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And above all things,  
have fervent love  
for one another...

I Peter 4:8a (NKJV)



# Dealing with Feelings of Inferiority in Ministry

*A Special Message from*  
**Dr. Randy Bennett, Kern County Director of Missions**

*I* was talking to a group of ministerial students recently. The topic of “inferiority” among Pastors and other Christian servants came to the surface. Every person in that group indicated that they suffered from feelings of inferiority when it came to ministry.



*Out* of that discussion came some interesting hints and suggestions on how to work through those feelings and attitudes so God can use them in ministry. In this month’s article I will discuss the first three of seven ideas.

# Dealing with Feelings of Inferiority in Ministry

## 1. KNOW YOUR S.H.A.P.E.

Author Eric Rees wrote the book S.H.A.P.E. a few years ago.



S.H.A.P.E is an acrostic for the five parts of understanding one's spiritual gifts and corresponding aptitudes for ministry. It is a great moment when you discover how God has wired you. Just giving a name to your abilities really helps build your confidence in God and in yourself.

**Spiritual Gifts** – service gifts received when one is saved and received the Gift of the Holy Spirit

**Heart** - What are your passions and interests? What area of service really interests you?

**Abilities** – What natural abilities do you have that suggest a place to serve in the church?

**Personality** – Are you a people person or a process person? Do you like indoor or outdoor activities? Introvert or extrovert?

**Experience** – What kind of things are listed on your resume that God can use in ministry?

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## 2. KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VAINGLORY AND PRIDE.

In preparing for a series of sermons back in the mid 1980's I tried to study Paul the Apostle's trait of humility. Apart from his statement that he was the chief of sinners, I found it very hard to find. Instead I found a man who was proud of God and of God's achievements in his life. I was forced to redefine pride. I discovered by reading a small commentary on I John that the opposite of pride is slothfulness. The opposite of humility is vainglory.

Vainglory is when a person enters a room and does his/her best to prove their superiority to everyone else in the room. Humility is the person who enters the room fully assured of who they are in Christ and their status among his/her peers. He does not take the head seat as the vainglorious person would do. Pride is feeling good about yourself and carrying yourself with dignity and honor. The vainglorious person points out his or her accomplishments as a way of elevating themselves in their own eyes and in the eyes of those around them.

# Dealing with Feelings of Inferiority in Ministry

## 3. KNOW WHO I AM IN CHRIST.

I love the first two chapters of Ephesians where it teaches all about positional theology. Chapter one states that Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Chapter two states that believers are seated in Christ at the right hand of the throne of God. What a blessing that this place of honor is not earned but achieved by one's faith in Jesus' ministry of redemption and reconciliation! I do not have to achieve a place with God. I only need to know that place and celebrate where I am in Christ.

Next month I will look at four other ways to deal with one's feelings of inferiority in ministry.

Since I last reported Carol and I have attended the following churches: New Life with Richard Gaston, Northside, Daybreak, Height Street, and the Korean Baptist Church of Bakersfield.


*Your Missionary,*



**Kern County Director of Missions**







Lead your church to take the

# STEP UP! CHALLENGE

Has your congregation taken the "Step Up!" Challenge to increase by 20 percent in the following areas in 2020?

- Baptisms
- Church Planting
- Mission Going
- Mission Giving

Find out more about the "Step Up!" Challenge and register your congregation at

[www.csbc.com/stepupchallenge](http://www.csbc.com/stepupchallenge)

Celebrate with new believers by participating in

## CSBC Baptism Day Sunday, May 31, 2020

On Pentecost Sunday in 2020 (May 31), California Southern Baptists will celebrate new believers by encouraging every CSBC congregation to baptize at least ONE person!



2020



# CALIFORNIA MISSIONS GIVING

The Cooperative Program and California Mission Offering are the primary vehicles of supporting evangelism and missions in California and throughout the world. The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists unified plan of giving to support worldwide missions and ministry. Each Southern Baptist congregation gives a portion of its undesignated receipts to support the state Baptist Convention. Each Convention gives a percentage of its budget to support the Southern Baptist Convention and its worldwide efforts. This plan provides opportunities to tell people about Jesus locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. The California Mission Offering is an opportunity to additionally support mission endeavors in California, one of the greatest concentrations of the unchurched in North America.

## THE 2020 CSBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE: \$6,425,000

*Your Church is On Mission Through the Cooperative Program!*

### World Mission Causes

# 30%

- Southern Baptist Convention
- North American Mission Board
- International Mission Board
- SBC Seminaries (Including Gateway Seminary)
- The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

### California Southern Baptist Convention

# 67%

- Evangelism
- Church Planting
- Missions
- Church Revitalization
- Small Churches
- Jenness Park Christian Camp
- Communications
- Administration

### California Baptist University

# 2%

- Great Commission University
- 160-acre Riverside campus
- 11,000+ students
- 200 majors, minors and concentrations

### The Baptist Foundation of California

# 1%

- Estate Planning/Planned Giving
- Church Loans
- Church Investment Accounts
- Grants
- Fiduciary Services

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

*The Heart of Southern Baptist Mission and Ministries*



### 73.20% World Missions Ministries

International Mission Board (50.41%) | North American Mission Board (22.79%)

### 22.16% Theological Education Ministries

Seminaries (21.92%) | Library and Archives (.24%)

### 2.99% SBC Operating Budget

### 1.65% Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

## CMO: REACHING THE WORLD IN CALIFORNIA THROUGH

- Evangelism
- Church Planting
- Church Revitalization
- Small Church
- Disaster Relief
- Associational Missions



# Valentines

AT VALLEY BAPTIST

Thursday, Feb.13, 6:30 p.m.  
4800 Fruitvale Ave., Multi-Purpose Auditorium

—THE ORIGINAL—

**CONEY ISLAND**  
*Honeymoon*

—VALENTINE'S DINNER—

For Married Couples \$50/couple

Friday, Feb.7, 6:30 p.m.

