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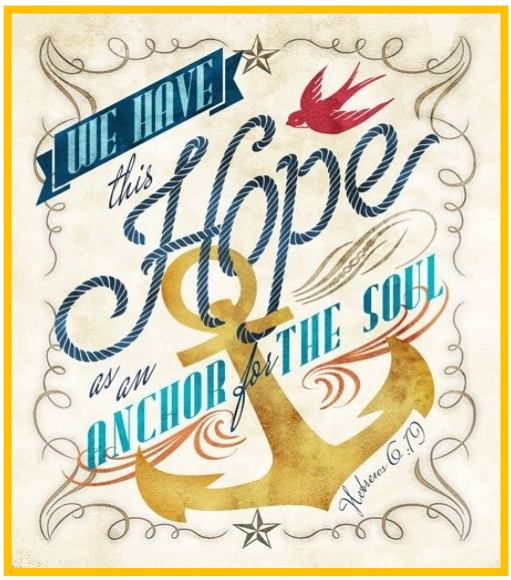

June 2017

A Message From

Dr. Randy L. Bennett

Since 1997 a handful of us have been meeting at Barnes and Nobles on California after the Pastor's Breakfast. Gathered together today were Drs. Jerry Lanford, Don Ledbetter and Randy Bennett. After sharing concerns and issues related to professional and personal concerns, we prayed quietly around the group with our eyes open. We learned early on that no one really appreciates a group of believers gathering for prayer in a public place making a lot of noise in order to draw attention to themselves. Nearly everyone in the room knows what we are doing but no one has objected in all these years. Out of those simple times of prayer have come some fantastic answers from the Lord.

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Today we prayed about starting a new church in Bakersfield. Hingepoint and Vision Plus are our last new works in Bakersfield. They started over five years ago. We have no location or leadership in place but we knew it was time to pray. Out of that conversation Don suggested that we take a look at some new growth around Seventh Standard Road. After the meeting Jerry and I drove north to Seventh Standard Road. We discovered a new Lennar housing tract close to Calloway Drive and Seventh Standard Road. We talked to the salespeople and then toured a handful of the model homes. In addition to a few hundred new homes both a Middle School, Elementary School, and shopping center will be built along the road. Our biggest surprise was to discover that the housing project is located in the City of Shafter! Way to go Shafter!

Will this two hour journey to Bakersfield/Shafter lead to the creation of a new work? We don't really know but both of us prayed as we walked and toured the houses. I did not sense any reason why the Lord would not lead us to start something new there. What are we looking for now? At this point we look for four objective things:

1) A continued burden from the Lord to start something new in a particular area which leads to a local church deciding to start a new work.

2) A called man to lead the new work.

3) Resources to start the new work.

4) God's timing.

This simple formula has led to the start of dozens of churches in the last twenty years. Please join us in finding God's will in this matter. At the same time take a close look around your area and ask yourself if you see an area where God might want you and your church to start a new work.

Your Missionary,

Dr. Randy L. Bennett
Director of Missions -
Kern County Southern Baptist Association

Since I last reported we have worshiped and/or preached at the following churches: Crossover, Northside, Daybreak, Buttonwillow, and Central Coast BC. I have also participated in two Executive Director Search Committee meetings whereupon we recommended Dr. Bill Agee to serve as our next Executive Director. He was elected by the CSBC Exec. Board unanimously. He will begin June 1, 2017.

KCSBA PASTOR'S FORUM

ATTENTION PASTORS !!

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST, 3001 STINE RD.

