



The Christian Action Commission educates and equips our churches and ministries on social, ethical, and moral issues. We help turn orthodoxy into orthopraxy.

We want a Biblical World View. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Timothy 3:16-17 KJV) I love the gospel and love to preach the Gospel, but we are "to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (Acts 20:27 KJV) We have "red-lettered" Christians today who only adhere to the words of Christ. I enjoy reading the "red" words in my quiet time, but I am to preach the whole counsel of His Word.

I understand "context." Within its context, a passage has one primary explanation and multiple applications. I understand that there are different covenants in the Bible, but Biblical principles and concepts are timeless — they are eternal.

I understand the importance of historical background in studying Scripture. You can never understand the 'WORD' until you understand their 'WORLD.' But there is ABSOLUTE TRUTH, and we have that absolute truth in God's Word. Some things are generational; they are cultural; but

Biblical principles of morality and ethics are not generational or cultural.

God has an absolute standard of right and wrong. It does not fluctuate with the circumstances. We do not believe in situational ethics. Someone may say, "Well, everything is relative." NO — everything is not relative. God has an absolute standard. He does not change — His standard does not change. (Malachi 3:6 KJV)

Here is our problem — too many confuse personal preference and opinions with Biblical principles and concepts. They advocate customs and tradi-

tions that change with the years. If we would stay with Biblical principles, we would not have to adjust with the times. Methodologies change. The message shouldn't. The presentation can be contemporary, but the principles should be consistent with the revealed word. Biblical principles should be good enough for any generation.

We must be willing to learn and utilize 'APOLOGETICS.' This is not an adjective; it is a noun. Many today do not believe the Bible to be a supernatural book. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be

ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (I Peter 3:15 KJV)

"Preach the WORD." (II Timothy 4:2 KJV) But make sure it is the word, not what you or I think or prefer. All our concepts should be Biblical Concepts.

We would be delighted to do a "Lamplighter Conference" on these issues in your church, association, etc. We can customize your conference as to length and issues. We are available — call us.

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PrayerLink ministry revitalization focuses on mission, logo redesign

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP) — Calling on the Southern Baptist PrayerLink leadership team to "fan into flame a passionate pursuit of God in prayer," Chris Schofield opened the group's winter meeting in January as PrayerLink's first executive director.

"The Lord is not through with what we began years ago," said Schofield, director of the Office of Prayer for Evangelization and Spiritual Awakening for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in Cary.

"This ministry cannot be about us. It must not look to the past, but adapt to changing realities and press on to what lies ahead," Schofield said, according to a report in SBC LIFE's pre-convention 2017 issue released earlier this month.

SBC LIFE is the journal of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee in Nashville.

The PrayerLink leadership team settled on four verbs during its two-day meeting to convey its mission, and voted to redesign its logo to reflect that mission.

The new logo incorporates the group's global prayer focus; its passion to lift up Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17:20-21; and its desire by praying, connecting, resourcing, and serving to join hands with people of every race and kindred.

"We serve through praying," Schofield said. "Then we serve the greater group by putting together the logistics of our meetings" so others have a model to emulate in their respective settings whether church-wide prayer services, small group gatherings, or associational meetings.

PrayerLink is composed of prayer coordinators from Southern Baptist entities, the Woman's Missionary Union, state Baptist conventions, and Southern Baptist ethnic and language fellowships.

Working in collaboration with associations, state Baptist conventions, and SBC entities, PrayerLink seeks to foster a Great Commission prayer mindset among Southern Baptists and other Christ-followers and promote Great Commission prayer ministries woven throughout the Southern Baptist network of churches.



The Southern Baptist North American Mission Board (NAMB) in Alpharetta, Ga., hosted the PrayerLink leadership team's meeting.

William Brown, NAMB's supporting church coordinator, and Maggie Green, endorsed missionary services coordinator, introduced two prayer resources designed to undergird church planters:

■ **PrayerConnect**, "a weekly prayer email sent to subscribers with prayer requests submitted by NAMB missionaries," Brown said.

■ **Pray for Planters**, an initiative to enlist at least 10,000 churches to pray for North American church planting missionaries. Pastors and individuals can register at PrayforPlanters.com to pray through a list of planters in a specific city, state, province, or college campus.

"Every believer can pray, and every church can help plant churches," the website states, encouraging churches to "take the first step" by "choosing a location and committing to pray for church planters there," and asking God to "save lives and transform communities through church planters across North America."

Church leaders can complete an online form to indicate their desire to pray. NAMB will send a list of planters to pray for and occasional updates of what God has done through their prayers.