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From the Associational Missionary's Desk

September 15, 2020

Executive Board
Shelby Baptist Association
PO Box 888
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Dear Executive Board of Shelby Baptist Association,

Fifteen years ago, today, in a called meeting of the messengers, I was unanimously elected to the role of Associational Missionary. I became an employee of Shelby Baptist Association on October 17, 2005, and on December 31, 2005, I became the Associational Missionary on the retirement of Charles Stroud. The fifteen years I have served in this role have been some of the best years of my ministry. I have been given opportunities that I would have never imagined and served in ways that were beyond my expectations. It has been a very satisfying time of ministry for me.

I believe the time has come for me to transition to another phase of ministry, so I am announcing my retirement from this role. Shelby Baptist Association will benefit from the fresh vision of a skilled leader to move the work of the association to creative and more comprehensive expressions of ministry. I was told when I came to this role that the association was not broken, and that I did not need to fix it. I trust that I am leaving the association in as strong a position now as when I came. Our day of separation with Shelby Baptist Association will be December 31, 2020.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to have served the Lord through serving the churches of Shelby Baptist Association and the wider ministry opportunities this role has afforded. My life has been spiritually enriched and challenged.

Lu and I do not actually plan to fully retire, but to repurpose. We wish to continue to serve the Lord through opportunities he provides in churches or other ministries and places of service. We will continue to issue the invitation given by the Psalmist: "Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!"

Because of His grace,

Hugh M. Richardson, Jr.

Disaster Relief

If your church would like to partner with a church in Louisiana affected by Hurricane Laura, follow this link and Louisiana Baptists will help to connect you. <https://louisianabaptists.org/churches-helping-churches/>

If you would like to donate to the Hurricane Laura or Sally Relief please go to: <https://sbdr.org/hurricanerelief/>

Annual Church Profile

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) packets have been sent to each of our associational churches. **DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR PROFILE.** If you have any questions please contact Becky Lamons at 205-669-7858 extension 102 or by email at becky@shelbybaptist.org



for babies and toddlers (i.e. diapers, formula, baby food, snacks, etc.)

Contact Keith Brown at kbrown@shelbybaptist.org or (205) 669-7858 for details on a successful food drive.

Daily Bread Shop

Due to the COVID-19 Virus the Daily Bread Shop is experiencing a higher volume of people needing assistance. At this time we are asking for help with all items to fill our food pantry. This includes all non-perishable foods (i.e. canned foods, canned meats, dried goods, condiments, etc.), household cleaning products, and personal hygiene items (i.e. toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.). We also need a variety of items

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
Bethel	Grace
Bethlehem	Oak Grove
Beulah	Oak Mountain
Klein	Pleasant Site
Southside - Alabaster	
Westwood	

Anyone is welcome to do a food drive for us at anytime. Please contact us for more information about bags for transporting the food and a trailer for drop off purposes.

Ministers Conference: October 6, 2020



Active and retired ministers—join the Ministers Conference Tuesday, October 6th at Siluria Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy guest speaker, Lee Wright, Coordinator of Church Compensation Services in the Leadercare and Church Health Department of the Alabama State Board of Missions.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am compliments of the Shelby Baptist Association. Reservations are a must. Register at www.shelbybaptist.org or call 205-669-7858 by Wednesday, September 30, 2020 to make individual and group reservations.

Upcoming Events

September 29 Christmas Gift Shop opens for appointments. Please call

205-669-7858 to volunteer or to make an appointment (starting September 8, 2020).

October 20

Shelby Baptist Association Annual Meeting will be held at Meadow Brook Baptist Church (4984 Meadow Brook Road, Birmingham, AL 35242). Time 5:30 pm.

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