All our Pastors are encouraged to join this Forum

Next Meeting: June 22

Topic: *New Believer Follow-up*

R.S.V.P. – FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST 833-4345

NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

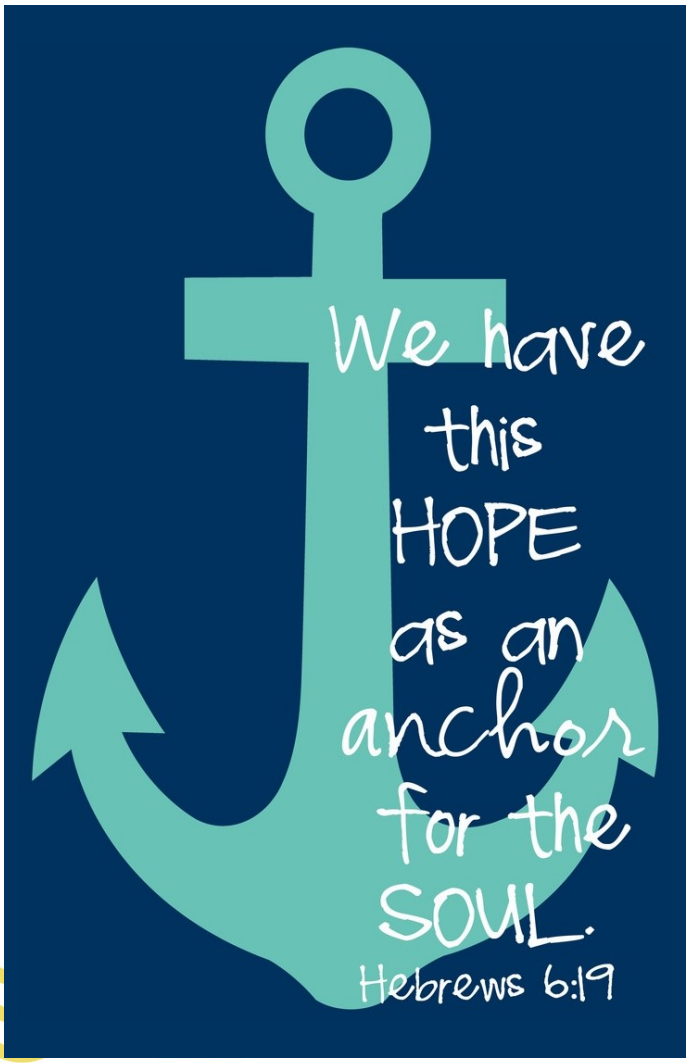
Starting June 5th

Dawn will be in the office from

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday

It is still always best to call before stopping in to inform the office of your visit.



KCSBA MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 2017 FINANCIALS

Working together to spread the Gospel of Christ . . .

Thank you for your giving!

KCSBA
Kern County Southern Baptist Association
Reaching Today's Generations for Christ

We sincerely thank the following churches and missions for their contributions during MAY 2017. Financials are based upon contributions received by the last work-day of the month. Any contributions received after the last day of the month will be accounted for in the next months financials. We are grateful to those churches that make missions a priority and give faithfully to KCSBA.

Giving from our Churches for MAY 2017
$10,678.37

2017 Monthly Budget Projection
$11,428.23

Difference for this month
-$749.86

Bakersfield Korean Baptist Church
Country Oaks Baptist Church
Crossover Church
Daybreak Baptist Church
Fairfax So Baptist Church
Fairview So Baptist Church
Fellowship Baptist Church
Filipino So Baptist Missionaries
First Baptist Church - Edison
First Baptist Church - Kernville
First Baptist Church - Shafter
First Baptist Church - Tehachapi
First So Baptist Church - Porterville
First So Baptist Church - Taft
First So Baptist Hispanic Church
Golden Valley Christian Fellowship
Grace Baptist Church
Griffith Avenue Baptist Church
Harmony So Baptist Church
Hingepoint Church
Jesus Aqua Viva
Mountain View So Baptist Church
New Life Community Church
Primera Iglesia Bautista – Wasco
Rising Star Baptist Church
Trinity So Baptist Church - Taft
Valley Baptist Church
Vision Plus Church
Weldon Baptist Church
Westchester Baptist Church

KCSBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

JUNE

10	Sat	SBC – Crossover
13-14	Tues-Wed	SBC – Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, AZ
14	Wed	Flag Day
18	Sun	Father's Day
18	Sun	SBC – Baptist Men's Emphasis
21	Wed	Summer Begins
25	Sun	SBC – Mission: Dignity Sunday

JULY

2	Sun	SBC – Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday
4	Tues	KCSBA Closed – Independence Day Observed
5-9	Wed-Sun	CSBC – Centrifuge, Jenness Park
10-15	Mon-Sat	Jenness Park - CentriFUGE Week 1
11	Tues	KCSBA Administrative Committee and Associational Council Meeting, KCSBA Office, 10:15 am.
17-22	Mon-Sat	Jenness Park - CentriFUGE Week 2
23	Sun	SBC – LoveLoud Sunday (Community Service Sunday)
24-29	Mon-Sat	Jenness Park - CentriFUGE Week 3
31-Aug 5		Jenness Park – CentriFUGE Week 4

Mightier than the *waves of the sea* is His love for you.

