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A Special Message From

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IS YOUR CHURCH TRAININGTHE NEXT GENERATION?

I've been thinking about this question throughout this week. I grew up in the generation that went to Sunday School and Training Union "**every Sunday**" for years and years. I was trained in Church Polity, Church History, Baptist Doctrine, How we got the Bible, Comparative Religions, witnessing skills, discipleship, stewardship, worship, Cooperative Program and the overall mission's work of the SBC, and a lot of other important areas of the Christian life. I was also a Royal Ambassador (mission's organization for Middle School and High School young men) and a member of an age graded choir. I was exposed to a full slate of ministry opportunities because a host of volunteers committed themselves to the training and equipping of the next generation. I also sat under the preaching and teaching ministry of five or six Pastors who taught me the Word of God for years.

Perhaps the most practical way to answer the question is to take a close look at your Church's 2017-18 program year calendar. How many training classes did your church offer? What kinds of courses were offered? How many people attended these classes? What training courses have you scheduled for the 2018-19 program year? The answer to these simple questions will help you answer the question: "Is my church a training church?"

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Keep me as the apple of the eye Psalm 17:8

Our job of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry became one hundred times harder when changes in how home mortgages are qualified for changed to include two incomes. Houses raised in price so dramatically as a result of this new law, any family wanting to move had to have two incomes. Our valuable work force of committed sisters in the Lord had to go to work. Training programs were gradually shut down. Evening meetings were gradually shut down. Working moms were not home to have dinner ready so the family could get to church by 7 p.m. so Revivals were gradually shut down. What are we left with?

We studied our churches a few years ago to find out what they all had in common. We discovered that only two things remained that every church had: a Sunday worship service and a Bible Study of some kind (either on Sunday morning or at a different time each week). Fewer than five churches had any kind of mission's organization. Fewer than five had any kind of training program. Fewer than five had a choir ministry to support their weekly service. Fewer than five had a Sunday School Director leading their Sunday School.

Our challenge is not to restore Training Union, Sunday School, Age graded choirs, and mission's organizations. Our challenge is to find a way with the time we have to make and train disciples, to send people to the ends of the earth on mission for Christ, to worship the Lord with all our hearts, to minister to the needs of people in our community and world, and to provide opportunities for meaningful service centered fellowship. What you call these things is not important. What is important is that Pastors and churches find a way to accomplish these basic tasks or purposes of the church.

Those who have been given the task of equipping churches to train their people in the tasks of the church are fully aware of the challenges we face. Currently the movement is toward online training allowing current and potential workers as well as members at large to be trained on their own media devices whenever and wherever they are. I am most aware of two such online training services: 1) **Rightnowmedia**. Pastor Robert George at Fairview and Pastor Grant Bennett at Gilroy are using **Rightnowmedia**. This site is supported by dozens of Christian organizations including Lifeway, NAMB, and other SBC organizations. 2) **Ministry Grid by Lifeway**. This site provides training for a host of SBC ministries. It is not free nor can it be free. Church's have always had to buy their training curriculum. Lifeway is not funded by the Cooperative Program. As such each church will need to budget for his training program. I believe the cost is based on the church's overall number of members. I would heartily recommend that you check out each of these sites.

I would like to suggest an unconventional approach to training. Ask two other churches of similar style and culture to work together with you to train each other's workers. You can share the cost of the training materials and share your trainers. You can create your training calendar together. You could set up a number of Super Saturdays where two or three courses are taught topped off by a Pizzafest or Hamburger Barbecue. Whatever you do to train your people will call for intentional planning. Try not to do that planning alone.

