



In real estate, they say there are three factors — location, location, location. I believe in Kingdom Work there are three key factors — leadership, leadership, leadership.

Leadership is a key element in any arena. In sports, leadership is critical. A head coach and a quarterback in New England have won quite a few Super Bowls. Roll Tide has been on a roll and at high tide most of my life because that football team has benefitted from two of the greatest, if not the greatest, coaches in college football.

In politics, leadership is critical. This past state election brought the biggest turnover of elected leadership in my lifetime. That can be good; that can be bad. We are in the midst of a Presidential Campaign that will have far reaching effects on the federal court system, the electoral college, religious liberty, and the sanctity of human life.

Do the times make the man, or does the man make the times? Yes. Would Abraham Lincoln be on Mt. Rushmore

Looking for Leadership

without the Civil War? Would George Washington be there without the American Revolution?

This is why our Christian Leadership Institute at Blue Mountain College, July 6-10, 2020, is so important. We are training teenagers — male and female — to be leaders. It is better to light a candle — disciple a leader — than curse the darkness. We are looking for leadership; help us find it.

I have lived the past year in the Annual Bible Study — Jeremiah. A lack of leadership, both political and spiritual, helped make Jeremiah the “weeping prophet.” He stood nearly alone, amidst fake prophets, filthy priests, and faithless kings. “Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? A

wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?” Jeremiah 5:29-32 KJV. It is no surprise, Judah fell.

Our state convention has been so blessed to enjoy the leadership of Dr. Futral for over a score of years. We look forward to the future with Dr. Parker as our leader. I appreciate the leadership of Dr. Jimmy Porter, my predecessor, and Executive Director-Treasurer Emeritus of the Christian Action Commission. I am a Blue Mountain boy. What a blessing to learn under a leader like Dr. James Travis. Nobody has influenced me more, except my father, Eugene Digby. What a blessing to have the M &

M boys — Dr. Meeks and Dr. Mims — teaching Bible and preaching on the Hill. Leadership began early at Blue Mountain College with General Lowrey and continues today.

We need to pray for the SBC in June in Orlando. The new President will appoint the Committee on Committees that will appoint the Nominating Committee that will appoint the trustees on all the agencies at the national level. I had the privilege of serving on the Nominating Committee of the SBC — quite a responsibility. Watershed decisions will be made in our fellowship — leadership is the key.

Many of the old guard have graduated. I would ask with that great philosopher, George Jones, “Who’s gonna fill their shoes?”

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MS POSITIONS

CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

First Baptist Church in Columbus MS is in search of a Business Administrator. Must be a Christian with computer and business related skills; 5-10 years management experience including purchasing, budgeting, & oversight of support staff and property. Resumes should be submitted by March 15 to careers@columbusfbc.org.

CHILDREN AND STUDENT MINISTER.

Trinity Baptist Church, Carthage, MS has an opening for a children and youth minister eager for an opportunity to rebuild a program. Requests for applications should be directed to: Personnel Committee, Trinity Baptist Church, 208 Oak Hill Dr., Carthage, MS 39051.

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BRIEFS

TEXAS CHURCH REMOVED BY SBC EXECUTIVE COMM.

NASHVILLE (BP and local reports) – The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee voted Feb. 18 to disfellowship Ranchland Heights Church, Midland, Texas, because of its employment of a lifetime

registered sex offender as pastor. Phillip Rutledge, convicted in 2003 of aggravated sexual assault against two minor girls, has been pastor at Ranchland Heights since 2016. The church listed 75 members and an average church attendance of 60 in 2017, but reported no Cooperative Program giving.

Messengers to the SBC annual meeting in 2019 approved a revised and streamlined process for addressing issues that could lead to disfellowship.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST NETWORK ANNOUNCED

BOSSIER CITY, La. (BP) — A group self-described as “grassroots” Southern Baptists announced Feb. 14 the formation of the Conservative Baptist Network. Brad Jurkovich, pastor of First Church, Bossier City, La., told Baptist Press (BP) the group was launched to address concerns about the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. About 800 pastors joined the network within three hours of its launch, Jurkovich told BP, but he provided no names nor churches.

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