

Sunday School Hints and Tips

Greetings! Another month has pass and we hope that we are all getting ready for the Holiday season in the Sunday School Department. As we plan our Christmas programs we will find that the Sunday school can be used to create new life and commitment in the church, as we all get excited with the plays, musical programs and children day services let us pray that God would be Glorified and our Sunday school will again have an opportunity to grow. Let us began planning now, no last minute rehearsals, let us get our materials early, let us have great programs filled with the Holy Spirit power that will draw men to the kingdom God willing.

We need to remember the little 8-year-old boy perspective on the Sunday school, he continues with 7. I can invite my friends who don't know Jesus to hear about Him. 8. I am learning things that will help me as I grow and become a leader in our church. 9. We do cool things as a class, like go and visit older people at the retirement home of make Christmas cards or grandmas and grandpas who are lonely. 10. We go see kids who come to class, that's always fun to make new friends. ... The kid when on to say. Remember when you asked us to invite our friends who didn't know Jesus, to come to church? Well, I did and guess what several friends came for several Sundays. One friend quit coming three weeks ago because his mom quit coming. Shawn's mom and dad have been going to Sunday school with my mom and dad. Guess what! Last week Shawn's dad became a Christian, and now my dad is teaching him. I asked Dad why he is doing that, and he said so that Shawn's father can learn all he can about Jesus. The boy continues to talk to his Pastor by saying. Well I thought you needed to know from a kid's view why Sunday school is so important. I hope this helps you. By the way, I think you are doing a supper job. Let me know if I can help you. As I read what this kid had to say my vision which God has given me for the Sunday school department is reinforced.

As I look toward to 2003 I am praying and asking God to help us put the Sunday school support team together for pacific Sunday school projects that we believe God is leading us in. One of these events is the Associational Sunday School Training Seminar. This Seminar will be hosted by the association but conducted by the State Convention. We will be sponsoring all tracks with special

emphasis on **Signing**. Prior to this seminar we will be looking for a Church to begin a "SIGNING MINISTRY", we will be using this church as a pilot. As a Pastor or Sunday school Director if you believe that this is a ministry your church will be interested in, please let us know. We will use this seminar to train your teacher that are gifted in this ministry to get you started, and our support team will continue for as long as it is reasonably possible to assist in the establishing of this ministry. Please marked your calendar for this event **June 13th – 14th 2003 Friday evening 7:00 Pm – 9:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**, pray for us that God will continue to develop the Sunday school in this association that we would be able to help you in your churches to have a strong Sunday school.

Rev. Christopher Codrington

Annual Church Profiles

They have been mailed and are due back by September 30th, 2002. The Annual will be printed and ready to be handed out at the Annual Meeting, October 27th. Please get your ACP in to the association office right away so that your church isn't left out.

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From The D.O.M.

It's hard to believe that five months has passed since Abel and I have assumed the temporary position of Interim Director Of Missions. Brother Abel and I were visiting recently and we commented that we are amazed at how much ministry we have been involved in during these past months. Serving in the Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Association has truly been a tremendous challenge & blessing to us both.

I recently read the following story;

What if Noah had lived in the United States in the year 2002? And what if the Lord had told Noah, "In one year, I am going to make it rain and the waters will cover the whole earth until all life is dead. But I command you, Noah, to build an ark."

In a flash, the Lord delivered the specifications for the ark. With fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark.

Exactly one year later, a fierce storm covered the earth. The Lord saw Noah weeping on his front porch. "Noah" the Lord shouted, "Where is the ark?"

"Lord, please forgive me," Noah said, "I did my best, but there were big problems." First, I had to get a permit for construction. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans. Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the ark needed a sprinkler system. Then, my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the ark in my front yard. Then, I had problems getting enough wood for the ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees where the spotted owl lived. The carpenters formed a union and went on strike. When I started rounding up the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They objected to me taking only two of each kind. Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am discriminating by not taking atheists aboard. The IRS claims I owe them some kind of user tax and failed to register the ark as a 'recreational water craft.' "Lord, at every turn, I face problems."

Noah waited. Then all of a sudden the sun came out and the seas began to calm. And Noah asked the Lord, "You mean you're not going to destroy the Earth, Lord?" The Lord God responded saying sadly, "I don't have to. The government already has."

The truth is, sometimes we can feel like Noah. Every day we face daunting challenges and problems that are before us. However, because of our steadfast faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are part of His great plan. What we need to do is to remain faithful and be part of God's solution and not part of the problem.

