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Happy Birthday America!

The DBC Office will be closed July 2 & 3.

Dr. Mac's Minute

Holy Paradox

Paradox has been defined as, "truth standing on its head screaming for attention." God is the Master of the paradox. He has a way of taking what we think of as significant and revealing it to be meaningless and exalting things we dismiss as irrelevant.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall inherit the earth."
"Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant." "Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Is God playing mental gymnastics? Is He trying to "confuse us into submission"? Paul revealed to his quarreling friends in Corinth why God does what He does in the way that He does: *"God has chosen the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, that no man should boast before God" (I Cor. 1:28-29).*

God desires and deserves all of our glory and honor. He declared through the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, "*I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images*" (Isa. 42:8). God will not share His throne with anyone or anything else.

He gave Joshua a strange battleplan at Jericho and whittled Gideon's army from 32,000 down to 300. Why? So they would know who had won the victory. God inspired John to pair together the story of a wealthy, well-respected Pharisee with a down-on-her-luck outcast (John 3 & 4). Why? So we could know that God's mercy is desperately needed by all and available to all through Jesus. From the mighty to the small, from the uttermost to the guttermost, "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*" (John 3:16).

It is impossible for the world to comprehend God's ways. Society says, "get all you can while you can" and "take care of number one." And then we wonder why we have difficulty resolving our conflict.

Unfortunately, these attitudes can plague God's people. This is why Paul had to correct so many problems in the Corinth church. They were trapped in wrong thinking. Instead of being glorified, God's name was trampled. The result was abusive relationships, self-serving worship, and mangled doctrine within the body.

Could it be that how we glorify (or don't glorify) God impacts every area of life? Could it be, that at the root of every problem we face in our families, churches, communities, and countries, is the unsettled the issue of Who sits on the throne?

Our life purpose is to exalt the name of Jesus. We only accomplish this as we see things through His eyes, trust His ways, and follow His path. Ask the Master to allow you to see truth from His perspective and conform your thoughts to His thoughts.

Dr. MacDonald's Tentative July & August Schedule:

July 5 - OPEN

12 - Cross Pointe Baptist Church - Sioux Falls, SD

19 - First Baptist Church - Miller, SD

26 - OPEN

August 2 - OPEN

9 - Edgemont Baptist Church - Edgemont, SD

16 - Edgemont Baptist Church - Edgemont, SD

23 - OPEN

30 - Restore Church - Yankton, SD



I am excited to announce our fall course offerings from the Dakota Baptist Ministry Training Institute (DBMTI) to you. We will be offering a new course in

Discipleship and Evangelism to continue the track for the Certificate in Dakota Ministry course in partnership with Midwestern. We will also be re-offering the Hermeneutics class this fall for those who would like to take it. Either class counts toward the certificate program and also earns credit you can use toward other degree programs at either Midwestern Seminary or Spurgeon College.

Registration for the classes will open on August 1, and the classes will run from September 7, 2020, to December 7, 2020. You can go to dakotabaptist.com/dbmti to request information or sign up for access to the DBMTI portal to be prepared for the fall. These courses do require a \$100 fee which is used to cover time for the instructors and to add to the Dakota Baptist continuing education funds for college tuition reimbursements.

We will also be offering a single module class in the institute designed to help new or returning students with course management strategies and techniques for getting the most out of online learning courses. Anyone is welcome to sign up for this mini-course starting August 1, 2020. We are also in the planning stages for a couple of other non-certificate program courses for the future. We will be announcing these courses as they become available.

Thank you to all of you who have prayed for this endeavor and for those who have participated in classes already this past year.

Blessings,

Jeff Musgrave
Church Health and Leadership



Blackaby Spiritual Leadership Coaching Workshop
September 14-16, 2020
Rapid City, South Dakota

Blackaby Ministries, in partnership with the Dakota Baptist Convention, is pleased to announce an upcoming Spiritual Leadership Coaching Workshop at the Cambria Hotel & Suites in Rapid City, South Dakota, September 14-16.

The three-day workshop will provide an introduction to key transformational skills and principles, while also serving as the first step of the BMI Leadership Coaching Certification program.

We integrate the Biblical principles found in Experiencing God and Spiritual Leadership with key coaching skills to help you become more effective at guiding the people you serve to connect with God's agenda.

Full scholarships available for cooperating Dakota Baptist Convention member churches. This is a great opportunity for pastors and church leaders!



Hear a testimonial from Pastor Sean.



Hear a testimonial from Anne Bifulco.

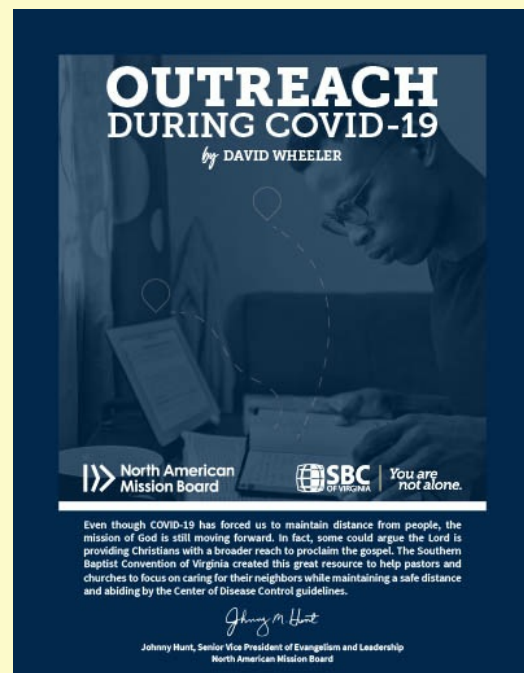
[Learn More or Register](#)

Outreach During COVID-19

DBC Pastors and Churches,

I was on a Zoom meeting recently with other state convention evangelism leaders. Chris Lee, who is with NAMB, was on the call and referenced a free downloadable evangelism resource, "Outreach During COVID-19." It was created by David Wheeler of the Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia. NAMB is making it available through their website.

There has been a lot of help for churches on dealing with the logistical issues of the pandemic. This book provides suggestions on ways to seize this moment to share the gospel. Thought some of you might be interested. Click on the "Read more"



Outreach During COVID-19 - North

link to the right and it will take you directly to the resource. Then, click the "DOWNLOAD" button and the resource will open. The booklet can be saved as a PDF and can be printed.

In the Master's service,
Fred

American Mission Board

Even though COVID-19 has forced us to maintain distance from people, the mission of God is still moving forward. In fact, some could argue the Lord is providing Christians with a broader reach to proclaim the gospel.

[Read more](#)
www.namb.net

Attention all Pastors & Ministry Leaders!



See the schedule and sign-up

2020 Dakota Baptist Gathering

Our Annual Meeting is re-Gathering



this October 8 & 9 in Rapid City, South Dakota! Mark your calendars now and look for sign-up information on the website in the near future.

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