## BESSEMER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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#### **ANNUAL BESSEMER BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING**

By the time you read this article the Annual Meeting will already have happened. I enjoy the Annual Meetings as we gather as Christians first and Baptists second in Great Commission Ministry. We celebrate with our churches how God has used each church to make a Kingdom difference in their communities. We will celebrate together evangelism, missions, and discipleship. We covenant to pray for each other that our churches will be on the cutting edge of making a difference in a world that is corrupt and divided.

Dr. Charles Carter, pastor-emeritus of the Shades Mountain Baptist Church, will be our guest speaker. Under his leadership the church was strong in missions, evangelism, and discipleship. He was always one of my role models that began while I was a student at Samford University. Today, I am blessed by his friendship. His topic was *Let the Church Stand Up*. We were challenged and blessed.

#### MISSION PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUGUSTA, GA ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES

At our last Executive Committee, we voted to enter a partnership with the Augusta Association of Baptist Church. Dr. DeWayne Boudreaux is the Associational Mission Strategist. We look forward to this partnership. We will keep you informed of the process and opportunities regarding this holy opportunity. I pray that many of you will have opportunities to go to Augusta and be a part of a great mission opportunity. When the covenant agreement is ratified, I will send you a copy.

#### **CHURCH/COACHING CONSULTANT**

The Alabama Baptist State Convention is equipping coaching consultants to assist churches. The consultant will be assigned by the department of leader care. The consultant will be available to work with your church for one year at no charge – the State Convention will take care of the expenses regarding the consultant. We have several churches that have already expressed interest. Let me know if you would like to have a consultant also.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

We are in the process of planning for the 2019 Southern Baptist Convention that will be hosted by Birmingham for the first time in our history. Plans are being made for CrossOver Birmingham 2019. Today (October 18), we are meeting as the Arrangements Committee at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham. The Convention will be held in June 2019. Make plans for being a part of a great historic event for our metropolitan area.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you, Bessemer Baptists, for your commitment to missions, evangelism, and discipleship. Keep up the great work for our Lord Jesus Christ.

God loves you, and so do I,

Bro. Barry



### Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-1pm

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# Please take a moment and visit our Website:

www.bessemerbaptist.org

The website has useful information and general information about the association. You can find a roster of the churches in our association and who pastors them.

Take a look!

### Prayer Ministry

Did you know we have an association wide prayer ministry?

If you would like more information on how to pray please contact Ion Reaves (jon@tannehillvalley.org) at Tannehill Valley Baptist Church.