As fellow partners in the Crescent Bay Association, let us keep our eyes on Jesus and be a part of God's perfect plan for reaching the unsaved community of those who have never experienced the Love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lets keep our eyes on that which Christ's eyes are focused on, reaching the lost unto salvation. God Bless Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Association.

Ted Knapp

(Transitional Team - Interim DOM with Abel Owens)

FINANCES FOR AUGUST

Balance 7/31/02		-14,540.41
Received		
Budget	11,529.17	
Designated	<u>11,240.85</u>	
Total Received		<u>22,770.02</u>
Total Cash		8,229.61

Disbursed		
Budget	7,638.85	
Designated	<u>13,030.02</u>	
Total Disbursed		<u>20,668.87</u>
Balance 8/31/02		-12,439.26

CHURCHES GIVING AUGUST

Central Baptist, Inglewood		
Church of the Beach Cities		
Crusaders for Christ		
Faith In Christ Missionary Baptist		
Gardena Korean Mission		
Gardena-Torrance S.B.C.		
Gardena-Torrance Japanese Miss		
Greater New Holy Trinity		
Holy Tabernacle of God		
Leap of Faith Community Baptist		
Mision Bautista Familia de Dios		
Mt. Carmel Holy Assembly		
New Beginnings Community Church		
New Mt Calvary Baptist		
New Rock of Ages Baptist		
New Vision Community		
Ocean Gate Baptist		
Podowon Baptist		
Primera Iglesia Bautista		
Set Free Christian Fellowship		
Sweet Hill Baptist Church		
True Vine Missionary Baptist		
Victory In Christ Ministries		
Total		<u>4,098.99</u>

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Annuity Board Presentation

By Rod Wiltrout

October 17th, 2002
10:00AM

held at

Greater Good Shepherd
Baptist Church

1012 W Florence Avenue, Los
Angeles 90044

323/750-9336

Rev. Joe Freeman, Pastor

This is for pastors and paid church staff. Come and find out about the great benefits available by joining the Annuity Board.

Contact Rev. Joe Freeman for more information.

In Our Churches

Churches Searching for a Pastor:

Faith Baptist Church, Los Angeles
L.A. Crenshaw, Gardena
Pacific Baptist Church, El Segundo
Philippian Baptist Church, Los Angeles

Announcements:

First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills,

served the Firefighters, Police and Mail Carriers from 12:00am to 12:00pm on September 11th. They held a service in early evening.

First Baptist South Los Angeles,

spent the morning of September 11th, serving the Firefighters and Police in their area.

Greater Good Shepherd Baptist,

spent September 11th feeding 54 Firefighters, Police and Mail Carriers from their community.

Calvary Baptist Church,

joined with the community for a special evening service at the Hawthorne Memorial Center on September 11th.

Gardena-Torrance Baptist,

made cards for everyone at their church to sign, thanking the firefighters and police for their service. Pastor Ted took the cards to the station houses on September 11th.

Victory In Christ Ministries,

is hosting "Spoken Words: A Special Evening of Inspirational Poetry & Prose." They welcome singers as well. This event is being held Sunday, Oct. 6th at 6:00pm. The special guest is Shari Randolph. They are asking for a donation of \$7. For more information call 310/290-2824.

Mt. Carmel Holy Assembly will

hold it's Annual Pastor Emeritus Day Service at 4:00pm on October 13th. This service honors Rev. Mason G. Owens for his work in the ministry for over 25 years.

CHURCHES: Let us know what is being planned in your church, or what special, exciting, inspirational event has already taken place. We would love to share it with the other churches. It may encourage or inspire them. They also would be able to support your work.

October Eyes On



Crescent Bay West Los Angeles Southern Baptist
Association

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Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 27th,

Lunch will be served from
2:00pm to 3:30pm

The Meeting will begin
at 3:30pm

The Annual Meeting will be held at:
Primera Iglesia Bautista

Centro Cristiano Nueva Imagen
9500 Redfern Avenue, Inglewood
[next to Association Office]

Bring your whole church with you!

Important!!

The DOM [Director of Missions] Search Committee is planning to bring a recommendation to the Annual Meeting for the candidate that they feel the Lord has guided them to. We want everyone to have a vote in the selection of our next Director of Missions, so please be present and bring your church's messengers with you.



PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH

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- Anniversaries In Oct.**
- 1 Mrs. Ken Dean
 - 3 Rev. Girgis Ghaly
 - 4 Rev. Young Min Chung
 - 5 Mrs. John Riley
 - 6 Rev. Lafayette Funches
 - 8 Mrs. Alton Lee
 - 12 Rev. Donald Hall
 - 14 Rev. Alfredo Noble
 - 18 Rev. Paul Chang
 - 23 Mrs. Wyman Jones
 - 31 Rev. Abel Owens
- 10 Rev. & Mrs. Quentin Oden
25 Rev. & Mrs. Randy Williams
27 Rev. & Mrs. Young Min Chung

Corinth

In ancient times, Corinth was a city of great wealth and influence. As we walked through the streets of Corinth you could not help but notice that all streets and sidewalks were made of solid marble slabs. In Winter, the horses could not overcome the slippery nature of wet marble so workers hand carved grooves to provide ample foot-holds.

In addition to the wealth of the city it was noted as a city of pleasure. Houses of prostitution were common in the market place. It was such an acceptable part of their society that advertisements and directions were etched on the marble sidewalks. The influence of society overflowed into the church. Reading Paul's letters to the Corinthian Church, we see the evidence clearly. Sexual immorality, (1Cor. 5); even the Lord's Supper was defiled with gluttony and drunkenness (chapter 11).

Corinth sounds a little too much like Los Angeles. Pray we do not end up the same.

Next month, Ephesus
Dr. Tom Stringfellow, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Beverly Hills

A Gift

Enclosed in the newsletter is an envelope. We hope that you will use this to give a Christmas Love Offering to our two Interim Director's of Missions. Usually, an Interim Director of Missions would be paid, however, our association was not in a position to be able to do that. As such, we would like to collect a love offering to be presented to them at the Christmas Banquet. There will **NOT** be an offering collected at the banquet. All money collected will be divided between Pastor's Ted Knapp and Abel

Mission Trip To Brazil

The Church of the Beach Cities went to Vitoria, Brazil for a mission trip. A total of 13 people went. We ran a Vacation Bible School, a youth outreach, evangelistic Bible studies in the homes of people who invited family and friends, a weekend marriage seminar, a women's tea, a men's breakfast, and we handed out 5,000 postcards door to door to invite the community to join us for these events.

The church in Vitoria had an average attendance of 220 people. Our goal was to draw in 440 people to the churches worship service through the events that we did. When the following Sunday arrived we actually had 408 people come to church. We didn't reach our goal, but we still felt it was tremendous church growth for a one week effort. The following week I e-mailed them and they said they had well over 300 people in attendance. Those are probably the people who will continue to go to the church.

We plan to return to Vitoria in January of 2004. Please pray for the church as they continue to follow-up on all the new people.

Rev. Jimmy Chaney, Pastor

Embracing Seattle Testimonial

From August 2nd to the 4th, 6 missionaries, including myself, went on a mission trip to Seattle Washington. We helped the Beverly Park Baptist Church, which is located just outside of Seattle. I worked with the 2's and 3 year olds alongside their teacher Marion.

One thing I learned was patience and how essential it is when working with young children. I also learned that you have to be very creative, children will find just about anything interesting and exciting. You have to think of creative ways to keep their attention, as well as inserting the Bible lesson into everything they do.

Overall I had a goodtime and would love the opportunity to work with them again. I also urge all my fellow youth to go on at least one mission trip.

*Sharion Lupe Colbert
Faith In Christ Baptist Church*

WMU Women's Ministries Conference Sponsored by

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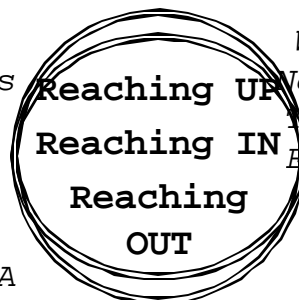
Crescent Bay-WLA Southern Baptist Association

**October 18th~19th,
2002**

Friday 7pm - 9pm

For Pastors
WMU Directors
Potential
Directors
Age Group
Leaders

Anyone With A
Heart For The



Winning Our
Neighborhood:
To Christ By
Evangelizing
Through
Missions

Friday Evening Special Guest Speaker:

Linda Clark

WMU/Women's Ministries Director
California Southern Baptist Convention

New Mt Calvary Baptist Church

402 E El Segundo Blvd
Los Angeles 90061
310/324-0644

Dr. Lonnie Dawson, Pastor

Registration \$10.00

Make Checks Payable to: LASBA

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December 12th, 2002
7:00pm

Family *An Old Fashioned Christmas*

Carson Community Center · 3 Civic Plaza, Carson

This year's **Annual Christmas Banquet** is for the Whole Family! We will have something for every age. There will be a separate price for the children's tickets {\$10 for children up to 12 years old}. The adult tickets will remain \$18. The tickets will be stamped either "adult" or "child" – an adult (13 years and up) will not be allowed to use a child's ticket.

