

## Carroll-Benton Baptist Association

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# Just a thought....

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One wonders "where has time gone". As I get older, I am reminded of the statement made when I was a kid. I was told the older you get the faster time goes. I understand that more now than ever before. It seems just yesterday I was graduating from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary but it has been over 35 years ago. My children should still be children but they have grown up. Grandchildren are a delight and tiring at the same time. My energy does not seem to be what it should be. All of this is a result of time flying or of each of us getting older.

The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes three that there is a "time" for everything. There is a time to plant and a time to cease from planning, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to speak and a time to refrain from speaking, a time to be born and a time to..... The last word here is not one we want to hear or to think about. I don't mean to sound morbid but all of us are on our way to the grave. We are born to die. Paul says that the last enemy that shall be destroyed is "death". (1 Cor. 15:26) Death is an enemy. It robs of friends, dreams, and family. Everyone reading this article has experienced the loss of a loved one or a friend. Yet, Paul says that we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We have a hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. Because He lives, we also live. Not just when we die, but right now.

As we approach 2013, let us really live. Lord, help us to put away our fears, because we know you have not given them to us. (2 Tim. 1:7) Help us deal with our situations in and through prayer. Help us help someone else along the way. Help us to be the witnesses you said we should be. Help us to see the lost around us and be willing to share our testimony when we have the opportunity. We will have the opportunities but sometime we do not see them. Open our eyes Lord.

What will 2013 hold for you or me? None of us knows, but we do know who holds tomorrow. (2 Tim. 1:12) Let us live as if we have all eternity, while at the same time live as if we have no more time left. What changes would that make to how we approach life? I pray each and every one who reads this will have a wonderful and glorious year. Trust me, try me, prove me says the Lord of Hosts, and I will pour you out a blessing you cannot contain. (Mal. 3:10) Lord, I am your vessel. Pour yourself into me and allow me to pour myself out for you.

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone

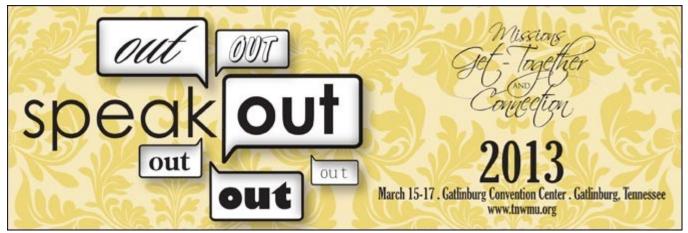
## **Financial Issues facing Churches and Minsters**

February 11 6:30 to 8:30 pm McKenzie FBC

This seminar will save your church and minister TIME, MONEY, & HASSLES



This will be at the Music Road Hotel & Convention Center located in Pigeon Forge, TN Call the Mission Center for more information.



For the ministry project they are collecting postage stamps, copy paper, gift cards (any denomination to Wal\*Mart, OfficeMax, Staples or Kroger), journals, writing tablets and paperback Bibles or New Testaments (HCSB version). Bring items to the Gatlinburg Convention Center on Friday or Saturday. Go to www.tnwmu.org for more information.

### Walking Together in Prayer

McKenzie First Baptist Church

#### **Marriage Encounter**

Friday, February 22nd Ice Breaker 6:30 pm Experience 7:00-9:00pm

#### **Parent Encounter**

Saturday, February 23rd Breakfast 8:30 am Experience 9:00-11:30 am

> Special Guests: Don & Trish Pierson

Childcare Provided Each Session

For more information call the church at 731-352-5391

## America: Stand Up Standing on the Truth of God's Word

Men's Conference

Camden FBC March 15& 16, 2013

Friday: Dinner 5-6:30 pm Conference 6:45-9 pm

Saturday: Breakfast 7-8:30 am

Conference 8:45 am-12 pm

Speakers: Ronnie Coleman

(www.ronniecoleman.com)

Ergun Caner

(www.erguncaner.com)

Ken Freeman

(www.kenfreeman.com)

Cost: \$20

Call 731-584-6061 for reservations



### America's Favorite One Handed Pianist Brian Arnold Ministries

Prospect Baptist Church Hollow Rock

February 3 6 pm



### **Accounting News**

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the standard mileage rate for 2013. It is **56.5 cents** per mile.

#### Free Commentaries

The following commentaries are free to anyone who wishes to have them: "Broadman Commentaries", "Pulpit Commentaries" and "Twenty Centuries of Great Preaching". Call the Mission Center or come by and see them. Also, if you know of a young pastor who is starting out that would like to have them, let me know.

Bro. Jimmy

### February, 2013

**Feb 4,** CBBA Pastors Conference, 10:30 am, Mission Center Speaker: Terry Wilkerson

Feb 11, CBBA Pastors Conference, 10:30 am, Mission Center Speaker: Rudy French

**Feb 21-23,** Bi-Vo Retreat, Pigeon Forge, TN



# Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

March 11, CBBA Pastors Conference, 10:30 am, Mission Center

March 25, CBBA Pastors Conference, 10:30 am, Mission Center

March 29, Office Closed Good Friday

March 31, Easter



Union University
2013 West TN
Ministers Conference
The Power of the Gospel
Romans 1:16

Mar 5 The Gospel and the SBC 10 am

Apr 2 The Gospel and Community Outreach 10 am

May 7 The Gospel and Race 10 am



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The mission of the Carroll-Benton Baptist Association is to encourage fellowship & equip churches to carry out the Great Commission



For Ministry Assistants Details Coming Soon!

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