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### Transition

Transition is a word that brings anticipation for some, fear for others. As was pointed out by the leadership of one of our churches recently, transition is defined as a movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept, etc., to another. Often times of transition are the times in which we see God working the most, because we are forced to accept that not only will things not be as they have formerly been, but much of what we must experience is beyond our control.

A number of our churches are experiencing the transition of pastoral leadership. Pastoral transitions can be both hurtful and healthy. Hurtful because there is loss – a shepherd you love, trust, rely upon, and learn from is leaving. Healthy because there is opportunity to analyze, evaluate, and consider the future days. Within both of these there is a common denominator: these are times for the church family to draw together – in prayer, fellowship, stewardship, support, worship, and ministry (just to name a few). God’s shepherd may have left, but God has not – and we are called to honor, worship, and serve Him, even during times of transition.

That said, we pray for and encourage our churches and pastors experiencing transition.

This week **Bradfordville, First Baptist Church** said farewell to **Dr. Mark Wilbanks** after more than nine years of his leadership. We wish **Mark and Kim** well as they move to Atlanta and lift up **Bradfordville, First Baptist Church** and her staff as they enter this transition period.

**Bradfordville, First Baptist Church** joins **First Baptist Tallahassee, Woodrun, First Baptist Wakulla Station, and First Baptist Woodville** in the search to determine God’s new leader to serve as pastor. We continue to lift those churches in prayer.

**Chapel Hill Baptist** has called **Jeff Teague**, currently Minister to Senior Adults at Idlewild Baptist in Lutz, to be pastor. Jeff’s first Sunday will be February 19. Formerly on staff at Northwoods Baptist, we welcome him and his family back to Tallahassee and wish God’s wonderful blessings as he begins his ministry at Chapel Hill.

On Sunday, January 15, **Shady Sea Baptist** in Spring Creek ordained and installed **Pat McArthur** as their pastor. It is always exciting to see God working in someone’s life,

calling them to surrender to a life of service to Him. We welcome Pat to this life called “vocational ministry” and wish God’s awesome blessing and guidance upon him, and upon the family of Shady Sea Baptist Church.

***Don’t forget these upcoming events, designed to help you better carry out Christ’s commission:***

**\* Thursday, February 9 - Pastors’ Stewardship Conference - 10:30am – Association office.**

Attendees will receive valuable church stewardship information and materials. Plus, lunch from “Piggy’s” is included!

**\* Thursday, February 16 - Leading Congregational Change - 10:00 - 12:00 noon – Fellowship Baptist Church.**

Roy Saint, from the Florida Baptist Convention, will share some of the best ways to help your church make better decisions about the continual change we experience, and how to adapt ministry to be relevant.

**\* Monday, February 27 – Training Church Leadership / Discipleship Conference – 7:00–9:00pm, Thomasville Road Baptist Church.**

Leaders from both the Florida Baptist Convention and our Florida Baptist Association will provide conferences on personal evangelism, developing a discipleship strategy, using technology to connect and community, preparing for Vacation Bible School 2012, and understanding how to best use and maintain your church facilities. This is an opportunity for you to bring your church leaders and members to get hands-on training from some top-notch leaders. It will be worth the effort and time!

*Thank you for the privilege to serve alongside you, by His grace, for His glory.*  
Sean

### Association Calendar

#### February

- 9 Stewardship Conf., 10:30-12:00 noon
- 16 Leading Congregational Change, 10:00 am – Noon, Fellowship Baptist Church
- 19 Youth Musical, 6:00 pm, Morningside
- 20 Presidents Day (Office Closed)
- 27 Discipleship Conference, 7:00–9:00 pm

#### March

- 1 Association Directors Meeting, 12:00 Florida Baptist Association
- 4 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- 11 Time Change
- 15 Association Council Meeting, 10:30 am, Morningside Baptist Church
- 25-27 State Evangelism Conf., Plant City

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### February 9 **Pastors' Stewardship Conference**

10:30 am, Lunch following  
Held at the Association Office. A representative from the Florida Baptist Convention will share information related to Christian stewardship in the church. Each participant will receive a packet of church stewardship related materials.

### February 16 **Leading Congregational Change**

10:00 - 12:00 noon  
Leader: Roy Saint, Florida Baptist Convention  
Location: Fellowship Baptist Church, 3705 N. Monroe St.  
Each church and every ministry is constantly going through change. Volunteers and resources change, as does the community, technology, and the culture of our society. Join Roy Saint as he shares some of the best ways to help your church make better decisions about change?