—YOUNG ADULTS—

*xoxo*  
♥

—VALENTINE'S DINNER—

5500 Olive Dr. Great Rm Bldg 9 \$25/person

Saturday, Feb. 8 @ 6:00 p.m.

**SINGLES**  
*Valentine's*  
**DINNER**

Skillets Diner \$20/person



More details

<http://www.valleybaptist.org/valentines>



# An Event for Pastor's Wives!

Breakfast.

Fun.

A Word of  
Encouragement.



Walking In the Sunshine,  
In A Sun Scorched Land  
*Pastor's Wives*

**February 29, 2020**  
Kern County Baptist Association Event

**10am-12pm**

**Petroleum Club of Bakersfield**  
**5060 California Avenue**

**\$20 Per Guest (Limited Seating)**

**RSVP by February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Online at <http://www.kcsba.com> or**

**By phone (661) 325-1265**

**Dress Code: Business Casual**

***Guest Speaker***



**Angela Croom**

*First Baptist Church of  
Palm Springs, CA*

Fresno, CA



📅 March 17, 2020

📍 Saroyan Theatre

🕒 **VIP Doors:** 5:30 pm

🕒 **GA Doors:** 6:00 pm

🕒 **Show:** 7:00 pm

Ontario, CA

📅 March 19, 2020

📍 Toyota Arena

🕒 **VIP Doors:** 5:30 pm

🕒 **GA Doors:** 6:00 pm

🕒 **Show:** 7:00 pm



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*Be blessed!*

**March 24 (Tue),  
5:30 P.M.**



**4800 Fruitvale Ave.**



# CA WOMEN'S EVENT: TAPESTRY

<http://www.csbc.com/ministry-resources/tapestry>



*Tapestry is designed to equip women on prayer, discipleship, missions, evangelism and leadership development.*

*Its one goal is "celebrating God's amazing love through the diversity of women."*

*Quality seminars. Relevant, interactive workshops. Worship and fellowship.*

*Be blessed and be a blessing!*

## **March 14 – Anaheim**

**First Southern Baptist Church  
1275 E Broadway  
Anaheim, CA 92805**

**Early bird \$45; \$59 after Feb 16**

## **March 28 – Gilroy**

**First Baptist Church  
8455 Wren Ave  
Gilroy, CA 95020**

**Early bird \$45; \$59 after March 1**

For Registration and details, go to  
<http://www.csbc.com/events/tapestry>

### **Event Speaker**



**Margaret Collins,  
Pastor's Wife &  
President, Woman's  
Missionary Union  
(WMU)**

# Ministers' Wives Retreat

**Roundup:**  
**Stronger Together**  
**May 15-17, 2020**  
**BONUS DAY: MAY 14TH \$89/PERSON**



MEGHAN BENNETT  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES



SANDRA WILLIAMS  
GUEST SPEAKER



BECKY ROBERTS  
GUEST SPEAKER



ELAINE MCCANN  
GUEST SPEAKER



PATTI BUTLER  
GUEST SPEAKER



KRISTI FOSS  
WORSHIP



HOLLY SMITH  
WORSHIP

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by April 15th

Gold Rush Cabins (Bathrooms located inside cabins)

Before 4/15/20	\$182
After 4/15/20	\$212

Ponderosa Cabins (Bathrooms centrally located)

Before 4/15/20	\$182
After 4/15/20	\$202



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# HILLSONG WORSHIP AWAKE TOUR

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BAKERSFIELD, CA  
MECHANICS BANK ARENA (FM. RABOBANK ARENA)

06.22.20 // 7:30PM

TICKET PRICES START AT \$20.00\*

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## **Meet our New Neighbors. Welcome to Kern County!**

**Bakersfield Korean Baptist Church**, the congregation that meets right beside the **KCSBA office**, has a new Pastor. Above photo shows **Rev. Joy Kim** and his wife Gia with their eldest son David and Jacob, the youngest member of the family. The Kims hail from South Korea and have resided in Houston, Texas before coming to Bakersfield.

Pastor Kim and Gia take the place of Rev. Chang Ho Maeng and wife Mary who are currently training in Virginia to be IMB missionaries to Zambia.



*Spreading the Love Around...*

Praise God for all our Contributing Churches  
Who Lovingly Gave in the month of  
January 2020!

**Daybreak Baptist Church  
Fellowship Baptist Church  
Fairfax Southern Baptist Church**

**First Baptist Church – Edison  
First Baptist Church – Kernville  
First Baptist Church – Tehachapi**

**First Southern Baptist Church – Porterville  
First Southern Baptist Church – Shafter  
First Southern Baptist Hispanic Church**

**Golden Valley Christian Fellowship  
Grace Baptist Church  
Griffith Avenue Baptist Church**



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Who Lovingly Gave in the month of  
January 2020!

**Harmony Southern Baptist Church  
Height Street Baptist Church  
Jesus Agua Viva**

**Mountain View Baptist Church  
Resurrection Church  
Rising Star Baptist Church**

**Sherwood Avenue Baptist Church  
Trinity Southern Baptist Church  
Valley Baptist Church  
Weldon Baptist Church**

*To God Be the Glory!*



*Beloved, let us love one another,  
for love is of God;  
and everyone who loves is born of God  
and knows God.  
He who does not love does not know God,  
for God is love.*

1 John 4:7-8

