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June 2022

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- 14-15 SBC Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO



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DOM Thoughts

Matthew 20:26b-28 "but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (NKJV)

As a state we are fully involved in an election cycle. Unless something earth shattering happens, the sides have been chosen, and the candidates can now focus on differentiating themselves from the other person. What does that mean to you and me? Well, in the short term it means commercials. Commercials that build up one person, or tear down the other. Commercials that will play to emotions or fears. Then, each commercial will include, "I am _____ and I approved this message."

Before it is all over, you may seriously struggle with who you are going to vote for when you look at that ballot in November. Why do you struggle? Well, if you are like me, you struggle because you wonder, "Who will make a good leader?"

Jesus answered this question centuries ago with the verses above. Those who serve others with godly wisdom make good leaders. Servant leaders are the people we should follow. Jesus didn't just talk about this, serving others was not a stump speech or a campaign slogan for Him. No, for Jesus, everything He did was service. He was serving us when He left His throne in heaven to be born as a child. He was serving us when He subjected Himself to the authority of His parents and the teachers of the Torah. Jesus was serving when He healed, taught, preached, traveled and even when He went to the cross. When you study the Gospels, you cannot help but see that, for Jesus, service was foundational.

Let's get personal. When you struggle with who to vote for, would it be inappropriate to ask yourself, "Who is a proven servant," not, "Who is a proven leader?" Please don't stop with politicians, if you vote on deacons, elders, Sunday School teachers, leaders or even if you are voting on a staff member, this is a great question to ask, not because Hans said so, but because Jesus said "whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant."

I encourage you to pray each day, "Father, show me who and how I can serve You today." Once you pray, listen for the answer.

As one who is infinitely weaker than the Lord, Hans

ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER Church News

<u>Alpha</u>: Alpha Baptist Church currently has a position open for a pianist. We will accept all players at any skill level who are willing and able. This is a modestly paid position.

We are also in need of a child care worker, preferably with special needs experience. The candidate would be required to work for two to three hours each Sunday, starting at ten in the morning until worship lets out, usually a bit after twelve. Must be able to pass a background check.

If interested in one of these positions please send your resume to <u>alphabaptistchurch01@gmail.com</u> or mail to 182 Academy Avenue North, Leesburg, GA 31763.

<u>Antioch</u>: ABC is prayerfully looking for a Youth Minister to lead and guide our church's middle and high school students. Visit our webpage or click the link below for more information >>> https://drive.google.com/.../13YXRdNmK9J2wRQKw.../view

Faith: Faith Baptist Church is seeking a piano player for Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings, which includes choir practice. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, please contact Pastor David Cromie at davidcromie.27@gmail.com.

<u>New Hope</u>: New Hope Baptist Church, Scooterville GA, is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Prayerfully interested individuals are requested to send a resume to the following address: New Hope Baptist Church ATTN: Pastor Search Committee / Steve Powell, 5445 GA Hwy 256 Sumner GA 31789 Please provide via email as well to: roberthwilliams61@icloud.com

Northside: Zoomerang VBS June 4th: Kickoff and registration 4:00 - 6:00 pm June 5 - 9: Classes 6:00 - 8:30 Nightly, meals provided.

Poulan: Poulan Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. Please send resumes to Poulan Baptist Church, P.O. Box 67, att: pastor search committee, Poulan Ga, 31781

Sherwood: Sherwood Church is offering WinShape Camps and two sports camps this summer for children and youth! For more info, visit SherwoodBaptist.net/summercamps.

Fall sports registration is now open! Soccer (ages 4-13) and Flag Football (K5-5th grade). Register at SherwoodBaptist.net/sports.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

July 2022

6/23-7/3 Mission Trip to Ft. Peck

- 4 Independence Day, MBO Closed
- 14 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Byne
- 18 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO

August 2022

- 10 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 15 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 23 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

September 2022

Georgia State Missions - All Month

- 5 Labor Day, MBO Closed
- 14 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 27 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 27 Prayer Walk for Local Schools, 7pm
- 28 See You At The Pole

October 2022

- 12 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 13 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 18 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 20 MBA 139th Annual Meeting, 5-8 p.m., Unity Baptist Church, Sylvester
- 18-21 Ag Expo, Spence Field, Moultrie
- 25 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

November 2022

- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7-8 GBC Annual Meeting, Augusta Civic Center, GA
- 14 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 16 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 24 Thanksgiving, MBO closed

December 2022

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 1 MBA Minister's/Spouses Christmas Banquet
- 14 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Prayer Time10 am, MBO
- 21- Jan 2 Christmas Holidays, MBO closed

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Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. PROVERBS 22.6
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Minister/Staff Birthdays

<u>June:</u> 1

Doug Eason, Central, Pastor

12 Dan Story, Jr., Bethel, Pastor

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 24, Number 6, June 2022)

Our Jerusalem

1. Pray for our Vision to become a reality: "Serving together the churches of the Mallary Baptist Association will make disciples to impact the world."

2. We are praying for our churches and pastors according to an alphabetical list of churches. Friendship Missionary (Carl White, jr., pastor), Gillionville (Chad Ellis, pastor), Gordy N. Bethel (Bradley Floyd, pastor), Isabella (Jason Jones, pastor), and Kinchafoonee (Melvin Slappy, pastor).

3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Beacon, Bryant Drive, New Hope, Poulan, Terrell, Thundering Springs, and Union.

