



A Monthly Newsletter of

**Kern County
Southern Baptist
Association
(KCSBA)**

Reaching Today's Generations

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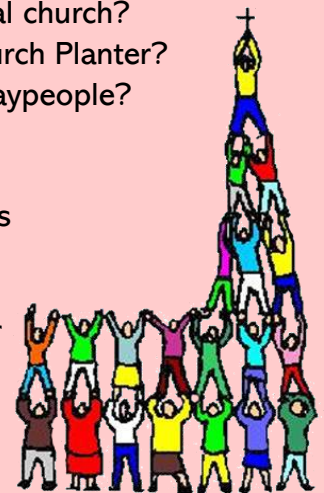
Who Starts Churches?

Director of Missions Dr. Randy Bennett shares his burden on church planting in Kern County

Ever since I served as a Church Planter back in the 1970's I've heard the same question bantered about from time to time. "Who starts Churches?" It's a great question. It's a loaded question. Who actually carries the burden of starting new work?

- Is it the State Convention?
- Is it the local church?
- Is it the North American Mission Board?
- Is it the Church Planter?
- Is the local Association?
- Is it godly laypeople?

Dr. Whitaker, our former State Executive Director was always quick to answer: "Churches start churches." In general I agree with Dr. Whitaker. At the same time my answer is a bit broader. "Who starts Churches?" My answer is that God starts churches. He used the local church, the local association, the state convention, the Church Planter to start churches, and godly laypeople to start new churches. I've seen all of these in action.



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Who Starts Churches?

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God Issues Forth a Burden or Call

It seems to me that God issues forth a “burden” or call to start a new work in a particular area. Someone must hear that call and respond. It can be any of the groups listed in this article. A Church Planter from across the country can grasp God’s Call and begin the process of starting a new work in Kern County. Ask Russ Chambers about that. It can be a godly couple who have been inspired to start a Home Bible Study in their home eventually realizing that they are in fact starting a church. Ask Zane and Joan Messer about that. It can be a local missionary who drives through a certain area of Bakersfield every day and gradually hears God call to start a church. Ask Andy Prince and Randy Bennett about that.

God Raises Up New Churches

There are so many ways God raises up new churches. It is an exciting thing to be part of God’s work in starting new work. During our Annual Meeting this year we will be hearing a very exciting challenge from Pastor Phil Neighbors from Valley Baptist Church. He has a county wide vision for starting new works among third generation Hispanics. Brother Phil will be our main speaker November 4 at our Annual Meeting. He’ll share the vision God has given him and the opportunity many of our churches will have to join him in fulfilling the vision. We will also hear from Pastor Mike Salazar (Set Free Ministries). He has a huge vision to share as well. Both of these men will give you an opportunity to be part of a new wave of church planting in Kern County.



Dr. Randy L. Bennett
Director of Missions
Kern County, CA

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FYI

If you called or stopped by the office you were greeted with a new face. Rose Asuncion (Valley Baptist Church-Filipino Ministry) is serving as our temporary secretary in the absence of Dawn Passmore. Dawn had major surgery on her neck two weeks ago. She has been very uncomfortable but is gradually improving. She will be out of sick leave for six months. Rose is working at the office Monday – Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ann Hamman (Daybreak Baptist Church) is helping us with the heavy duty book keeping. She is an expert at QuickBooks. She is working alongside Rose to provide the reports we will hand out to you at the Annual Meeting. Especially after this year, I do not take those reports for granted.

A lot of work goes into maintaining our books and creating helpful reports. We take our role as Stewards of the Association’s assets very seriously (even though we laugh a lot in the process).

- ⇒ I’ll see you **Nov. 4, Valley Baptist Church, 6 p.m.** for dinner followed by the **Annual Meeting at 6:45 p.m.**
- ⇒ Some of you I’ll see at our **state’s Annual Meeting in El Cajon.** Both should be a great time.