### February 17-18 **RE: Connect State Collegiate Retreat**

A convergence of college students and leaders who want to ignite the passion for Christ on their campuses.  
Theme: "Unstained" James 1:27 (NLT)  
Deadline to Register 01/10/12 at 8:31 pm  
Cost: \$35 per person

Make checks payable to: BCM of Florida Baptist Convention  
2012 Re: Connect (State Collegiate Retreat)  
200 S. Woodward Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32304  
Westside Baptist Church  
Speakers: Show Hope and Jason Hays  
Worship Leader: Caleb  
Contact: Pam Knight at the FSU BCM, 222-4444

### February 3, 2012 **DISASTER SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING**

Provided by American Red Cross Capital Area Chapter at the Red Cross Building, 1115 Easterwood Drive  
Free Training for All Ordained Clergy  
\*Pre-register with Shuford Davis 385-4681 or [shuford.davis@comcast.net](mailto:shuford.davis@comcast.net)

This training will qualify you to become an ARC Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) Volunteer  
8:15 am - Sign In  
8:30 am - Introduction to Air Disaster Response - Evie Goslin, Ph.D.  
9:30 am - Psychological First Aid - Carolyn Stimel, Ph.D.  
10:30 am - Introduction to Disaster Spiritual Care- Shuford Davis, Ph.D.  
11:30 am - DSHR application procedure

### February 19 **BBCFM Youth Musical**

The 2012 BBCFM Youth Musical, "Are We There Yet?", will be Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at Morningside Baptist Church (1560 Pedrick Road, Tallahassee).

### February 27 **Discipleship Conference: Training Church Leadership**

Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Thomasville Road Baptist Church  
3131 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee  
Child Care Provided (Infant -Grade 5)

### **5 Workshop Options**

**Love Your Neighbor - Share Christ**  
Will McRaney, Florida Baptist Convention - Leading Your Church to Share Christ  
Room A-101

**Using Technology to Connect & Communicate**  
Brian Brown, Fellowship of the Hills  
Using a variety of technology tools to reach your members & the community  
Room: A-105

**VBS Overview: LifeWay's "Amazing Wonders Aviation"**  
Dan Sowell, Karen Willes and Joody Moates - East Hill Baptist Church  
Overview of the Bible Studies, Mission Stories, Crafts & Music  
Room: Fellowship Hall

**Developing a Discipleship Process**  
Doug Bedgood, Celebration Baptist Church  
Explore ideas for well-rounded strategy for life transformation in your church  
Room: A-104

**Building & Grounds Management**  
John Boone, Florida Baptist convention  
Improving ministry, cost-saving, optimizing your facilities, and attracting visitors  
Room: A-102



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**Your Gifts - December 2011**

Church	Month	Year to Date
Aenon	397.91	905.03
Antioch	0.00	255.70
Bradfordville, First	0.00	00.00
Canopy Roads	939.44	3,199.72
Carrabelle, First	0.00	481.14
Celebration	1,243.58	3,902.07
Chapel Hill	461.81	1,404.62
Crawfordville, First	58.33	174.99
Crossroad Bible	0.00	30.00
Crossway	463.16	1,584.35
East Hill	768.50	1,691.55
Ebenezer, Jefferson	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer, Leon	39.70	140.99
Emmanuel International	0.00	59.20
Faith	662.61	2,545.29
Fellowship	748.00	2,585.00
Fellowship of the Hills	0.00	500.00
Forest Heights	304.51	1,087.24
Grace	0.00	0.00
Hispanic	108.40	268.25
Immanuel	1,784.74	5,517.57
Indian Springs	228.56	735.89
Lake Bradford	198.23	386.76
Lake Ellen	331.28	1,185.16
Lake Talquin	551.73	2,171.12
Lakeview	0.00	596.00
LIFEBASICS	0.00	0.00
Lloyd, First	398.66	801.77
Monticello, First	422.44	1,317.03
Morningside	100.00	300.00
Mt. Elon	175.00	500.00
New Life	0.00	332.00
North Florida	1,500.00	4,500.00
Northwoods	166.67	500.01
Ochlockonee Bay	0.00	0.00
Panacea, First	165.92	291.92
Panacea Park	0.00	0.00
Pioneer	275.34	774.74
Seminole	195.39	390.78
Shady Sea	40.00	213.75
Sopchoppy	135.66	498.14
St. George, First	0.00	0.00
St. Marks, First	0.00	264.00
Tallahassee, First	1,114.96	3,182.53
Tlh Korean	0.00	0.00
The Well	0.00	0.00
Thomasville Rd.	2,000.00	6,000.00
Unity	88.69	213.26
Wakulla Springs	0.00	0.00
Wakulla Station	38.71	150.44
Woodland Hills	0.00	0.00
Woodrun	279.00	535.00
Woodville, First	600.44	1,995.67
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$16,987.37</b>	<b>\$54,168.95</b>