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---From Our DOM---

On June 1, 1975 I surrendered to the call of the Gospel ministry upon my life. I don't know where thirty six years have gone! On July 1, 2002 I began my ministry with The Northeast Florida Baptist Association. I don't know where the past nine years have gone, I still feel like the new kid on the block, I'm still learning Associational work and have found it to be some of the most enjoyable ministry I have had over the years! I still tip my hat to Pastors. They have the most difficult job anyone can have and that's Pastoring a church in Western Culture. God bless you!

Thank you to all who made the Mobile Dental Unit a success July 25-29. Doctor's, Assistants, Volunteers from our churches and Association staff. This is a big project but one of the greatest ministries our churches do throughout the year. We minister to peoples physical hurts and this opens up a door for us to minister to their spiritual hurts. Thank you to the Nassau Gideon camp for passing out Bibles and sharing Christ with those who came our way in the unit.

Key Leader Training

Our Key Leader Training will take place August 25, 2011 at The First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach. We will be serving supper from 5:30-6:30 pm. The training will be from 6:45-8:30 pm. We will have a registration cost of \$5.00 per person. This registration will help offset the cost of the meal for the evening and also helps us to know how many chairs to have in the classrooms. On your registration please indicate the conference you will be attending.

- Stewardship Update/Church Financial Guidebook led by Tim Martin
- Youth Ministry led by Jeff Hessinger
- Times of Refreshing led by Rick Shepherd
- Church Music led by Terry Williams
- Mobilizing for Missions & Partnership led by Gib Gerlach
- Deacon Ministry led by Mike Strickland
- Disciple Making Stepping Stones to Developing Your Church's Strategy led by Roy Saint
- Sunday School Training
 - ✓ Pastor, Staff, General Officers led by John Boone
 - ✓ Adult led by Sherrill Boone
 - ✓ Youth/Student led by Ken Mann
 - ✓ Preschool led by Beth Chin
 - ✓ Children led by Sandy McClendon
- Women's Ministry led by Cindy Goodwin
- Hispanic Ministry led by Deris Coto

In His Service -
Bro. David



2011
Gifts from Our Churches

Church	May	June	YTD
Amelia	980.79	810.78	5038.93
Blackrock	635.83	673.32	4281.29
Boulougne	1365.51	2137.22	7676.51
Brandy Branch	578.65	661.16	3839.97
Callahan First	1666.67	1666.67	10,000.02
Cedar Bay	269.05	303.08	1754.54
Celebration	930.95	1070.02	6335.51
Divine Restoration	80.00	90.00	450.00
Dunns Creek	quarterly	quarterly	9888.52
Duval Station	666.04	652.18	3594.61
Eastport	136.00	132.00	1321.00
Ephesus	361.47	378.15	2111.61
Fernandina First	1196.00	1479.00	7977.00
FBC West Jacksonville	122.17	126.27	649.81
First Corinth	0.00	165.00	215.00
Five Points	547.70	926.55	3983.81
Gardenview	0.00	774.46	2698.32
Gray Gables	831.00	967.00	5298.00
Grover Road	0.00	0.00	23.98
Harper Chapel	30.00	0.00	70.00
Hedges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hilliard First	50.00	50.00	703.02
Hollyford	419.13	362.44	1444.51
LaTierra Prometida	0.00	0.00	0.00
Live Oak	615.00	615.00	3075.00
Matthew's House	0.00	0.00	0.00
North 14th St	302.20	304.20	1447.80
North Hilliard	218.45	239.59	1317.37
Oak Grove	0.00	146.00	411.00
Oak Grove - Brunswick	15.00	0.00	52.53
Oasis	0.00	0.00	200.00
Pecan Park	492.00	389.00	2891.00
Providence	0.00	25.00	133.00
River Road	390.00	390.00	1950.00
Springhill	518.88	575.87	3243.29
Thomas Creek	0.00	241.80	673.70
Victory	150.26	171.92	950.51
Yulee	529.74	546.95	3281.34
TOTAL	14,098.49	17,070.63	98,982.50

Facility Balance
\$157,367.79

Please remember to pray for our churches that are in need of
pastors:

Blackrock
FBC Boulougne
FBC Gray Gables



From Our Churches

Dunns Creek: An Evening with Robin Mark Modern Celtic Worship from the Heart of Ireland

Nominated for a Dove Award for his song "Days of Elijah," Robin Mark is already well known to many Christians in the US. His six albums have become best sellers in America, Canada and throughout the world reaching number one spots on many Praise and Worship charts. You will not want to miss this biblically-inspired musical experience with Robin & his band!

The concert is August 12th @ 7:30 p.m. @ Dunns Creek Baptist, 1425 Starratt Rd., Jacksonville. Purchase your tickets online @ www.dunns creek.com. The tickets are \$12.00 each.

Delivery of Tickets: Purchased tickets can be picked up at the church office during [regular office hours](#), or picked up at Will Call at the event.

Your attendance can help the Women's Resource Center of Jacksonville too!

We are asking everyone that attends the concert to bring an item to donate to the Women's Resource Center of Jacksonville. Items needed are diapers, baby lotion, baby wipes, bottles, diaper rash ointment, etc. The Women's Resource Center of Jacksonville is an organization founded on Christian principles committed to providing love and support to women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

Hilliard First:

August

- 7 6-8 pm Back to School Bash at Town Recreation Center
- 15 8-10 am Mom's Prayer Breakfast at fellowship hall (First day of school)
- 16 7 pm Deacons Meeting
- 18 10:30 am Senior Adult Associational Luncheon at Springhill Baptist Church

September

- 5 Office Closed for Labor Day
- 13 7 pm Deacons Meeting
- 15 11:30 am Young at Heart Senior Adult Luncheon at fellowship hall



From Our Churches

Brandy Branch: **AWESOME AUGUST** at Brandy Branch will be held every Monday evening in August at 7 pm with the following guest speakers:

- August 1st Dr. John Sullivan
- August 8th Bro. Rick Baldwin
- August 15th Dr. Mac Brunson
- August 22nd Bro. Mike Stone
- August 29th Bro. Bill Tyler

The services will have special music each evening. For further information contact the church office (904) 266-4314.

