

TAYLOR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



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Connecting Baptist Churches in Taylor County

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Purpose Statement: To Equip and Assist our member churches to accomplish their ministries.

Heralds from Harold...

My dad owned a small store in a tiny community, as did my grandfather before him. The business was born during the 1920's and suffered through the Great Depression. Dad maintained the same business model he had been used to for all of those years. Very few things changed. Today, that business is closed. Look around at businesses that used to thrive. Sears and J C Penney used to be strong business models, but both now are in serious trouble. When their situations began to spiral downward, they hung on tenaciously to their past. All of these entities have the same thing in common, they refused to change.

It is easy to look back and remember the good old days. Surely we all have some pleasant memories of the past, but we cannot live in our past. What do declining churches hold on to - worship styles, buildings, (sign: no food or drinks), memorials, past leaders? The list could be very long.

Rather than focusing on the real issues of the day, the tendency is to hold on to those "sacred cows" from the past. They look inward rather than outward. The emphasis is upon themselves and their own comfort rather than touching lives with the gospel. Their mantra becomes, "We've always done it this way."

It is so easy to cling to the comfort of the past. You do not have to take any risks if you constantly live looking over your shoulder. To hold the past in such high esteem is to cheat the Savior of the glory that is due him by reaching out to our community. There will be plenty of time to look at the past when we get to heaven, but in the meantime it is the day to be about our heavenly Father's business.

God Bless,
Bro. Harold

BUDGET RECEIPTS January 2019

Athena	796.00
Blue Creek	200.00
Calvary	967.10
Cornerstone	-0-
Crosspoint	623.70
Fellowship	-0-
First Baptist	416.67
Lakeside	701.15
Midway	-0-
Mt. Gilead	-0-
New Home	--
Oakland	-0-
Pisgah	154.29
Pleasant Grove	200.00
Salem	447.52
San Pedro	75.00
Shady Grove	214.98
Southside	464.94
Total Receipts	\$5,261.35

Thank you for your support!

Monthly Budget Needs = \$5,215.38

Monthly Average Received to Date= 5,261.35

Disaster Relief ...

Training in the operation of Chain saws, skid steers and bucket trucks will be offered on February 14-16 at Picket Lake Camp located at 247 SE Salvation Rd, Branford, FL 32008. If you are interested in participating, please contact David Beigle, Pastor of Blue Creek Baptist.

An annual training in all areas of Disaster Relief work will be offered on March 9th at City Church in Tallahassee, FL.

Pastors...

A Sharper Conference on "Staying on Mission" will be led by Michael Orr at First Baptist Church, Chipley, FL on March 7. Register online.

Gary Yeldell will be leading a seminar for pastors on the "Me Too" Movement on March 4th at the Association Office. Session starts at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Ronny Raines will lead the Sharper Conference on March 7 at the First Baptist Church, Bradfordville, FL.

Men's Ministry...

There has been a **date change** for your next meeting from April 1st to May 13. Midway Baptist Church.

Workshops...

In an effort to help you share the gospel with people you come in contact with (by appointment or by chance) the Association is offering an Evangelism Awakening workshop lead by David Burton. New Home Baptist church is hosting the meeting. Registration will begin at 8:30 and the meeting will end with lunch at 12:00 noon. Please plan to take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to share the gospel will ease.

A VBS Clinic is scheduled at First Baptist Church, in Bradfordville, FL on March 30. Register on line.

Thank You...

Money has been donated to help with the disaster relief efforts in West Florida. Your willingness to help give relief to those in need is sincerely appreciated. The recovery will continue for some time to com.

Meetings...

A celebration of God's work in Taylor County will be held at the Semi-Annual session on April 8th at Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship. Supper starts at 5:30.

CALENDAR

February 2019

- 9 – Assoc. Evangelism Awakening with David Burton at New Home Baptist. 9:00–12:00, lunch, visitation
- 14 – Valentine's Day
- 14-16 Disaster Relief training, chain saw Pickett Lake Camp
- 18 – President's Day
- 24 – Gideon's Sunday, Mt. Gilead Baptist
- 28 – Sharper Conference, FBC Chipley

March 2019

- 4 – "Me Too" Movement Seminar for Pastors & Key Leaders led by Gary Yeldell, lunch provided 10:30 a.m., Association Office
- 7 – Sharper Conference, First Baptist, Bradfordville, FL
- 9 – Disaster Relief Training, City Church, 3215 Sessions Rd., Tallahassee, FL
- 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 10-13 Revival, Athena, Ken Cloud, 6:00 pm
- 17-20 Revival, New Home, Kevin Ahrnes, 7:00 pm
- 25 – Executive Board meets, 11:00 a.m.

April 2019

- 8 – Semi-annual Meeting, Crosspoint Baptist 5:30 supper
- 14 – Palm Sunday
- 19 – Good Friday
- 20 – Passover
- 21 – Easter Sunday

February Birthdays

- 5 – Terri Ruff, First Baptist

Prayer focus...

- Midway Baptist, Pastor Search
- Disaster clean up and ministry

Food for Thought...

True prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency.

Working together, doing more!