

# TALLAPOOSA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

*Equipping Churches to Expand God's Kingdom*

**JAMES SMITH, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS - THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018**

## Thank you!

Shalom From the Middle East! Our family would like to send all our SBC Family in Tallapoosa County a very Happy New Year from across the world. We want to say THANK YOU for your generous giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that supports families like ours across the world as we strive to get the gospel to the nations. We are brand new missionaries on the field. Even as "newbies" we have already seen up close and personal what your giving to LMCO enables us to do! It provides our car, our home, our kids education and SO much more. We are just normal folks from Alabama. But because of God's call and your giving, we find ourselves privileged to be on the front lines of taking the gospel to the nations. We have a thank you video we would like to offer your church for your giving to LMCO, and we would also love to get to know all our Tallapoosa County churches personally! Contact our DOM to get our information and receive our thank you video.

## Join us for a ROAD TRIP!!!



Tuesday Feb 6

**DESTINATION: Marion, Alabama**  
**For the 175th Birthday Celebration of**  
**The Alabama Baptist**

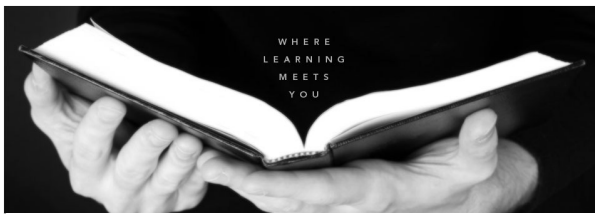
\$15 Advance tickets include: historic tours, worship in the Judson College Chapel, author presentations based on the book: "The Alabama Baptist: Celebrating 175 years," lunch and birthday party.

If you would like to go as a group with the association, you must sign up and pay by Jan 23. We hope to use church buses and vans for transportation (\$5/person for gas).

## TBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>NOV</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Gen Budget Needs	\$12,675.00	139,425.00
Gen Budget Receipts	12,778.28	136,723.67
Gen Budget Expenses	12,228.02	128,932.90

The checkbook balance on 11/30/2017 was 32,069.52 (including general funds & designated funds).



## Christian Apologetics

**Tuesday nights at 6 PM**  
**beginning January 23rd for 8 weeks**  
**Cost: \$50**

- **Do you feel equipped to engage in a rational and informed discussion about what you believe with a non-believer?**

Apologetics means to "give a defense" for the things we believe as believers. This course will prepare you to "give a defense for the hope that is within you." Study will be given on creationism, the resurrection, suffering and Christ as the only way to salvation.

This an extremely practical program that is designed for both ministers and laypeople, combining solid teaching with minimal assignments that won't overload your schedule.

The textbook for the class is "On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision" by William Lane Craig and can be purchased on Amazon for about \$14.

To register online, go to [www.samford.edu/programs/ministrytraining-institute/](http://www.samford.edu/programs/ministrytraining-institute/). For more info about the upcoming class, call Pastor Matt Haines at 256-234-2408.

## D-LIFE BOOT CAMP

**D-Life is living a lifestyle of discipleship anytime & anywhere.**

D-Life...

- Is NOT a program; it's a lifestyle.
- Is modeled after the life of Christ.
- Is our supreme purpose in life.
- Is a simple plan for multiplying disciples.
- Is for all ages and genders.
- Is multi-generational.
- Is evangelistic & missional.
- Is Bible centered.
- Is life changing.
- Is effective & affordable.

The D-Life Boot Camp is open to everyone in the association. It will be held Saturday, February 17 at Jackson's Gap BC from 8-noon.

Subtraction, addition and multiplication are math terms. But they are also terms I use to refer to our churches. Some of our churches are decreasing. They "subtract" members as they die or leave the church. Other churches are growing slightly by



addition. They "add" people who are saved or transfer membership from another church to theirs. Very few churches grow by multiplication, and yet this is the biblical way to grow. Look at Jesus' example. He disciples 12 men, and then sent them out to disciple others. The church grew numerically and spiritually. Its amazing to watch when those who have been disciples pass on what they have learned to others. Just think if every believer in your church was disciples, and then began to disciple others. We would see explosive growth in our churches. **Let me invite you to a discipleship event in our association on Feb 17 from 8 am till 12 noon at Jacksons Gap Baptist Church where you will learn to disciple anytime and anywhere.** Dr. Bill Wilks will teach D'Life's basic biblical principles: fellowship, teaching, prayer, ministry, multiplication and accountability. You and your church will profit from this important teaching from the Word of God. **Call us to register or for more information at 256-825-4441.**

Until all the nets are full,  
*James Smith*



You can hear James' devotion at 10:35 each morning Monday-Friday on Praise 88.7 Christian Radio

## PATHWAYS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

*A Family Ministry of AL Baptist Children's Homes*

We are blessed to have Scott Estes, a Licensed Professional Counselor, at our office each Thursday .

**For Appointments, call Scott at 334-451-0804**

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