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GOD is LOVE
1 John 4:16

Missionary Moments

Have you ever considered what it's like to be a kid at the grocery store? Mother is in a hurry and she takes the kid and stuffs him into the seat and says, **"Sit there and be quiet. I've got to pick up a couple of things."** Now when mother says a **"couple of things"** that means a couple of things from each section.

"Now, son," she says, **"you can't have everything. Just sit there and be quiet. I will roll you up and down the aisles, and you can see all these wonderful things to get but you can't have anything — but I will get everything I want, and not only that, you will have to sit on what I get."** To a kid, that's like sitting on Ronald MacDonald's lap and not getting a Happy Meal. Children are not happy campers in the grocery store.

While women make kids sit in the seat, men often let them run loose. Ladies: here is some advice — Don't ever leave your children with a man. He will forget about them. I read about a man who put his kid in a child seat on top of the car and drove off. When he hit about 50 he noticed something fly off. It was his kid!!! The boy landed perfectly in the middle of the road and was smiling when his dad got to him. I think God has special angels on duty when Dads are left with the children.

I heard of a guy who was with his son in the grocery store. His son kept asking him if he could be a dog. Finally, the dad said, **"Fine, be a dog, just be quiet."** Later he saw his son run up to a man and lick his leg. Horrified the dad ran and apologized to the man. The guy took it well and said, **"I'm just glad he didn't think I was a fire hydrant."**

There was a kid with a burned lip. When asked what happened, he said, **"he burned it licking his night light."** When asked why, he said, **"he'd never licked one before."** Kids like to experience everything, and at the grocery store there is so much to experience.

A lady was in a hurry to get groceries, and she put her son in the seat. As she hurried along, putting stuff in the cart, the kid spotted some chocolate chip cookies. He said, **"Mom, please may I have some?"** She said, **"No!"** About four aisles over, the

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kid asked if he could just have a few chocolate chip cookies. Again, she told him no. After about the sixth aisle he asked, **"Mom, could I just have one chocolate chip cookie?"** Again, she said no, popped him, and told him to hush or she'd have the manager put him in the big freezer.

When they got to the check-out area, the lines were long. The mother glanced down and saw a gleam in the boy's eyes. She knew something was coming, but she didn't know what. In my mind, I imagine this kid in those yellow, footie pajamas as he stands straight up in his seat, lifts his hand straight toward heaven, and in his loudest voice hollers, **"In the name of Jesus, give me some chocolate chip cookies!"**

I'm told the grocery store erupted in applause, so he said it again. More applause, and with everybody clapping, the mother didn't know what to do. So, she ran and got him the chocolate chip cookies.

What can we learn about life in the grocery store? As an adult, I can learn that sometimes, when I go to the store, I get things I don't need. It's kind of like life: If you live by distraction instead of direction, and don't have a list of priorities to go by, it could be that when it's time to check out, you realize you have bought a lot of things you don't need and cost a whole lot more than you thought.

It's the lesson from the little boy in the yellow footie pajamas that is really important. In a simple but powerful way, his story teaches us that when you come to the check-out of life with no resources and no hope, there is only one name that has power. The name of Jesus. The Bible says that Jesus is the only name whereby we can be saved. Make sure you know that name.

BE ENCOURAGED!

Ronnie Toon
25 January 2019

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February Events 2019

4th Minister's Fellowship will be at Emmanuel Baptist located at 1915 Batesville Blvd. The fellowship will begin at 10:30am. All minister's are invited to join in this time of prayer and fellowship each month.

5th Leadership Team Meeting at IBA at 10am

7th The regular scheduled Executive Board Meeting will be held at Desha FBC located at 2655 Heber Springs Rd. It will begin with a meal at 6:30pm and will be followed by the meeting at 7pm.

21st Pastor's Wives Marriage and Ministry Conference
Part 2 - See details below

Coming Up in March

4th Minister's Fellowship at 10:30am. Location TBD

25th The annual Senior Adult Fellowship will be at Foothills Baptist Church in Mountain View. The address is 19935 Hwy. 5 and will begin at 11:30am.

March 28-April 4 There will be a team "GOing" to Hope Rising Children's Home in Haiti. Please be in prayer as this team prepares to minister there.