Your missionary,

Randy L Bennett

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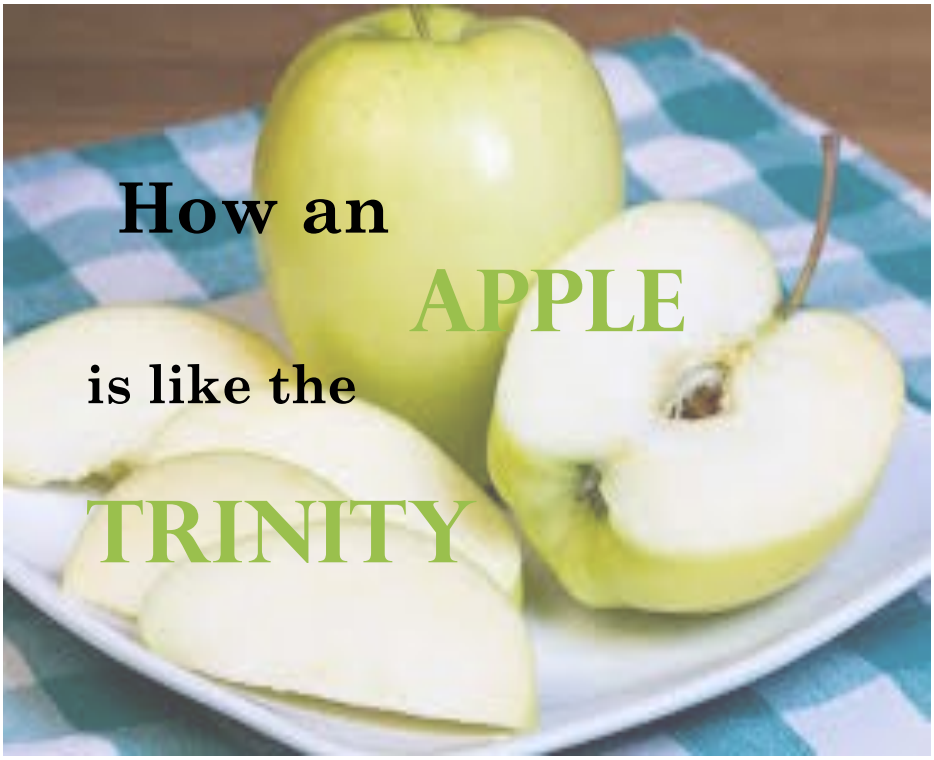
KCSBA, Director of Missions

KCSBA LEADERSHIP FORUM

NO FORUM IN SEPTEMBER



- *The peel is like* **God the Father**, *because He protects us.*
- *The flesh is like* **God the Son**, *because Jesus is God made flesh.*
- *The seeds are like the* **Holy Spirit** *because He helps us grow.*

Keep me as the apple of the eye Psalm 17:8

AUGUST 2018

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

We sincerely thank the following churches and missions for their contributions during August 2018. 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 these churches that make missions a priority and give faithfully to KCSBA.

Income from Churches for August 2018	2018 Monthly Budget Projection	Difference for this month
$10,266.86	$ 12,068.38	- 1,801.52

Columbus St Baptist Church
Crossover Church of Rosedale
Country Oaks Baptist Church
Daybreak Baptist Church
Fairfax So Baptist Church
Fairview So Baptist Church
Fellowship Baptist Church
First Baptist Church, Edison
First Baptist Church, Kernville
First Baptist Church, Tehachapi
First So Baptist Church, Porterville
First So Baptist Church, Taft
First So Baptist Hispanic Church
Golden Valley Christian Church
Grace Baptist Church
Griffith Ave Baptist Church
Harmony So Baptist Church
Height Street Baptist Church
Mountain View So Baptist Church
Primera Iglesia Bautista, Arvin
Primera Iglesia Bautista, Wasco
Resurrection Church
Rising Star Baptist Church
Riverview SO Baptist Church
Set Free Christian Fellowship
Sherwood Avenue Baptist Church
Valley Baptist Church
Vision Plus Church
Weldon Baptist Church
Westchester Baptist Church

Working together to spread the Gospel of Christ . . .

Thank you for your giving!

KCSBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

Psalm 17:8 says Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

September

1-30		CSBC – Month of Prayer and Offering for California Missions Offering
2	Sun	SBC – Discipleship Rally
7-9	Fri-Sun	Jenness Park – Hispanic Ladies' Retreat
9	Sun	G.E.D. Prep Classes - Fairview Baptist Church
14-16	Fri-Sun	Jenness Park – Hispanic Ladies' Retreat #2
15	Sat	Tapestry Teen Conference - Resurrection Ch - 48 Manor Street, 93308
22	Sat	Autumn Begins
28-29	Fri-Sat	Death by Dessert - Fellowship Baptist Ch - 3001 Stine Road, 93309

October

1-31		Cooperative Program Month
9	Tues	KCSBA Administrative Committee and Associational Council Meeting 25 Garnsey Ave – 10:15 am.
5-7	Fri-Sun	Mother-Daughter Retreat – Jenness Park
14	Sun	SBC – Global Hunger Sunday
23-24	Tues-Wed	CSBC – CSBC Annual Meeting, Clovis Hills, Clovis
26-28	Fri-Sun	Hispanic Men's Retreat – Jenness Park

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GRIFFITH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 7th 2018

Giving Glory to God for all that he has done and thanks for all those who have served

Join us at 9:45 in the Main Sanctuary

Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave. Wasco Ca. 93280

10:00 Time Capsule revealing, Special Music, Historical points of interest and messages followed by Free Lunch:

Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green beans, salad and roll.