Since I last reported we have preached at or worshiped at the following churches: Daybreak, Weldon Baptist Church, Northside, First Southern Porterville, Redemption, Fellowship and Valley BC.



79th CSBC Annual Meeting, October 22-23

Shadow Mountain Community Church, 2100 Greenfield Dr
El Cajon, CA 92019

STEP UP!

Are you ready for the challenge?

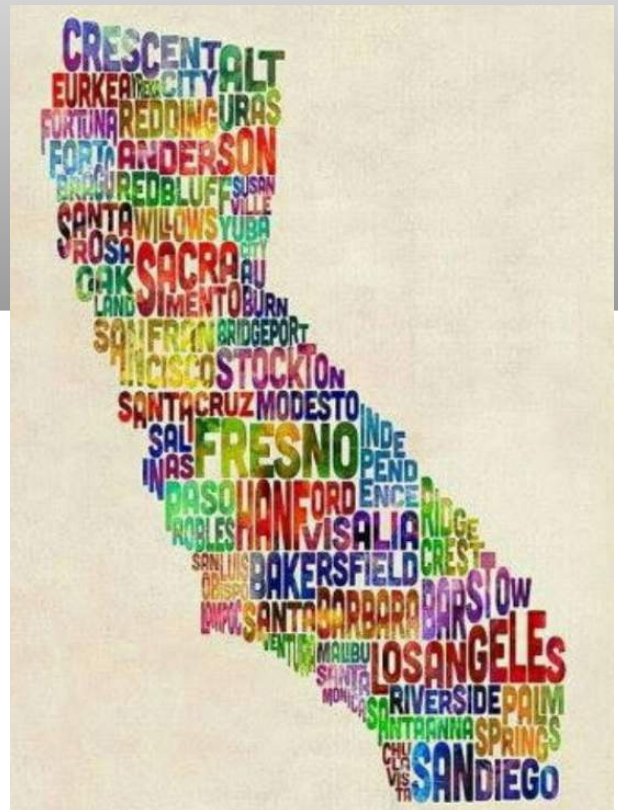
Hear CSBC Executive Director Bill Agee's challenge for churches to have an increase by 20 per cent in 2020 in:

- ◆ Evangelism/ Baptisms
- ◆ Church Planting
- ◆ Mission Going
- ◆ Mission Giving.

Let's keep on reaching California for Christ!

But when He saw the multitudes,
He was moved with compassion for them,
because they were weary and scattered,
like sheep having no shepherd.
Then He said to His disciples,
"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out
laborers into His harvest."

(Matthew 9:36-38, NKJV)



2019 CSBC PASTORS' CONFERENCE

FULFILL YOUR
MINISTRY
LESSONS FROM 2 TIMOTHY
FOR PASTORS

OCTOBER 21 & OCTOBER 22
6:30–10PM & 8:30–11:45AM

FREE ADMISSION

PLUS THE FIRST 350 TO ARRIVE WILL RECEIVE 4 FREE BOOKS,
INCLUDING THE *SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY STUDY BIBLE*

The Pastors' Conference features preaching from a variety of pastors and leaders. The meeting is designed to encourage, inspire and equip pastors for their ministries. This meeting is a free event with no registration required. Start making plans now to attend.

The 2019 theme is "Fulfill Your Ministry." Six faithful and skilled pastor-preachers will minister to you from the book of 2 Timothy.

The Apostle Paul wrote 2 Timothy as a letter to a working pastor (Timothy) in order to stir him up, and to remind him what matters, and to encourage Timothy as he labored for the good of the church. As our speakers teach from Paul's letter, Pray that you will be stirred up, and reminded, and encouraged.

L O C A T I O N



SHADOW MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Worship Center
2100 Greenfield Dr
El Cajon, CA 92019

Meet our speakers on next page .



MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:30–10PM



2 TIMOTHY 1:1–10
**"KINDLE AFRESH
THE GIFT OF GOD"**

MILTON VINCENT
PASTOR-TEACHER • CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH



2 TIMOTHY 2:1–7
**"TO AND THROUGH:
OUR MINISTRY CYCLE"**

DR. CHRIS MORGAN
DEAN, SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES • CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



2 TIMOTHY 2:14–19
**"YOUR TEACHING
AND YOURSELF"**

DR. WALTER PRICE
PASTOR EMERITUS • FELLOWSHIP CHURCH



2 TIMOTHY 2:20–26
**"PRODUCE FROM
A PURE HEART"**

D.A. HORTON
LEAD PASTOR AND CHURCH PLANTER • REACH FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8:45–11:45AM



2 TIMOTHY 3:10–17
**"THE POWER OF
THE WORD OF GOD"**

DR. ROGER SPRADLIN
CO-SENIOR PASTOR • VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



2 TIMOTHY 4:1–5
"PREACH THE WORD"

DR. MIKE BULLMORE
SENIOR PASTOR • CROSSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

PANEL DISCUSSION ON PREACHING
ALL SPEAKERS

FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCH MUSICIANS CONFERENCE

The annual Fellowship of Church Musicians Conference in October at Meridan So Baptist Church, El Cajon. The conference is scheduled prior to the California Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting and is open to any church musician, pastor or member desiring to experience the joy of worship through music.

SPECIAL GUESTS



Grant Nbrsworthy



Lou Mehle

AND

RESONATE MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHOIR

L O C A T I O N

Meridian

**Southern Baptist
Church**

660 S 3rd St
El Cajon, CA 92019

Schedule:

Monday, Oct. 21 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 22 - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

JUST FOR YOU!

Forum for Wives of Church Planters & New Pastors

Join us for an interactive panel discussion designed specifically for wives of church planters and new pastors

Monday, October 21, 2019
1:30-3:30p.m

@ Shadow Mountain Community Church, El Cajon



Register TODAY!
www.csbc.com/events

For more info contact: Eva De La Rosa
edelarosa@csbc.com

California Women's Gathering

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019
8:15 - 11:30



Guest Speaker:

Kristy Carr is senior manager on the executive leadership team at national WMU. She has served in various roles at WMU over the past 29 years, and has a passion for encouraging Christ-followers to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission. Kristy leads 4th-6th grade Girls in Action at her church and enjoys being a Christian Women's Job Corps mentor.



Worship Leader:

Sandy Hughes is a former high school English and drama teacher and current stay-at-home mom from Lake Isabella. She is married to Anthony and they have 2 girls (Rosalinda and Juanita) and 1 boy (Bennett). Sandy has been singing in churches since she was old enough for her father, Randy Bennett, to stick a microphone in her hand and tell her, "Whenever anyone asks you do to something for the Lord, say 'yes.'" She is currently serving as vice president of state WMU and volunteer children's ministry director at Mt. View Baptist Church, where on Sunday nights she leads Girls in Action.

LOCATION



2100 Greenfield Dr
Worship Center
El Cajon, CA 92019

Worship Leader:

Carolyn Cummings is a proud mother of 3 rambunctious young girls who she shares with her husband of 10 years, David. Carolyn is a member of Resurrection Church in Bakersfield. Like her twin sister Sandy Hughes, Carolyn has been blessed with a loud voice with which to praise the Lord. Carolyn believes music is a gift given to the world for the purpose of scripture memorization and singing praises to our worthy King.

MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 Noon-1p.m.
Shadow Mountain Community Church, El Cajon



Special Guest Speaker
Pam Neighbour

\$15. Register Early! After 10/1 - \$20

Register: www.csbc.com/events

Contact: Rosalinda Mendez
remendez@csbc.com or 559-256-0853

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KCSBA ANNUAL MEETING 2019

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Valley Baptist Church

4800 Fruitvale Ave.,

Bakersfield CA 93308

Pastor Phil Neighbors was privileged to be raised in a strong Christian home with a wonderful spiritual heritage. He became a Christian in August of 1965, while attending a revival service at the Lake Creek Baptist Church in Lake Creek, Oklahoma. In his teenage years, Pastor Phil sensed God's call upon his life and he preached his first sermon at the age of 18. Phil has been married to his wife Cindy for 35 years. They have two children, Luke and Candace and now they have 6 grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys playing the banjo and OU football!

Nov. 4, 2019 (Mon)

**Valley Baptist
CHURCH**

6:00 PM (Dinner) 6:45 PM (Program)



MAIN SPEAKER

Dr. Phil Neighbors

Senior Co-Pastor Valley Baptist Church

Also Speaking in the KCSBA ANNUAL MEETING 2019



DAVID QUIROA

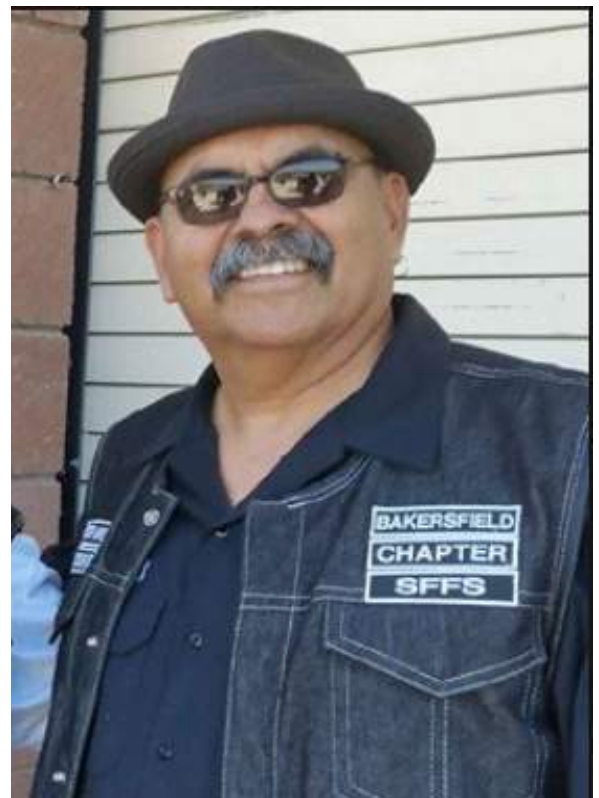
Spanish Pastor of Valley Baptist Church. David pastors Valley Español, also known as ‘El Valle’, and the Spanish congregation that meets at the Sanctuary of East Side.

MIKE SALAZAR

Minister of Set Free Ministries

Set Free Church of Bakersfield is a nonprofit, faith-based church. Our primary focus is working with “inner city at risk youth” and their families. We interact with these families in various gang/drug infested neighborhoods through our “S.W.A.T.” (Soldiers With A Testimony) Team.

www.setfreechurchbakersfield.com



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
Set Free Church



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
NOV. 18—25

PACK A SHOEBOX!

Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION Christmas Child

Join **Valley Baptist Church** for a **PACKING PARTY** on **November 18, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** at the Multipurpose Auditorium of their Fruitvale Campus.

For details refer to the link below

<https://www.valleybaptist.org/womenevents>

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YOU'RE INVITED PACKING PARTY

Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION Christmas Child

The **power** of a simple **gift**

P O S T P O N E D



COUNT THE COST
W O R K S H O P

Oct 11-12, 2019

At Daybreak Baptist Church

Please await future announcements

Thank You Very Much

We would like to thank all faithfully contributing Churches for your continuous love and generous offerings. Details of your gifts will be posted in our November issue.

Let us make this newsletter a channel of encouragement by sharing with us your stories, news, events and captioned pictures of God's mighty works and we will do our best to include them in the succeeding issues.

To God be all the glory!