

August, 2013

Dekalb Schools First Day for Students
Fort Payne Schools First Day for Students
Monday, August 19

New Church Year Begins

Sunday, September 1

That Means July and August Meetings For
The Stewardship and Budget Committee
The Nominating Committee

Please be praying for them and be thinking about your part in the ministry of the
Church.

Stewardship and Budget – Martha Barksdale, Donzella Bobo, Marty Borntrager,
Dot Burke, Jimmy Carter, Jackie Myers, Jon Perkins
Nominating – Jerrie Alexander, Phil Chambers (chair), Dee Fortner,
Carol Zulker (co-chair)

August Wednesdays

No Choirs

Prayer Meeting

6:00

In the Sanctuary

CBC Kids

6:00

In the Fellowship Hall

August Lord's Supper – J.R. And Donzella Bobo

Labor Day

Monday, September 2

Community Revival

Sunday, September 8 – Wednesday, September 11

Tentative Meeting Place – Collinsville Community Center

Choirs Return on Wednesdays
Tentative Date for Choirs Kickoff
Children's Choirs and Adult Choir
Wednesday, September 18
6:00 P.M.

See You at the Pole
Wednesday, September 25
7:15 A.M.
Collinsville High School
Join Us in the Front of the School
At the Flag Pole

Collinsville Quilt Walk
Friday, September 27
Noon – 5:00
Saturday, September 28
10 A.M. – 5:00

The following classes will be offered at the Northeast Alabama New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Extension at First Baptist Church Rainsville

Undergraduate Certificate Classes

Life and Letters of Paul- August 22nd - October 10th, Thursdays 6-8 pm
New Testament Book Study- October 24th - December 5th, Thursdays 6-8 pm

Students should apply and register for the classes on the first night that the class meets (please arrive early if possible).

There is a one time \$25 application fee for new students and each class is \$100 + books (**For students who need it a payment plan can be arranged**).

The book used for the Life and Letters of Paul will be *The New Testament: It's Background and Message 2nd Ed.* by Thomas D. Lea and David Alan Black

ALL CERTIFICATE CLASSES (up to 18 hrs) WILL TRANSFER INTO AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE THROUGH LEAVELL COLLEGE (NOBTS)

Graduate Certificate Classes

Systematic Theology 1- August 22nd - December 5th, Alternating Thursdays 6-8 pm
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval- August 22nd-December 5th, Alternating Thursdays 8-10 pm

Students should apply online for entrance into the masters program at <http://www.nobts.edu/>. Look under "Prospective Students," and click "Apply Now."

Students will be able to register for classes and pay on the first night (please arrive early if possible). The classes are \$195/hr + books.

ALL CERTIFICATE CLASSES (up to 18 hrs) WILL TRANSFER INTO A MASTERS DEGREE THROUGH NOBTS

If you have any questions please contact Zach Richards at (256) 706-2478.

Thanks for your help in making this such a great opportunity for our area.

Because He lives...,

Zach Richards
Director
NE AL NOBTS Certificate Extension

A story from my childhood. From summer camp. At Camp Linden. R.A. Camp. I would have been eleven or twelve.

The week-long camp had probably close to 300 boys. I was staying in a small cabin with about twelve in it – screen wire around the top, bunk beds, bath house out back. One counselor in our cabin.

I was the only one who went from my church. And I made a friend. I have no memory of his name, but he was staying in my cabin. I'll call him Bubba.

Bubba and I did lots of camp things together. R.A. Camp had lots of Bible studies and worship time. It also had lots of fun things. Archery, shuffleboard, hiking, baseball. Lots of boy things.

And the best fun thing of all. Swimming in the Buffalo River. The mighty Buffalo River. It was a huge, violent river. Okay, maybe twice as wide as Big Wills Creek. There was a swimming area for us. A shallow place to get into the water. Then a rope where the water got deep. And almost across the river a raft. Life guard on the raft. And one on the shore.

We were told everybody had to have a buddy. Bubba and I were buddies. The rules – pass a swimming test before going across the rope to the deep water and the river current. Second, be standing with your buddy by the count of five any time the guard blew his whistle.

Everything was fine the first day. I passed the swimming test. Turned out Bubba could not swim. But I could. I was really fast (yes, that could be convenient memory). When the whistle blew the first day, I swam quickly from the deep water to where Bubba was on the other side of the rope. Made it before the count finished every time.

The second day was not as good. Bubba not only did not know how to swim. He did not like the water. So he spent the day sitting on the shore. I loved the water. And who wouldn't want to swim to a raft? So I did over and over. Swim to the raft, jump in, swim back to the raft. It was wonderful.

And then the whistle blew. I was fast. But not fast enough. I didn't make it. And that meant I had to sit out the rest of the day. Great for Bubba. Awful for me. Boring. Boys out in the deep. Swimming across the river. Me sitting on the shore.

Bubba and I stayed good friends all week. But not swimming buddies. I found a swimmer. He found a bank sitter. I loved the water. He loved the land. And he feared the water.

A couple of things. One is that Camp Linden is still on the banks of the mighty Buffalo River. But kids don't get to swim in it any more. The camp got a swimming pool. Much safer. Or so some adult must have decided. I loved the river. The pool was, well, kind of boring.

Another thing. I think about Bubba and I when I read II Corinthians 6:14 – “don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers”. Don't get a swimming buddy that likes the shore. And a Christian shouldn't get yoked to an unbeliever.

It just does not work. Like yoking an ox and a guinea pig to a plow. That would look ridiculous, and it would not work. Unequally yoked. So, if you are a Christian, watch out about who you marry or become a business partner with. Or get yoked to in any way.

Remember you love the water, they love the land. You love the Lord, they don't. And the whistle is going to blow. Or the trumpet.