*Association
Senior Adult Luncheon*

August 18, 2011

10:30 am
Springhill Baptist Church
941017 Old Nassauville Road
Fernandina Beach
(904) 261-4741



Please remember to call the church office with approximate number that will be attending. This helps with food preparation.

By now most of you have completed your VBS and I pray that it was successful! Please make sure to send in your VBS reports! If you have any questions about reporting, please contact me.

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*A special "Thank you" to
Dr. David Drake, Director of Missions for
his 9 years of faithful service to the
Northeast Florida Baptist Association*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST**

- 04 Stewardship Committee, 10 am, NEFBA Office
- 18 Senior Adult Luncheon, 10:30 am, Springhill
- 25 Key Leader Training, FBC Fernandina
- 26 NEFBA Office Closed



Service Anniversaries

- 19 yrs Zandra Tison, ministry assistant, FBC Gray Gables
- 12 yrs Dr. Steve Wolgamott, pastor, Live Oak
- 11 yrs Laurie Warren, ministry assistant, Cedar Bay
- 6 yrs Linda Reddish, ministry assistant, FBC Callahan
- 5 yrs Alana Isham, ministry assistant, Live Oak
- 4 yrs Tammy Lynch, preschool director, Springhill
- 2 yrs Wanda Turner, pt. ministry assistant/receptionist, River Road
- 1 yr Adam Page, minister music, Celebration



*"Crusades For Christ"
Tent Meeting
(To be re-scheduled)*

We have run into difficulty in acquiring A/C for the tent during the month of August. We were told that the county might look at the tent with walls in place in a different light. A different type of permit might be needed. Once the walls are in place, the tent has to meet fire codes. Even if the permitting would be issued, there is the cost of an additional \$14,000 or more to bring in the needed generators and A/C units. The A/C units would need to run all the time. So it seems as if the A/C is not possible.

After talking to over 13 pastors, church staff members and church leaders, it became evident that having the crusade without A/C would be problematic for many people. Even if we were to bring in large commercial fans to lower the feel of the temperature, it would be very difficult to convince the masses to come. And we do want them to come. This event is not for the "chosen few."

I truly regret this as I know many of you do. However, the pastors truly believe that a Fall Crusade would be in everyone's interest. A date has not been set. We will talk with the Crusade team and you, pastors, to see what would be the most convenient date.

Again, I apologize for the necessity of this. I do believe that God is in this Crusade. Many will see this as a setback. I believe that God is in control of our steps. Please be in prayer with us as we seek the Lord in this important endeavor.

Neil Helton, Co-Director, Crusades for Christ

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 05 Labor Day, NEFBA Office Closed
- 08 Administrative Committee, 10:30 am, NEFBA Office
- 22 Executive Committee, 10:30 am, NEFBA Office
- 23 First Day of Autumn (Fall)



Service Anniversaries

- 21 yrs Dr. Neil Helton, pastor, Amelia
- 12 yrs Theresa Scanlon, ministry assistant, Amelia
- 11 yrs Jerry Jesonek, minister education, Grove Road
- 9 yrs Kris Elkins, associate pastor, FBC Boulougne
- 5 yrs Bill Kincade, pastor, Ephesus
- 3 yrs Eric Olson, music/education minister, FBC Gray Gables
- 3 yrs Crystal Crews, media, NEFBA
- 3 yrs Larissa Kwiatkowski, preschool director, Celebration
- 3 yrs Vivi-Anne Cryder, child care coordinator, Amelia
- 2 yrs Steve Buchanan, worship pastor, FBC Fernandina
- 2 yrs Laura Peacock, property manager/food ministry, FBC Fernandina
- 2 yrs Pierre Mascia, pastor, Divine Restoration
- 1 yr Dr. Rodney Keith, pastor, Gardenview
- 1 yr Dr. Benjamin Loyd, pastor, River Road
- 1 yr Gary Griffis, minister music, Gardenview

- Make Plans to Attend -

73RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 6, 2011

Business Meeting 5 pm
Dinner 6 pm
"Night of Worship" 7 pm

FBC Fernandina
1600 S. 8th Street
Fernandina Beach

Media Center

Study Series Available



- "An Ordinary Day With Jesus" by John Ortberg and Ruth Haley Barton. In routine moments of an ordinary day you can experience the reality of God's presence. This study can be presented in several formats: Eight 50-minute sessions, four 2-hour sessions, Friday night/Saturday seminar, One-, two-, or three-day retreats, a 45-minute segmented video and one PowerPoint CD-Rom.
- "Loving Well" by Beth Moore. A unique retreat in a box, features four heart-to-heart video messages from Beth Moore. The kit includes 28-Day Journal, Leader Guide, 48 Postcards, 2 Posters, 1 Tote Bag, 2 DVDs, and 1 CD-ROM.
- "Men Leading The Charge" by Steve Farrar. A study that calls men to accept the responsibilities for leading their families and to follow the call to be the leaders God wants them to be. Five videos with 8 sessions.

Information for the **October/November 2011** newsletter should be into the Association Office no later than **Monday, September 26, 2011**. If you are receiving this newsletter in error or would like to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know.

Also, if you know anyone who would like to receive "The Northeaster", please call 904.225.5941 or email the Association Office at nefba@bellsouth.net.

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