

**Sunday School Leader Training
Shocco Springs
August 6-7 and 13-14**

Great training for all your Sunday School leaders from the very best teachers.
For more information go to www.alsbom.org/sslt

**Church Clerks
Annual Conference**

**Monday, August 16
10:00 a.m.
or
6:00 p.m.**

Associational Resource Center

Be sure your church clerk attends this conference!

Attention: Church Secretaries/
Administrative Assistants

Don't miss this year's . . .

**Church Secretaries
Conference**

**Tuesday, August 24
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**
at your

Associational Resource Center

We have a program planned just for you. Hope to see you on August 24th.
Cost: \$10 per person

Music help needed!

We get calls all the time from churches looking for music directors. Some of these churches simply need someone to lead their congregation for one Sunday in the minister of music's absence. Some need people who will agree to be the interim music director. Please notify the association if you would like to be considered for music supply.

**Free Resources from Your
Association**

**Steps to an Effective Discipleship
Ministry**

(Whether you have what is called a discipleship training program or not, here are some steps you can take to assure that you are training your church members to be good disciples of Jesus Christ.)

A New Way of Reaching People

(Outreach for those who hate to visit.)

WELCOME Class

(A class for those who are not members of your church and who may be considering Christ and your church family.)

Having Fun in Sunday School

(Ten ways you can enjoy Sunday School and reach people for Christ.)

What a Small Church Can Do

(Fifty-five things any small church can do to be on mission with God.)

**2010 State Literacy Missions
Conference**

August 26-28

Shocco Springs Baptist Conference
Center

For more information,
call 1-800-264-1225 Ext. 311

Preachers of the Word

As part of my job with the association, I get to visit our churches on Sunday. Now let me make a confession. I would much rather preach in your church than to just visit and hear your pastor preach. Pastors, be honest. If you were in my shoes, so would you. That being said, I have to admit that when I come visiting your church, I enjoy it. I get to hear some good preaching. I get to fellowship with people from across our association.

I think our pastors do a great job. I sat in the waiting room of my doctor's office one day and overheard some people saying that preachers today are not preaching the Word. And it made me sick. I mean I was already sick, but they made me sicker.

If I had been feeling up to snuff, I think I would have walked over to where they were sitting and yelled in their face – in a Christian manner, of course, “Sir, my job is listening to preachers. I do it all the time. I have probably heard more preachers in the last six months than you have heard in the last six years, and I'm here to tell you that I have not heard a single one of our Tuscaloosa County Baptist pastors preach anything but the Word. All these guys are preaching the Word. Now if you don't cease and desist, I am going to breathe all over you and you'll have to go to a specialist to get well.”

Thank you, pastors, for preaching the Word.

Billy

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