4. Pray for our city and county officials in Dougherty, Lee, and Worth Counties.

5. Pray for our schools, colleges, boards of education, superintendents, principals, teachers, and students.

6. Pray for the lost in your family and your circle of influence (work, school, recreation, neighborhood, etc.).

7. Pray for unity in the body of Christ in our association and surrounding area.

8. Pray for the meetings of the Prayer/Discipleship Team, Evangelism/Missions Team, Administrative Team, as well as the monthly MBA Prayer Time.

Pray for the Mallary Baptist Staff (Dr. Hans Wunch and Mrs. Pat Wilks).
Pray for the Mallary Baptist Associational Annual Meeting, October 20th, 2022 at Unity Baptist Church.

11. Pray for the Alpha Pregnancy Centers in Albany and Worth Counties.

12. Pray for Call to Care, Promise 686, Lutheran Services of GA, and other foster / adoptive organizations.

13. Albany Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Mark Lane, Director. Pray for their opportunities to share the Gospel with students of all ages.

14. Pray for Vacation Bible Schools at many of our churches. That all who attend hear the gospel so they can respond.

Our Judea

1. Pray for our state government officials.

2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thomas Hammond), its ministries, and other State Missionaries.

3. Pray that God would continue to raise up 31 churches in our area to pray for 24 hours each month (one day) for spiritual awakening and renewal in SW Georgia. Churches are signing up now. Contact MBA if you would like to join.

4. Pray for New Church Plants and Church Strengthening efforts in our GA Baptist Churches.

Our Samaria

1. Pray for our national government leaders.

2. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.

3. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention: CEO search committee of the Executive Committee and Ed Litton, SBC President.

4. Pray for our SBC Annual Meeting June 14-15, 2022 in Anaheim, CA.

5. Pray for our partnership with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, New York; George Russ, Executive Director; its 260 churches; and their church planting efforts.

6. Pray for Pastor Lito & Pastor Bruce Plummer serving in MT. That God would call pastors to serve the tribes.

7. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.

8. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, EMS personnel, and Medical Staff.

9. Pray for Brandton and Katie Wood and New England Church Planters.

10. Pray for Josh and Shannon Jennings, church planters in Sedona, AZ.

Our Uttermost Parts of the World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.

2. Pray for the 1.8 billion Muslims of the world that they would come to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.

3. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to come to the 3.1 billion unreached people in the world.

4. Pray for protection for our armed forces around the globe.

5. Pray that the people of the world would have stable governments and that they would have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond.

6. Pray that those who are seeking to escape religious persecution would find freedom.

7. Pray for the millions of families globally, who deal with the impact abortion has had on their lives.

8. Pray for Gideons International, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Christian Missionaries around the world.

9. Pray for Ukraine and our brothers and sisters in Christ there.

Next Prayer Time June 20th, 2022 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

One of the greatest gifts we receive from our relationship with the Lord is forgiveness of our sins. Without God's forgiveness, we would be guilty of murdering Jesus. Our sins made His sacrifice necessary in order that we might have eternal life. Yet, God's expectation is clearly stated in Matthew 6. Both in the Lord's or Disciple's Prayer, and in the verses that immediately follow 6:14-15 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

If we are to have renewal and revival in our own lives and our local church, we must forgive those who have sinned against us. Revival will tarry in the presence of unforgiveness. Also, the forgiveness of our sins will be delayed by our refusal to forgive others, which brings us to our passage today, Matthew 18:22-35. Please take a moment and study this passage before you continue.

Note how much the servant owed the king. 10,000 talents. Now, we discovered last month that a talent is equal to 20 years what a day laborer would own. It was the largest denomination available within the 1st century culture that Jesus ministered in. Put in today's, US dollars, a talent would be roughly \$600,000. So, if my math is correct, what this servant owed, would be approximately \$6 billion in today's US dollars. Now, my guess is that amount exceeds your net worth. It certainly far exceeds mine. But when the servant requests more time to satisfy the debt, he could never repay, the king graciously responds with forgiveness.

If the parable ended there, this would be a great story. What happens next; however, puts all of this in perspective. The servant who was just forgiven 200,000 years' worth of debt, finds someone who owes him, 100 days' worth of debt and refuses to forgive him, for 1 denarius was equal to one day's wage. Jesus clearly equates this with what we owe God versus what others owe us. Put another way, that our sin before God far outweighs the sins others commit against us. Moreover, if God is willing to forgive us, we should be willing to forgive others.

Allow the following to guide you as you pray:

- 1. Confess your sin to the Lord. Specifically, ask Him to forgive you for any time you have been unwilling to forgive others.
- 2. Thank the Lord that He has freely forgiven you a debt you could never repay.
- 3. Pray that the Lord would give you opportunities to offer forgiveness to others, even when their sin towards us seems great.
- 4. Ask that God would give you opportunities to serve others.
- 5. Ask the Lord to send revival and renewal to your life and the church you serve.
- 6. Pray that the Lord would help you show the love of Christ to others, especially those in the church.
- 7. Pray for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and church (including your pastor and staff).
- 8. Pray that God would send more people to pray.
- 9. Pray that the Lord would extend the free gift of salvation to those in your community and family.
- 10. Pray that God would raise up church leaders and missionaries to labor in His fields.
- 11. Pray that the gospel would advance regardless of what is happening locally or globally.