



## Churches of Strength Conference Saturday Seminar

August 14, 2010

Third Baptist Church  
1102 E. Boulevard, Marion, IL

Continental Breakfast—8:30 A.M.

This free conference begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by three hours of training.

Come and join hundreds of others for some practical, cutting edge, useful training that is designed to equip and strengthen your church's ministries in such areas as: Leadership Development, Sunday School, Evangelism, Discipleship, Music and Worship, Student Ministries, Family Ministries, Church Renewal, Missions Awareness, Church Planting, Next Gen. Information, Prayer, Men's Ministries, WMU and more....

Many free resources and materials will be given out.

For more information contact

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### Affiliated Churches

Ashley  
Ava Missionary  
Bara  
Beaucoup  
Chester First  
Clarmin  
Concord  
Coulterville First  
Cutler First  
DeSoto First  
Dowell First  
DuQuoin First  
DuQuoin Second  
Elkville First  
Ellis Grove  
Elm Street  
Harrison  
Korean Vision  
Lakeland  
Matthews  
Murdale  
Nashville First  
New Heart  
Nine Mile  
Oak Grove  
Okawville First  
Paradise  
Pinckneyville First  
Rock Hill  
Roe's Dale  
Sand Ridge  
Sparta First  
Steeleville  
Sunfield  
Tamaroa First  
Tilden First  
Unity  
University  
Walnut Street  
Willisville  
Winkle

## Evangelistic Small Groups & Organic Church Training

August 12, 2010 Time: 10 A.M.— 2 P.M.

Lunch Included

Baptist Student Center  
825 W. Mill St.  
Carbondale, IL

NAMB national missionary Lyle Seltmann will lead this training to equip pastors and lay leaders to use small groups as a means to reach the unchurched and to start new works.

Registration is free. Please contact Chase Abner by August 11 to register. Email [chaseabner@ibsa.org](mailto:chaseabner@ibsa.org) or call (618) 457-2898.





### Reversal of the Great Commission

Ask a church member, ‘what is the Great Commission?’ Typically the response will be the correct answer along with the passage that is most associated with it: Matthew 28:19,20. Hudson Taylor may be the one credited with coining the phrase “Great Commission.” But knowing who coined the phrase or where to find it in Scripture is not that significant. What *is* significant is our obedience to it. On one particular occasion when the disciples had asked Jesus to increase their faith, Jesus told a story about a master and his slaves (Luke 17:5). He proceeded to say that when slaves do what is commanded them; they can say, “We have only done that which we ought to have done.” Is greater faith needed to fulfill the Great Commission? Not at all! What we need to do is ‘what we ought to have done!’ What is it that we ought to have done? Going into the entire world and making disciples by baptizing and teaching. The baptizing and teaching are the means to get the job done. We Baptists are good at always finding a source of water but perhaps not as skilled at locating the chalk board.

For many churches though, it seems that we have reversed the first part of the Great Commission from “go and make” to “come and be.” I believe two factors have contributed to this mentality. The first is a ‘come’ mentality best described by David Finnell when he suggested that we have turned our churches into *come structures* instead of *go structures*. He described a *come structured church* as one which attempts to reach people by attracting and bringing people to church facilities or central locations while a *go structured church* attempts to reach people in the homes and communities where they live and work rather than trying to attract them to the church. The second factor contributing to this Great Commission reversal is the score card mentality. Reggie McNeal states that “Church scorecards currently reflect member values: how many show up, pay up, and participate in club member activities. These are the numbers used to compare one church with another – the numbers that denominations ask for in their reports. These numbers establish the pecking order among clergy. The bigger the better and the more respected by club members of other churches. He goes on to say on that

“until we start making heroes of people who decide to be and act like missionaries, we will fail to turn club members into missionaries. Until we bless people who “go out” from us to reach people who may not come to us, we will continue to have a kingdom vision that is shrink-wrapped to church programs and church real estate.”

One thing is certain, we cannot keep on doing all that we are doing and think that we are being obedient to the Great Commission. Our priorities will have to change, budgets will need to be simplified, and programs downsized or even scrapped. The Great Commission will never be great if we don’t allow it to dominate us and determine all that we do!

I am thankful that our SBC convention has recently drawn attention back to the Great Commission and even made some strategy and financial changes that will help steer our churches back on course even if it’s a tiny bit. But however small or great these changes may be, our primary attention in the local church must not be given to ourselves but to the Word and to the world we are tasked to engage.

For His Glory,

*John*

<sup>1</sup>“Come Structures and Go Structures.” Church Planter’s Link Fourth Quarter. 1993. (Because this article is out of print, I thought some might like to read the article from which this quote is drawn, so I have made a copy available on our website under the [resource tab](#).

<sup>2</sup>McNeal, Reggie. This Present Future. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-bass, 2003.

**Save the date!!!!**

**Associational**

**Annual Meeting**



next month.

