



Richland Baptist Association Newsletter

January 2022

From Your Director of Missions (D.O.M.):

“In the beginning GOD” as we begin a new year, let us place our focus on GOD and His Kingdom’s work. What is so special about our Father is that He is a God of new beginnings. When we don’t understand His directions or make a decision contrary to His will, He allows us to start over and do what He had intended for us to do. I praise Him for He is a Loving and Forgiving Father.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” In the beginning our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was with the Father. When He established His church, we became the Bride of Christ. Let us stay focused upon the Groom and be a loving, caring and beautiful bride. If we are in the world, we are an adulterous bride and are not capable of truly loving or serving our Lord. May we always remember the words of our Master, “the Spirit and the Bride say come.” The Bride is to be loving and welcoming. Let us reach out to the community in which our Lord has placed us and make an eternal impact for our Father and Savior.

My prayer is that each of you individually and we collectively as an association of churches bring many sheep into the Good Shepherd’s fold. May this be the greatest year for all of us as we serve the Risen Lord together.

Yours in Christ,

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Upcoming Events for the Month of January

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| January | 01: | New Year’s Day |
| January | 12: | Disciple Making Movement Lab, Baptist Building |
| January | 16: | Sanctity of Life Sunday |
| January | 18: | Pastors’ Conference (lunch at Big John’s at 11AM) |
| January | 24-25: | Evangelism Conference, First Covington |
| January | 25: | Senior Adult Luncheon, First Covington |

Upcoming Events for the Month of February

- February 06: Church Planting, Evangelism, and Missions Sunday
February 08: Pastors' Conference (lunch at Big John's at 11AM)
February 18: The FORUM - TBD
February 20: Focus on WMU
February 21-22: Kid Minister Retreat - TBD

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Opportunities to Serve

- Pastor: Calvary Baptist Church
Cedar Baptist Church
Newton Baptist Church
- Youth Minister: First Baptist Archibald

**If you have a need in your church, please let us know and we will post it in the Monthly Newsletter.*

Something to Think About...

*Behold, I am doing a **new** thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

- Isaiah 43:19

Ever notice how God is always doing something new? A new creation? A new thing? A new heart and new spirit? Walk in newness of life? I make all things new? Sing a new song to the Lord? Put on the new self? His mercies are new every morning? Shall re-NEW their strength? (ok, that may be a stretch)... A new heaven and a new earth? Even the old, old Gospel is good NEWs. Lord, help us not to be like the world where the "new wears off" of things like Christmas (*or at least the gifts*) and New Year's (*where parties are at times a weak substitute for fellowship*). Every new day is a new opportunity to experience Him in a new way and new things that come our way from the Eternal Father of time.

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