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Just a thought....

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Within the past couple of weeks, Pope Francis created some discussion when he made a statement related to people following their conscience in order to get to heaven. Responding to a list of questions published in a paper from a non-practicing Catholic, Pope Francis wrote: "You ask me if the God of the Christians forgives those who don't believe and who don't seek the faith. I start by saying –and this is the fundamental thing–that God's mercy has no limits if you go to him with a sincere and contrite heart. The issue for those who do not believe in God is to obey their conscience. He went on to say, "Sin, even for those who have no faith, exists when people disobey their conscience."

Sin is disobedience to God and not to our conscience. We can think something is right when it is not. We can think something is wrong when it is not. All of us have been victims of this kind of thinking at one time or another. Our conscience can fool us.

I have to adamantly disagree with Pope Francis. The Bible indicates that our ability to reach heaven is not based on conscience or feelings but on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. One must realize his/her sin, confess those sins and ask Jesus Christ to forgive him/her of their sin. The Bible states that no one can come to the father except through the son, Jesus Christ. (John 14:6)

Consider the following scriptures:

- * John 3:16
- * Ephesians 2:8-10
- * Romans 3:23
- * Romans 6:23
- * Romans 5:8
- * Acts 16:31

The preceding scriptures give us directions of how we can be assured of Heaven. It is based on what Christ has done for us and not on what we do. Jesus paid it all, but all to Him I owe. These are just a few of many scriptures we could use. However, none of these deal with our conscience. The Bible has many verses that speak of an evil and a pure conscience, but none speak of following our conscience for salvation. I think I will rely upon the Bible

Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone

Pastor Appreciation Month October

Guest article from Michael Lewis, executive director of Pastors for Pastors at the NAMB states "Research indicates that ministry stress is significantly and negatively impacting pastors and their families. This negative impact has manifested in several ways.

- 50% of pastors' marriages end in divorce
- 18,000 leave the ministry every year due to burnout, termination, or moral/marital issues
- 80% of ministers' spouses with their partner would choose another profession.

Consider doing something special for the pastor who counsels families, performs marriages and funerals, visits in the hospitals and delivers God's word week in and week out as a faithful steward. Any kind of recognition would be seen as an act of love for the pastor and his wife.

CBBA ANNUAL MEETING

October 19, 2013
Camden First Baptist Church

12 noon Meal

1:00 pm Meeting

Bro. Mark Coggins
will be bringing the message

Don't forget to elect your messengers
And we will be sending out messenger cards

Sunday School Opportunity or Harvest Plant

Huntingdon Rehab needs someone willing to teach a Sunday School lesson each Sunday morning. If interested contact Bro. Jimmy at the Mission Center.



Humboldt First Baptist Church
October 12, 2013
10 am-3 pm

Early-Bird registration fee - \$10 per person, children and adults, up to two weeks before each event.

Registration fee is \$15 per person, children and adults, less than two weeks before each event.

For more information contact Vickie Clemons at vclemons@tnbaptist.org or go to www.tnbaptist.org



(formerly the Tennessee Baptist Convention)

November 11th– TBC Pastors Conference starting at Noon

November 12th-13th– Annual Meeting

Speakers:

Pastor Fred Luter, Jr., President of the Southern Baptist Convention

Dr. H. Dean Haun, President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention

Robby Gallaty, Senior Pastor, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga

Breakout Sessions:

Praying Like it Matters with Dr. Steve Gaines

Preparing for Retirement with Mike Ford

Why Israel Cannot Be Ignored with Dr. Tony Crisp

Reaching Young Adults with Dr. Mike Glenn

How to Use a Chainsaw (and other Social Media Practices) with Bill Seaver

Foster Care: Impacting Children in Crisis with Bryant Milsaps

All messengers, visitors and volunteers can register online through Nov 7th

Ministers Wives Luncheon –Sufficient Grace—II Corinthians 12:9

November 12– The Marriott in Plaza A/B

(Connected to the Chattanooga Convention Center)

Cost \$15 for more information contact: Lana Rose 615-371-2008

or register online at www.tnbaptist.org (Deadline is Nov 5th)

*October,
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Oct 7, CBBA Pastors' Conference
10:30 am, Mission Center

Oct 7, CBBA WMU Meeting, 6:00 pm
Howse Baptist Church

**Oct 19, CBBA Annual Meeting,
Noon-Meal
1 pm –Meeting
Camden FBC**

Oct 21, CBBA Pastors' Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center



Approaching Dates and Events of Interest

Nov 5, West TN Pastors Conference,
Union University, 9:30am

Nov 18, CBBA Pastors Conference,
10:30 am, Mission Center

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

Nov 28, Thanksgiving Day
CBBA Office Closed

Nov 29, CBBA Office Closed



Church Clerks

Thank you for sending in your Annual Church Profile to CBBA. It's not too late if you haven't put yours online yet. If you have any questions please call the Associational office 731-986-8818

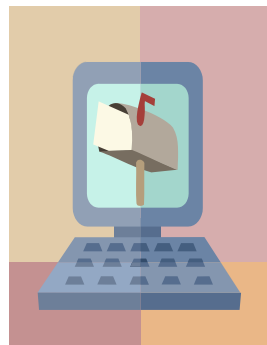


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We are contemplating sending the newsletter via email. In order to do this we will need email addresses. You may also view the "Link" online on the CBBA website www.cbba1.com.

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