Everyone must have a ticket **in hand** to be allowed in. The seating arrangement is based on the order the money for the tickets comes in – not when you promise to get it in. Also, there will be a definite deadline this year – one-week prior, **December 5th, all ticket sales cease**. Plan ahead so you and your family won't be left out.

**Order Form
Ticket**

Name of Person Ordering: _____
Phone Number & E-mail {if available}: _____
Name of Church: _____
Pastor's Name: _____ Is Pastor Attending: Yes No
Address of Church: _____

Phone Number of Church: _____
Number of Adult Tickets: _____ Number of Children's Tickets: _____

Church Checks Only

Tickets will be mailed in November

Mail Check and ticket order form to the Crescent Bay WLA Association
9520 Redfern Ave., Inglewood CA 90301

Under Construction!!

We have begun the process to have an associational web site!
The address will be www.cbwla.com.

- We will have how to contact associational workers
- We will list associational officers and committee members and how to contact them
- We will have the newsletter available to read
- We will have the associational calendar
- We will have our associational churches listed (with links to their web sites if available)
- We will have information on each of our ministries
- We will have links to other helpful sites, i.e. California Southern Baptist Convention; LifeWay; North American Mission Board and more.
- More as We GO

What we need from you:

- **Churches** need to let us know what information they would like posted on our site for people to see [name of church, address, phone, fax, email, web site, membership, ministries, etc.]
- **Pastors** need to let us know what information they would like posted on our site.
- **Churches** will also need to publicize the web site to their congregation so that everyone can have access to the information from the association

Church Leadership Training Institute

The Church Leadership Training Institute (CLTI) is pleased to announce their 2002-2003 Diploma Programs: offering training for church workers with specific emphasis on Sunday School work. Its co-founders are Rev. Lonnie Dawson, a native of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Pastor of New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California; Rev. Jerry Harris, Director of the Sunday School Department of the California Southern Baptist Convention and the Rev. Tom Kelly, Director of the Church Development Department of the California Southern Baptist Convention.

Working together, they developed and formalized the training course we knew as the *Sunday School Leadership Training Institute*. The classes started officially in September 1985, being offered to Sunday School workers throughout Los Angeles and surrounding communities.

The Church Leadership Training Institute provides quality training for Sunday School workers and other church workers in the hope of causing a Sunday School "Growth Explosion" in the church impacted by its work. The facilitators/teachers in the Institute are skilled workers with practical experience in using the techniques being taught in their own church environments.

Since many churches do not have the expertise within their organizations, the Institute is attempting to provide them with the access to this type of training. Even in those churches that do have the expertise, it is difficult to provide continual training. So the Institute also provides a vehicle for those churches to improve the work of their staff on an ongoing basis.

<p>Location: Mt. Carmel Holy Assembly Baptist Church 9401 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles</p>	<p>Fees: Unless otherwise noted the fee is \$25 for the course & book All LIFE courses are \$40-\$100</p>	<p>When: Mondays – 7pm-9pm <small>(ex cept holidays)</small> Sept. 9th, 2003– May 2003 Graduation in June</p>
<p>Diplomas Offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Deacon's Ministry ✓ Church Leadership (MasterLife) ✓ Women's Minsitry ✓ Discipleship Ministry ✓ Men's Ministries 		<p>You may select a study/class and NOT enroll in a specific ministry diploma track. Graduation is for Diploma Plans and LIFE Courses.</p>

Semester 1: Sept. 9th-Oct. 14th

The Ministry of the Baptist Deacon
My Identity in Christ
Jesus on Leadership

In Session

Semester 2: Oct. 21st-Nov. 25th

Deacons as Leaders
Experiencing Spiritual Breakthrough
MasterLife (continues to May)
Seven Seasons of a Man's Life (to May)
The Virtuous Women

Semester 3: Dec. 2nd-Jan. 20th

The Baptist Faith and Message
New Testament (continues to Apr. 14)
Experiencing God in your Workplace:
The Kingdom Agenda (to March)

Semester 4: Jan. 27th-Mar. 3rd

Deacon Caring Skills, Vol. 1

Semester 5: Mar. 10th-Apr. 14th

Deacon Caring Skills, Vol. 2
The Ways of God

Semester 6: Apr. 21st-Jun 2nd

Equipping Deacons to Confront Conflict
When God Speaks
Finding Meaning For Your Life
Through Knowing God

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