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Is Your Church Code Blue?

2016 Church Revitalization Conference

Do you feel like your church is in a rut? Are you only experiencing one-time visitors or have new visitors stopped coming altogether? What exactly is "church revitalization" and why do we need it? Church revitalization is a movement within evangelical ministries which emphasizes the missional work of turning a plateaued or declining church around and leading it back towards growth.

It is led through a Church Revitalization Initiative. This is when the local congregation begins work in the renewal of their church through a concerted effort to see the ministry revitalized and the church become healthy. It means that the local church knew how, at one time previously, to renew, revitalize, and reestablish the health and vitality of their ministry. One of the challenges for lay people in modern culture is that they have either lost the knowledge or need to gain knowledge of church renewal.

Our speaker, Dr. H. David Crowe, has a unique perspective as to who we are as Free Will Baptists. He has working knowledge of our history and a comprehensive understanding of our mission to communicate the gospel and make disciples. David has served with Home Missions for a total of eighteen years, serving as Director of Missionary Assistance, Church Growth, and Development respectively. He loves our church planters and prays for their success daily. Loved by our pastors and people across America, Brother David has preached in over 1,200 churches and on all five FWB college campuses. Serving as Executive Director, his desire is to do whatever is necessary to help our pastors succeed in the tasks to which the Lord has called them.



Any church member who desires to see the health and vitality of their church ministry reestablished as the soul winning church in their community should attend this year's CWC Conference.

Orlando Conference

September 16-17, 2016

NEW LOCATION!

Hampton Inn at Gateway Village, Orlando

Early Registration Deadline: 8/16

Open Registration Deadline: 8/23

Destin Conference

November 4-5, 2016

Embassy Suites, Destin

Early Registration Deadline: 9/29

Open Registration Deadline: 10/6

Registration for both seminars is at 6 pm with the conference beginning at 7 pm and concluding at noon on Saturday. Please visit our state website at www.flafwb.com for pricing information and to register.

Panama City FWB Homecoming

First Free Will Baptist of Panama City held its Homecoming Celebration on July 17, 2016, honoring four of their eldest members. Ms. Faye Peacock was awarded the highest honor as she is 99-years-old. They also have a Homeless and Hungry Outreach Program that feeds approximately 65 people each Thursday evening. Please pray that this ministry will continue to grow and produce fruit for the kingdom of God.



2016 Seniors' Summit

The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists is providing a retreat for the senior citizens within our State. This is an opportunity to share with other seniors from across the State in times of worship and fellowship and it is designed to be a time of relaxing, sightseeing, and learning. This year's excursion will offer something for everyone as it will offer an eco-tour of Ponce Inlet, a visit to a marine science center, a tour of the Ponce de Leon Lighthouse and Museum and, of course, lunch!



This year's Seniors' Summit will meet at the Residence Inn on beautiful Daytona Beach on October 17-19, 2016. The retreat will begin at 7:00 pm with a worship service on Monday evening and will conclude at noon on Wednesday. The cost for the retreat is \$280 per couple (\$250 for single occupancy) and includes lodging for two nights, daily breakfast buffet, coffee breaks, the excursions/lunch and all seminars. A \$125 deposit is requested at time of registration.



We are pleased to offer both Dr. Ken Riggs and Rev. Joe Jones as our guest speakers this year. With a wealth of experience as a pastor, principal, evangelist, musician and college professor, Dr. Riggs will be bringing the messages during this year's retreat. Participants of last year's retreat will remember the fantastic presentation by Rev. Joe Jones. Please visit our state website at www.flafwb.com for more information.





Hazard Pay

by Randy Bryant - Executive Director - cell: 772-696-3409

When I took this position some 13 years ago I never considered that I would be in a situation to need hazard pay. It had crossed my mind that I might do something or say something that a pastor, deacon or associational leader might not agree with, and I'm sure that I've probably done that somewhere along the way, but I was fairly sure it wouldn't get to a place where violence was involved. However, I was not prepared for the morning when hazard pay could have been appropriate.

I was driving down I-10, minding my own business, when the car in front of me interrupted a bird's breakfast (Note: it is always dangerous to interrupt anything's breakfast). Then it happened! The buzzard flew up over the offending vehicle and right into my car! He hit with a loud thud. From the sound, I knew it was not a glancing blow. There would be real damage. And as it turned out, the damage was considerable. The passenger side front fender, the bumper, the headlight, and even the inside of the front fender area all had damage. When it was all said and done, about \$2500 worth of damage was caused by one lousy buzzard! I can guarantee you mine was the last car he ever crashed into.

That incident did get me to thinking about a few things. First, there are many situations where, without God's protective hand, hazard pay would not have been enough. I've been caught in hailstorms on my way to meetings; I've driven on I-95 when the snowbirds are heading back up north and I've ventured into hurricane-torn areas. Through each of these situations and so many others, His protection has been evident. The second thing I think about is that you never know what a day may bring and what kind of situation you may be faced with. Life is uncertain and can change quickly. No wonder Scripture tell us to be alert to what is around us! Oh yeah, and watch out for the buzzards, too.

Executive Director's Schedule

SEPTEMBER

16-17 CWC - Orlando

18 Calvary Fellowship
Hollywood

21-23 D6 Conference
Louisville

OCTOBER

7 Salem Assoc. - Marianna

15 Hispanic Assoc. - Miami

17-19 Seniors' Summit

21-22 Men's Retreat - Bonifay

25-27 Rejuvenate Conf.

Orlando

29 IRA Picnic -

Melbourne

Domo Arigato!

Greetings from the Crowe Family in Tokyo, Japan!

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we wanted to write you all from the other side of the world to say "Domo Arigato!" Thank you so much! We keep thanking and praising God for you all and your gift of sponsoring our missionary retreat here in early April at the foot of Mt. Fuji! It was such a special time together with our Japan family and God truly answered our prayers for rest, restoration of body and soul, and sweet fellowship together (and our kids had time every morning with Diana Bryant in Bible Class - which allowed us parents some much needed down time!). We were humbled that you would do that for us. And especially that Diana was able to come even though her mother had just passed away. We hope one day that we will be able to thank you face-to-face and share how that gift changed our lives. God is good!

Love in Christ,
Josh, Alicia, Ruby (7), Ellie (5) and Josie (2) Crowe



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- Church Revitalization Conference
Sep. 16-17 - Orlando
- D6 Conference, September 21-23 - Louisville
- Seniors' Summit, October 17-19 - Daytona Beach
- Rejuvenate Conference, October 25-27 - Orlando
- Church Revitalization Conference
November 4-5 - Destin

For information about upcoming events
visit the State Website
flaFWB.com

Attention Pastors! !

In an effort to be more cost-effective, beginning in 2017, The Florida Coordinator will only be made available to you through email. At this time, we are asking all pastors and church secretaries to compile a list of names and email addresses of people within your church who would like to continue to receive

The Coordinator newsletter via email.

Please send that list, along with any updates as they become available, to Chrissy Kinney, Editor, at mckinney2@live.com with "GOING DIGITAL" in the subject line. Please be advised that paper copies of the newsletter will be discontinued as of January 2017.

As always, you can also access our newsletter on-line at www.flafwb.com.

