The Newsletter

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SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING

Date: August 20, 2016

Sponsored by : Bethel Baptist Assoc. Bowen Baptist Assoc. Grady Baptist Assoc. Tucker Baptist Assoc.

Location:

First Baptist Church Camilla, GA 27 E Broad St Camilla, GA 31730

Registration/Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30

Breakout #1 8:30 to 9:30 Break 9:30 to 9:50

> Keynote Speaker: Josh Hunt 9:50 to 10:50

Break 10:50 to 11:10 Breakout #2 11:10 to 12:15 Cost: \$10.00

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We are pleased to have Author Josh Hunt with us this year for our Pastor's Conference and as our Keynote Speaker!

Josh Hunt is the author of several popular books related to Sunday School, small groups, teaching and disciplemaking:

You Can Double Your Class in Two Years or Less

Disciplemaking Teachers

Make Your Group Grow



Give Friday Nights to Jesus

Good Questions Have Groups Talking

Josh is a popular seminar speaker and trains Sunday School teachers along with his wife, Missy. Josh is the world's #1 Bible Study Lesson writer. He has written more Bible Study lessons than any human, living or dead. He has written 4 lessons a week for 20 years and counting. His lessons are not like other lessons. They consist of 20 ready-to -use questions that spark discussion, create controversy and get groups talking!

Breakout Sessions and Leaders

Pre-School:	Cheryl Burchfield, Fayetville, GA		
Children:	Josh Wilson, First Baptist Church Moutlrie, GA.		
Youth:	Bill Hughes, First Baptist Church Tifton, GA		
Adults:	Charlie Brown, Unity Baptist Church Sylvester, GA		
SS Directors: Keith Stewart, First Baptist Church Nashville, GA			
Pastors':	Josh Hunt, SS SeminarLeader/Author Las Cruces, NM		

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Miserable Comforters

"Miserable comforters are ye all" are the words Job spoke to his friends who had come to supposedly give him comfort during his time of testing. I read these words during a morning devotion shortly after having preached on

the Promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever" John 14:16. Paul would add, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all **comfort**, who **comforteth** us in all our tribulation, that we may also **comfort** them which are in any trouble, by the **comfort** wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

You and I have been blessed by God, who sent us a comforter that is able to comfort us in all our trials and tribulations and er's like Christ. We are to seek to comfort believers in all their trials just like God comforts us in our trials. We are to be good comforters and not miserable comforters.

I must confess that as I read through lob and know the whole story, from years past, I can become critical of Job's friends. 1 understand fully why he would call them miserable comforters! The Bible tells us that God asked Satan to consider "my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil" Job 1:8 and 2:3. The Bible also tells us that after much heartache and tribulation piled upon tribulation that Job "in all this ...sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" Job 1:22. Satan was allowed to throw everything at Job he could think of; however, he couldn't take Job's

Job's wife even said to him, after his second round of assault by Satan, "do you still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die" Job 2:9. Job held to his integrity though and told her she spoke as one of the foolish women.

We then see Job's friends show up as he is sitting in pain and anguish. These friends, the Bible tells us, came to "mourn with him and to comfort him" lob 2:11. They, like us, should have prayed and sought God guidance as to how to provide Job the needed comfort they supposedly came to provide. A comfort which would be like the comfort God so desires to comfort us with. However, as they speak to lob again and again they question his integrity and accuse him of sinning and rebelling against God and become miserable comforters to Job. 1 almost want to shout, "you tell'em ob"!!!

would a friend of mine, in a similar situation to lob's, describe my attempts to comfort them? | pray that | would be mindful to seek God's guidance and be sure to comfort them with the same comfort God has comforted me in my trials. I would pray that my friends could say of me I was a good comforter. I pray that I would not be careless and hasty as Job's friends were. I pray I would not deem their trials could only be the result of some sin in their life, since that is not the only time I face trials in this life. I pray my friends would not have to say of me, a miserable comforter are you. What kind of comforter are you?

Bro. Chad





Church News

Hinsonton: We are thankful for 2 recent professions of faith and 2 more joining as members to our church family. There have been many rededications in recent services. We averaged close to 90 children in VBS each night. Construction of the extension of the Sanctuary continues, which should double our seating capacity. There were 19 men at the first Brotherhood meeting in July and many ideas were discussed. The youth enjoyed a trip to the Atlanta area in July. We continue to praise God for His great faithfulness. Rev. Stacy West, Pastor

Pelham FBC: We hosted the Tucker Associational Men's Ministries meeting on July 11. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and inspirational messages. Entertainment was provided by the MCCI men's choir. Twelve youth and seven leaders attended FUGE camp. Back to school supply day was held at Freedom Park. We participated in the Prayer Walk for all Mitchell County Schools and Recognition and Prayer Day for Pelham School Educators AM service.

Rev. Matt Peek, Pastor

VV	MU Training Workshop	
	First Baptist Church Cairo	
	August 20, 2016	
	For all Levels of Mission Involvement	

Church

Pelham, GA

10 am To 2pm





Designated Funds (16,708.38) Total Current Liabilities (542.06)

Total Operating Funds \$4,184.73

Year to Date Church Contributions Receipts January—July 2016

Baconton	<u>Office</u> <u>C</u> 555.10	amp Tucker 242.00
Camilla First	7,967.90	754.00
Cool Springs	1,015.00	0.00
Delwood	2,419.62	1,162.61
East Pelham	700.00	0.00
Harmony	2,312.74	0.00
Hinsonton	2,333.31	1,000.00
Hopeful	3,500.00	455.00
Lake Pleasant	2,583.00	600.00
Lakeside	700.00	700.00
Liberty Hill	0.00	0.00
Mt. Carmel	944.11	600.00
Mt. Olive	1,22500	120.00
Mt. Zion	480.00	0.00
Newton	800.00	0.00
Pebble City	050.00, ا	200.00
Pelham First	6,892.11	١,540.00
Pine Cliff	2,399.67	1,199.83
Pleasant Grove	1,400.00	0.00
Pleasant Hill	3,771.49	1,508.61
Sale City	2,031.00	547.00
Southside	4,022.86	0.00
Trinity	700.00	0.00
Union Grove	1,136.44	693.97
Total	\$50,939.35	\$11,323.02

Dr. Don Hattaway Senior Pastor Tabernacle Baptist Church Cartersvile, GA & Former President

Former President Georgia Baptist Convention