Church News for February



Batesville FBC Women's Winter Retreat is scheduled for February 1 from 5-9pm and from 8am to 12 noon on the 2nd. Their guest speaker, Anitha Kobusingye will be sharing her testimony of how God has worked in her life.. She is the author of "Born Anonymmous", an autobiography about being orphaned at birth in Kampala, Uganda. The retreat will take place in the churches West Annex at 610 E. Main St. The cost is \$10 and you can register by calling the church office at 870-793-9859.

Foothills Cowboy Church has called Bro. Glen McKay as their pastor. We would like to welcome Bro. Glen and his wife Rhonda to FCC.

Sulphur Rock Baptist Church has called Bro. Bill Allen as their bi-vocational pastor. We would like to welcome Bro. Allen and his wife Judy to SRBC.

The current IBA *Pastorless Churches* are Newark Southern, Pleasant Plains, Rehobeth, Ruddell Hill. Please be in prayer for these churches as they seek God's guidance in searching for a pastor for their congregations.

Have any church news??

Please submit it to the Association office no later than the 15th of the month to make the next month's Independence Baptist Association Servant Heart Newsletter. You can submit an article, a weekly bulletin or the event details by emailing it to Kathy at: independence613@gmail.com

Hosted by Independence Baptist Association Women's Ministry Team

Focus on the Triangle of Your Marriage:

You...Your Husband...and the Lord

Marriage Conference

PART 2

Friday, February 22-Saturday, February 23

Pastor's Wives Retreat & Conference

542 Riverview, Allison, Arkansas (near Mountain View)

We will meet at the IBA office at 4pm on Friday to ride together to Allison and the Conference will conclude on Saturday at 12 noon

Please RSVP by calling the IBA office by Monday, February 11

Planned Topics

- Experiencing superficial relationships in the church
- Having a busy pastor/husband
- Encountering mean church members
- Being a conduit for complaints about her husband
- Experiencing broken confidences
- Frequently moving
- Being viewed as a second-class person
- Lack of support groups
- Not having date nights
- Complaints about their children
- Her husband does not give her priority
- Experiencing financial struggles

ABSC Events

February 2019 and beyond



BLOCK PARTY TRAINING

- February 9th - Cullendale FBC, Camden
- February 16th - FBC Trumann
- February 23rd - FBC Walnut Ridge
- March 2nd - FBC Paragould
- March 16th - North Pulaski Baptist Association office
- April 6th - FBC Marion
- April 27th - FBC Rogers, Olive St.

Block Party Trailer Festival
March 9 FBC Beebe

For more information, visit
absc.org/blockparty



For the details of all ABSC events go to
www.absc.org or call 800.838.2272



Inspire 2019 *March 9*

Powerful worship, speakers, and practical breakout sessions to inspire you to live a radiant life for Jesus Christ. To register visit absc.org/inspire Cost is \$30

Location: FBC, Russellville

Speaker: Marian Jordan Ellis

Worship Leader: Robert and Brooke Ramsey



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SENDING HOPE

Save the Date!

- Statewide Block Party Trailer Festival**
March 9, 2019 Beebe First Baptist Church
absc.org/blockpartyfestival
- Disaster Relief Regional Training**
March 9, 2019 Nettleton Baptist Church
absc.org/disasterrelief
- Bible Storying Workshop**
April 6, 2019 ABSC Building
absc.org/biblestorying

2019 Disaster Relief Regional Trainings

March 9
Nettleton Baptist
7001 E Johnson Ave
Jonesboro, AR 72401

April 13
Rogers First Baptist
3364 W Pleasant Grove Rd
Rogers, AR 72758

September 14
Forrest City First Baptist
507 N Rosser St
Forrest City, AR 72335

October 12
Immanuel Baptist
501 N Shackleford Rd
Little Rock, AR 72211

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
New volunteers: \$30
Updating volunteers who need a new DR ID: \$20
Crosstraining with current ID: Free
Register at abscdisasterrelief.org
501-376-4791, ext. 5137

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Birthdays

*4th Ronnie Toon, IBA AM
10th Stacy Reed, FBC Batesville*

Anniversaries

*23rd Randy & Roxanne Scott, Calvary, Batesville
23rd Troy and Deedee Sharp, Newark Interim*