The annual meeting of the association will take place on Monday night October 25, 2010 at Steeleville Baptist Church. The time and more details will be announced

God's Provisions for Nine Mile Association	
Church	Amount
Ashley Baptist	16.20
Ava Missionary Baptist	0
Bara Baptist	0
Beaucoup Baptist	1054.00
Chester First Baptist	486.65
Clarmin Baptist	109.22
Concord Baptist	713.68
Coulterville Baptist	68.27
Cutler First Baptist	258.21
DeSoto First Baptist	207.78
Dowell First Baptist	0
DuQuoin First Baptist	2539.12
DuQuoin Second Baptist	200.00
Elkville First Baptist	400.00
Ellis Grove First Baptist	893.00
Elm Street First Baptist	1141.48
Harrison Baptist	0
Korean Vision Baptist	60.00
Lakeland Baptist	1100.00
Matthews Baptist	0
Murdale Baptist	174.00
Nashville First Baptist	250.00
New Heart Fellowship	70.00
Nine Mile Baptist	594.00
Oak Grove Baptist	365.00
Okawville First Baptist	33.93
Paradise Baptist	50.00
Pinckneyville First Baptist	328.76
Rock Hill Baptist	25.00
Roe's Dale Baptist	113.76
Sand Ridge Baptist	0
Sparta First Baptist	50.00
Steeleville Baptist	1103.99
Sunfield Baptist	0
Tamaroa First Baptist	10.00
Tilden First Baptist	65.48
Unity Baptist	0
University Baptist	250.00
Walnut Street Baptist	119.19
Willisville Missionary Baptist	45.00
Winkle Baptist	224.03
Iglesia Hispanic	70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,189.75</b>

## 4th Successful Children's Camp held

For the 4th consecutive year, the Nine Mile Association held yet another successful Children's Camp. The camp has swelled in numbers each year. The camp has a strong emphasis on Bible and missions combined with crafts and lots of recreational activities. Hats off to Beth Reid for all her work as director. Many others assisted through volunteering their time as counselors and teachers. Photos can be seen on [facebook](#) or the associational [website](#).

## New Work off the ground and growing!

Steeleville Baptist Church has been instrumental in helping Roberto Cruz launch a new work among Hispanics in the Steeleville/Chester area.

Roberto now devotes part of his time to Carbondale, Steeleville and to Cobden. Please pray for him as he ministers the gospel to many families in Southern Illinois.



## Ashley Baptist Church closes its doors



On Sunday, July 18, the Ashley Baptist Church held its final worship service with Rev. Ken Qualls who has been an interim pastor.

The church was started by Rev. H. W. Carner. He led the church to organize on May 1863. The church was duly constituted on June 28 of that year by a council from Du Quoin, Richview, Horse Prairie and Mt. Pleasant. The congregation had no building until 1866. The present building was dedicated on June 10 of that year. Many church records were damaged by a fire in 1885. The church has been operating a food pantry which has now been taken over by New Heart Fellowship Church of Beaucoup located just west of Ashley. The building is in the process of being sold with a sale currently pending.

## Training Dates

### October 8-9

Southern Illinois Region Training  
DR 101 - Introduction  
Child Care, DR Chaplaincy, Mass Feeding  
Shower Unit, Chain Saw, Mudout, Communications,



**To pre-register for any of these training sessions, please contact Linda Darden at IBSA:**

[lindadarden@ibsa.org](mailto:lindadarden@ibsa.org) , or 217-391-3137

The above reflects the months of May and June. Some deposits may not be credited until following

## August

- 14—Churches of Strength Conference, Third Baptist Marion
- 15—SIHOP Board meeting, Kaskaskia Association office
- 16-17—DOM Training/Update in Springfield
- 19—Pastor's Luncheon



## September

- 6—Labor Day
- 12-19 Illinois Mission Offering
- 13—Executive Board Meeting, Roe's Dale Baptist, 6P.M.
- 22—See You at the Pole
- 25—Churches of Strength Conference, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Vernon

### *Pastor/Wife/Staff Birthdays*

#### August Birthdays:

- 2 - Chris Hottensen
- 8 - Charles Smith
- 8 - Aaron Gregg
- 11 - Nancy Capps

#### Anniversaries

- 1—Bill & Janet McCluskey
- 10—Kent & Bibi Eaton
- 14—Darryl & Donna Williams
- 16—Kenny & Peggy Robinson
- 24—Sidney & Hope Logwood



There is only one missionary for every 300,000 unreached Muslims.

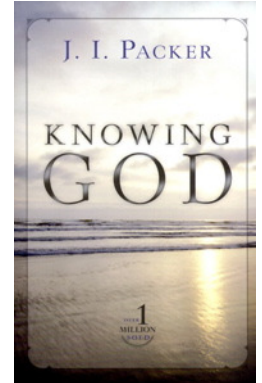
## **Annual Church Profiles**

ACP's have been mailed out to all the churches. If you have not received your packet or it was mailed to you in error then please contact the associational office at 357-5171. Please complete online or return hard copy to the association by September 20th.

### Recommended Resource

Looking for a great study? Look no further! Twenty-two chapters that will enflame your heart.

“The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.



There is something exceedingly improving to the mind in a contemplation of the divinity. It is a subject so vast, that all our thoughts are lost in its immensity; so deep, that our pride is drowned in its infinity. Other subjects we can compass and grapple with; in them we feel a kind of self-content, and go our way with the thought, 'Behold I am wise'. But when we come to this master-science, finding that our plumb-line cannot sound its depth, and that our eagle eye cannot see its height, we turn away with the thought that vain man would be wise, but he is like a wild ass's colt; and with solemn exclamation, 'I am but of yesterday, and know nothing'. No subject of contemplation will tend more to humble the mind, than thoughts of God....”

*Taken from the first page of the book though it is a quote from Charles Spurgeon in 1887.*

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