cannot be healthy and reach their potential in growth and mission in isolation... neither can churches! Keep praying, training, and planning for our first regional crusade (in I don't know how many years) Fire in the Field October 7-11, 2018. We are asking all churches to move their Sunday night services on October 7 to the event!

Thank you for praying for your three assigned teachers on Teacher Tuesday. Our goal is to pray for every individual teacher in the county every week. Right now we have churches committed to cover Neil Elementary, McCall Elementary, all Flomaton schools, Huxford Elementary, and Rachel Patterson Elementary. Also, pray for our pastors and staff on Minister Mondays. We have some several pastors who are sick and who have sick family members. In addition, most of our pastors work other jobs along with being a pastor.

Wendell

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Senior Adult Schedule of Events

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Annual Meeting Senior Adult Sing

October 16th 10AM FBC East Brewton

Come and join us as we worship together in song and have our Annual Business Meeting! Todd Ray and the Happy Heart Choir will be blessing us with their voices and we will have a lunch following the meeting that is provided for by our Senior Adult Council! See you there!

Fire in the Fields



Evangelist
Ken Freeman



Musician
Gerald Simmons

October 7th-11th

Rivercane Park

Sunday 6PM

Monday- Thursday 7 PM



Fire in the Field is an evangelistic crusade that is being held in Escambia County. This is the first cross cultural and cross denominational mass effort to reach people for Christ in our area in many years. Churches are encouraged to attend and bring people who are lost to the event. EBAC is fully supporting this crusade!

October is

Pastor

APPRECIATION MONTH

ACP

Annual Church Profile

September Gifts to the Association

Alco	\$0.00
Atmore	\$608.99
Bethel	\$0.00
Booneville	\$0.00
Brewton FBC	\$1166.67
Brooks Memorial	\$723.83
Canoe FBC	\$0.00
Catawba Springs	\$804.23
Cedar Hill	\$25.00
Cross Point	\$0.00
Community Missions	\$85.00
Damascus	\$385.00
East Brewton FBC	\$1039.00
Elim	\$150.00
Flomaton FBC	\$592.42
Judson	\$0.00
Huxford	\$0.00
Liberty	\$560.00
Little Escambia	\$789.00
Moyeville	\$50.00
New Bethlehem	\$62.64
Nokomis	\$286.00
North Brewton	\$206.82
Poarch	\$100.00
Presley Street	\$151.00
Robinsonville	\$249.48
True Hope Fellowship	\$76.76
Unity	\$230.00
Wallace	\$32.00
Zion Hill	\$195.00
Other	\$888.00
TOTAL RECIEPTS	\$9,456.84
MONTHLY EXPENSES	\$6,582.96
YTD RECIEPTS	\$90,992.30
YTD EXPENSES	\$86,519.74

Upcoming Events

October is Pastor Appreciation Month Let's Celebrate our Pastor's!

Ministers' Wives' Luncheon
Oct. 4th./ 12noon/ Brewton/ Happy Kitchen

Pastors' Lunch
Oct. 2nd/ 11:30/ Pizza Hut/ Flomaton

Annual Meeting/Senior Adult Sing
Tuesday, October 16th, 10AM at FBC East Brewton.

Fire in the Fields Oct. 7th-11th
Rivercane Park. Sunday PM Mon-Thur 7PM

SDEA Pastor Appreciation Breakfast Mobile, October 30th, 2018, **register online or by phone at 205-380-6320** The Pastor Appreciation Breakfast in Mobile will be at the Mobile Marriott from 8 AM - 9:45 AM. Pastor Ted Traylor will be speaking and The Voices of Mobile will be leading worship.

Why is your ACP important?

- It enables your church to examine its progress of ministry and growth
- It Preserves the history of your church.
- It gives the state board updated information on your church like address, phone number as well as your leadership in the church.
- It lets the state board know what is going on in your churches. Ex: baptisms going up or declining, membership increasing or declining, etc.

Teacher Tuesday

Striving to pray for all Teachers in every school in our Association.

Teacher Prayer Ministry

Many of our churches minister to schools. The Teacher Tuesday goal is to have church members praying for every individual educator in the county. 1 Timothy 2:1 says “pray for everyone.” Verse 2:8 says “everyone pray.” This summarizes our goal. Praying for everyone and everyone praying. Praying for school teachers is a simple way to move toward obedience in living out this passage. Every person praying for 3 teachers a week on Teacher Tuesday. It’s simple. It’s biblical. It’s discipleship in that it helps provide movement toward maturity and a prayer life for people who may not have the habit of praying for anyone outside of their family and people they know.

Missions in Ecuador

About five years ago EBAC started a Church Planting work in Rocafuerte, Ecuador with IMB missionaries Johnny and Donna Maust. Fourteen teams with people from ten of our churches have ministered in Ecuador. We have worship services now in Rocafuerte. We also helped support a second church plant in Montalvo working with the first Cuban Baptist missionaries. A third place we have worked in is a small rural community called La Perla (The Pearl). This year we had our first Disciple Now weekend in the town of Las Peña’s. Youth were present from the towns where we work and two other towns called Rio Verde and Largarto. Any mission work is a good thing. But what we are doing is starting churches that will start churches. We have built relationships with our missionaries and with people in a different place with a different language and culture. EBAC is reaching out specifically to afro Ecuadorians. According to our mission board this is an unreached people group with only 1% having an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. Our goal is to saturate these communities with the Gospel. We want people to go and continue going in order to build authentic relationships with these wonderful people.



Prayer Matters!