Please R.S.V.P number attending to:

intoeternalife@aol.com or call 661-792-6508 and leave a message

Fairview Baptist Church

will be hosting **G.E.D. classes**

SEPTEMBER 9 / 4 to 6pm

If interested call

Pastor Robert George at

(661) 496-7245

Join us for the next upcoming

Basic ESL Training

Friday & Saturday,

November 16th & 17th, 2018

Buttonwillow Community Baptist Church

332 Willow Street, Buttonwillow, CA 93206

Friday will begin at 4 P.M. and conclude and 9:00 P.M.

Saturday will begin at 8:30 A.M. and conclude at 4:30 P.M.

11 hours required training for certification

The Basic Literacy ESL Workshop provides 11 hours of training for certification in teaching ESL.

Cost for the workshop is $40 per person for members of CSBC churches and $50 per person for others.

The training manual and supplies needed to complete the class are included in the registration fee. For the maximum benefit of the participants, training will be limited to 20 participants so register early. On-line registration is preferred to allow for adequate training materials and food. Mail-in registration forms are available on-line; **please allow for mail registration to arrive in Fresno prior to November 8th .**

On Friday evening a light dinner will be provided, and lunch will be provided on Saturday.

Payment Information:

Please make check payable to: **CSBC**

Mail check to:

678 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93710

Attention: WMU

Online registration visit www.csbc.com/events

This training is provided by the Literacy Missions of the Evangelism & Missions Initiative Team in part due to the faithful CP giving of California Southern Baptists Churches.

For more information please contact:
Rosalinda Mendez (559)256-0853
rmendez@csbc.com www.csbc.com

Crossover Church of Rosedale is overjoyed to announce that Pastor Kyle Hogg has been voted in to be the new Head Pastor of our church! Even though Pastor Kyle is our new Pastor he is not new to our church. Pastor Kyle grew up at Crossover and has been a part of our church family for years. Over the last six years Pastor Kyle has served in ministry at Valley Baptist Church as a Children's Pastor and the College Pastor. Pastor Kyle has a bachelor's in business and is three semesters away from receiving his Master's of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Pastor Kyle has been married to his wife Jessica Hogg for 5 years, and they have a 15 month old daughter. Again, our church is truly blessed that God continues to provide great shepherds for our flock. Please join us in welcoming back Pastor Kyle Hogg to Crossover Church of Rosedale!

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:16

Congratulations! Resurrection Church officially launches on September 9th

This is the merge of Hingepoint Church and Calvary Bible Church.

May the Lord walk with you every step of the way. He will help you accomplish even greater things!

Jose Sandoval Ordination. Congratulations!
Jose Sandoval will pastor at
Primera Iglesia Batista Arvin

VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

The KARING KORNER
Women's Cancer Support Group

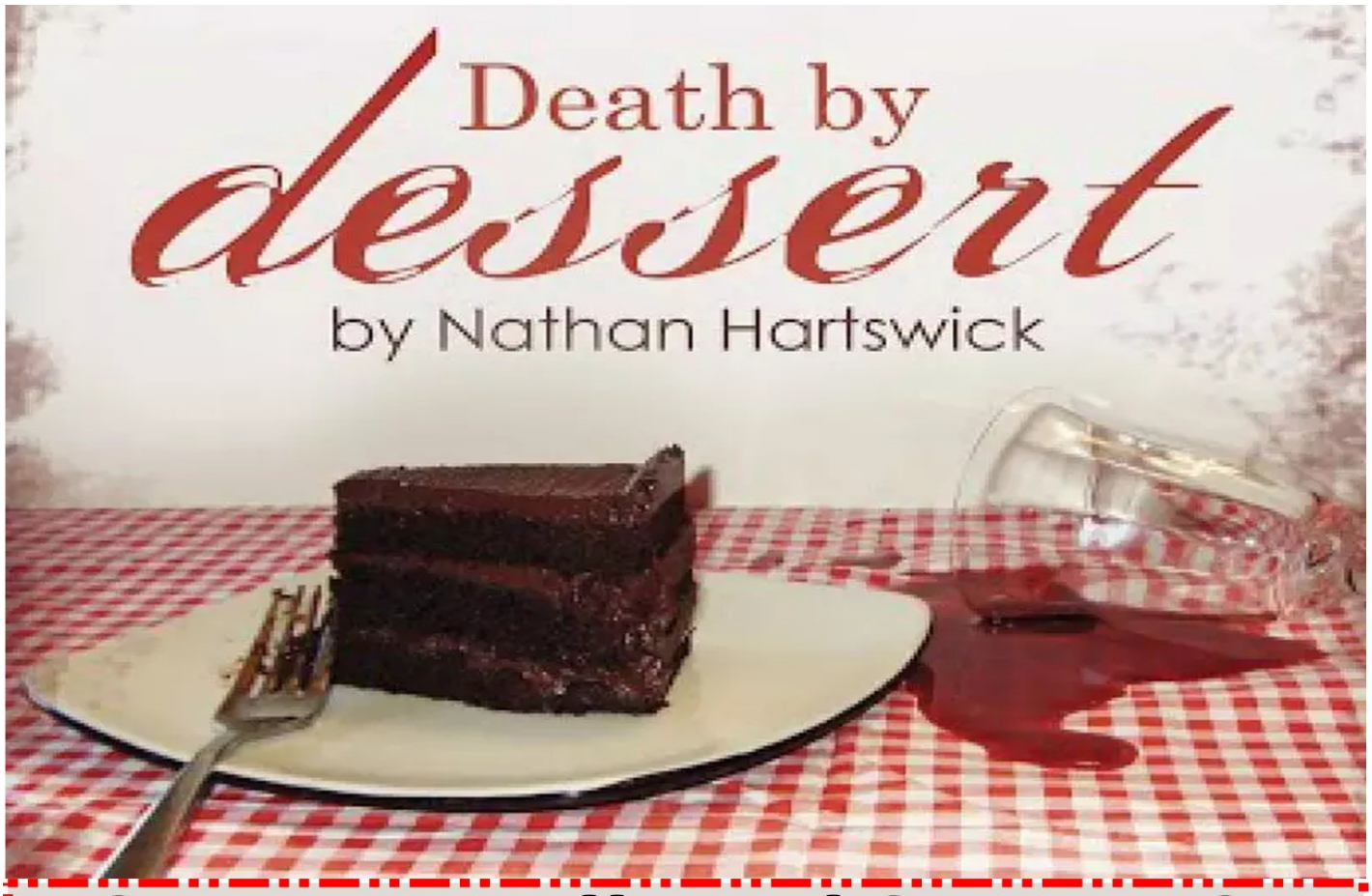
We are a cancer support group for women who have had cancer, going through cancer or have a loved one affected by cancer.

FRIDAYS, 12:00-1:00PM
SEPTEMBER-MAY
FRUITVALE CAMPUS IN THE STUDENT LOUNGE.

For more information, contact Regina at 246-5192.

Because no one should have to face cancer alone!

TINY SEEDS GROW MIGHT TREES



Join us at Fellowship Baptist
3001 Stine Rd – 833-4345
Presented by Youth
Sept 28th & Sept 29
Doors open at – 6pm
Mystery begins – 7pm
Cost $20.00
Call for your tickets

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
661-833-4345
It's dinner murder mystery open to all ages
(salad, pasta, and dessert) Come Join the Fun!!

tapestry PROJECT

A TEEN GIRLS CONFERENCE

COME TO THE TABLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 4:00 PM

CONFERENCE TIME
4:30 TO 8:30

RESURRECTION CHURCH
RIVER CAMPUS
48 MANOR STREET 93308

BREAKOUT TOPICS
DATING | DISCIPLESHIP | SEX | LOSS | COMMUNITY
& DID WE MENTION, TACO TRUCK!

ALL AT NO COST

MAIN STAGE SPEAKER

morgan davis