



Good News

From Elmore Baptist Association
 "Churches in Fellowship & on Mission"

July 2, 2009

From your Associational Missionary

"Worship: Style or Substance?"

Senior Adults will gather for their annual revival this month and it will be a time of celebration! Worship will be pretty "traditional." As EBA churches gather for worship next Sunday there will be a variety of worship styles: "traditional," "contemporary," "blended," "southern gospel" and others..

"What should our 'worship style' be?"

I believe style is shaped by our personal history and preferences. I believe a more important question about worship is:

"What is the substance of our worship?"

Substance is determined by our purpose in worship. Is our purpose to please ourselves/others or to please God?

Here are some questions that help me determine the substance of worship?

- 1) Does the worship honor Christ?
- 2) Is the message of the music Biblical?
- 3) Are the worshippers encouraged to participate or just watch?
- 4) Is the sermon Biblical, practical and understandable?
- 5) Does the worship lead the worshipper to change in his/her life in response to the Lord?
- 6) Does the visitor feel welcome and understand what's going on?
- 7) Does worship end or begin with the AMEN?

All worship styles can succeed or fail to accomplish the true purpose of worship.

It is not the total responsibility of the worship leaders to make sure we accomplish the purpose. It is the responsibility of every worshipper to

"... worship the Father in spirit and in truth ..."
 John 4:23b (NIV)

Our worship (style & substance) must be >
 — in the spirit of who God is
 — in the truth of who we are in His presence

I pray you experience God-honoring, life-changing worship.

grace, *Proxmí*

.God Answers Prayer!

Bro Bill Gallahair continues to recover as specific prayers are being answered. Bill was able to be a part of his son's recent wedding - proudly standing as "best man." Bill has also been able to worship with the Harvest Fields Church family.

"Mission Involvement Project"

Tuesday, 7/7 - 9 AM (EBA office)

Elmore Baptist Association Senior Adult Revival Celebration

July 13-15, 10:00 AM
 New Home Baptist Church
 1605 New Home Rd, Titus AL

Preachers Are:

Monday - Doyle Brown, Tuesday - David Gill
 Wednesday - Bill Baker

Lunch Mon/Tues "bring your own." Church provides drinks/dessert.
 Wed New Home prepares lunch (small fee).

Enjoy/Be a Part of

Sr Adult Choir — Special Music
 Fellowship — Inspirational Messages

"6 CORE Values" SS Conference

Led by Alan Taylor
 (MN/Education. Woodstock Baptist Church, GA)
 July 25, 2009 - Shoal Creek Baptist Church
 8:30 AM - NOON
 Registration through (7/17) go to:
www.shoalcreekchurch.org/news/?newsID=98

Unable to go on mission trips but would like to help in some way?

RU interested in participating in a sewing group + work on projects like jumpers for the girls or crayon bags for the children, baby blankets or personal care kits; items that could used as part of the mission work.

Have fun getting together and work on projects that could be a witness to others. Please call or email, Chris Coombs 334 857-2378 or seweasy4me@elmore.rr.com

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 Beth Moore.



Thelma Baptist Church
 Cost \$35

Contact Barbara Kay Edwards for ticket info:
 H>567-6458, Cell>391-7723 or bksahoot@yahoo.com

News from EBA churches...

Blue Ridge - VBS July 19-23, 6:30 PM nightly

Holtville Riverside - VBS blessed with enrollment of 91 for the week.

Mountain View - 15th anniversary, July 12, 2009.

Shoal Creek - Pics from Wed youth FISH (Fellowship in someone's home)



nights - "messy games."
 VBS total enrollment of 253.

Thelma - Pastor Doug Chappelle & daughter Callie were recently on mission together in Guatemala - involved in building homes & sharing Christ

Wetumpka 1st - "Mon. Nights" (6:30 PM) July: Tom Lester (13), Don Piper (20) and Dale Bosarge (27).

"Let's Get Ready for College"

First Baptist Church, Tallassee

College-Bound

How to Study in College ♦ Campus Safety
 Money Management
 How Not to Crash & Burn Spiritually

High School Juniors and Seniors

How to Score Your Best on the ACT
 How to Be a Spiritual Leader in High School
 How to Find Scholarships & Grants

Saturday, July 25 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
 Contemporary Christian Band Concert: 3-6:00 pm
 Contact Josh (283-2287) or joshc@fbctallassee.com

Elmore County "HIPPIY"

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschoolers
 Free, home-based program that helps parents help their children prepare for school (Elmore CO BOE)
 Contact Tom Snyder for more info (567-3183)

Guatemala Mission Project

"GO" Trip (9/4-12, 2009)
 With our partner Pastor Lucas (Jutiapa Baptist)
 If you would like to be a **Prayer Partner** and/or support financially, give us a call (567-7321).

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