Psalm 93:4

Ministers' Wives Retreat 2017

May 19 - 21

Jenness Park Christian Camp

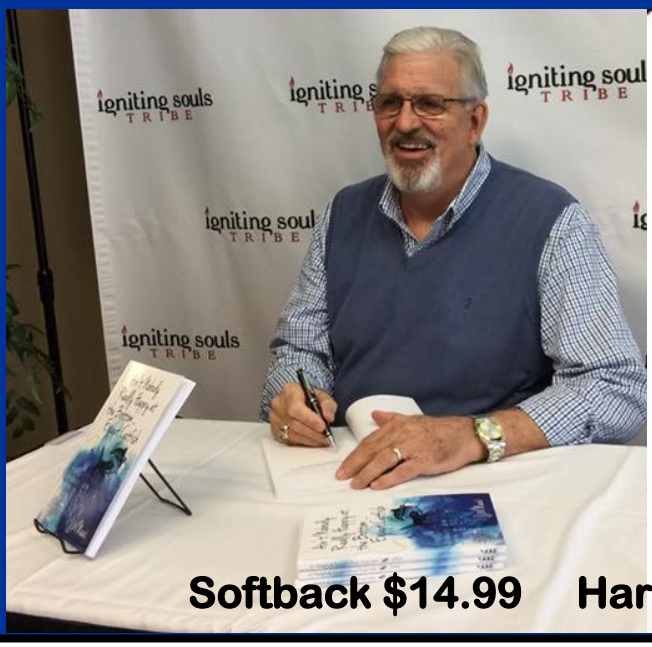
LOCAL BOOK SIGNING

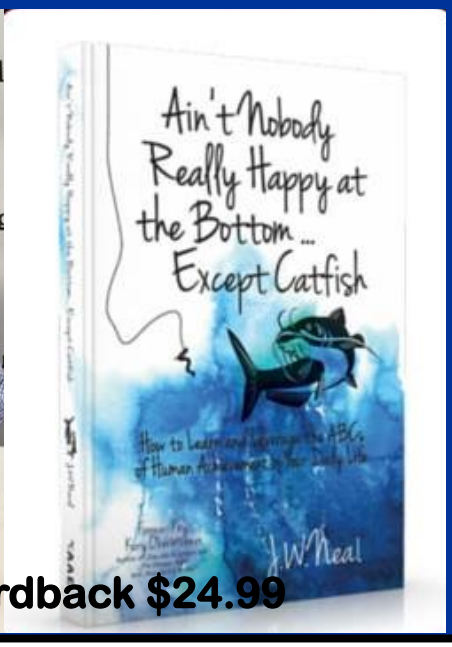
by our very own

Pastor Jim Neal

Barnes and Noble
Thursday, June 22, 2017
6:30-8:30 pm

Ain't Nobody Really Happy at the Bottom, Except Catfish

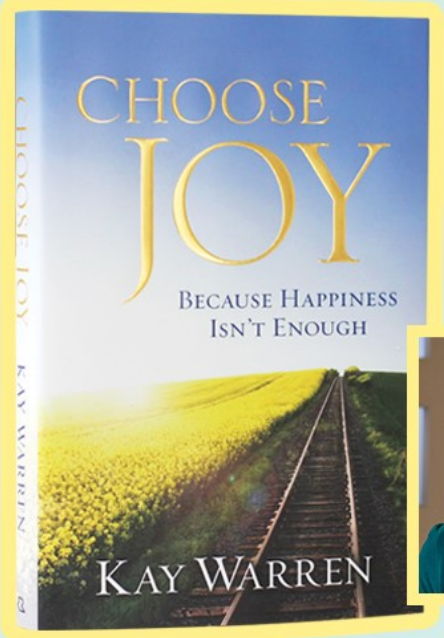




Softback $14.99 Hardback $24.99

Women of Valley
VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Summer Bible Study



Why are some people—even in the toughest times—always filled with joy, while most of us can't seem to find lasting joy no matter how hard we search? Do joy-filled people know something we don't?

The answer is yes! Join us for this 5 week study through Kay Warren's ***Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough.***

MONDAYS | JUNE 19 - JULY 17

6:30-8:30PM @ VBC FRUITVALE CAMPUS
IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING ROOM: E102

No Childcare | Cost for book and materials $15.00

Register online at **ValleyBaptist.org**

Associational Block Party Trailer

1 – 6x12x6 Trailer
2 – Trailer door locks w/keys
1 – Wheel chocks set
8 – Supply bins
1 – 4400 watt peak am portable generator with wheels
5 – Heavy-duty extension cords, various lengths
1 – Large jump house
1 – Small jump house
1 – Dolly w/ straps
5 – Bean Bag Toss / Yard Games
1 – Wood Dice Yard Game (6 dice)
4 – Canopies
1 – Dolly and straps for large jump house
1 – Sound system
2 – 5 gallon drink coolers
2 – Ice chests
1 – Popcorn machine w/pre-measured popcorn
1 – Snow cone machine w/syrup
1 – Large BBQ grill w/propane tank
6 – Plastic tables 6' long
12 – Folding chairs
1 – First aid kit
2– CD Player
New Testaments, English/Spanish

VBS,
Neighborhood Outreach,
Backyard Bible Study,
Friends & Family Day,
Carnivals, etc. !

CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION FOR AVAILABLE DATES!

GET YOUR CHURCH TRAINED BEFORE YOUR NEXT EVENT!!

(training from each church is needed prior to use)

Contact Dawn at 661-325-1265

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