

SAREPTA

Baptist Missions Network

VISION

newsletter
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WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

DISASTER RELIEF

Celebration & Information Banquet

For current volunteers with Disaster Relief as well as those who have an interest in finding out more information. You will have an opportunity to hear from current volunteers about their experiences. Information will be shared about how to get involved in the DR ministry.

A steak dinner will be provided as well as some incredible desserts.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Beech Haven Baptist
6:30 p.m.

Free, but reservations required.
RSVP to amy@sareptamissions.org
or 706.549-5872



SPARK
CONFERENCE



Dacula

Sunday, September 14 | featuring DR. BRYANT WRIGHT



Use QR code to register
or go to
thesparkconference.com

Sunday, September 14
Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula
4:00 – 8:15 p.m.



Pray for the PANAMA TEAM

August 11-16

Central American country of Panama

**TWO OF OUR SAREPTA PASTORS WILL BE
TEACHING A PASTOR2PASTOR COURSE IN
TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS:**
Aguadulce and Panama City.



Pastor Mike Sarna
(Meadow Baptist)



Blake Ivey
(Clouds Creek)

Missions and Ministry Celebration / Retirement Dinner

Sunday, October 5 @ Winterville FBC

**The Missions and Ministry Celebration,
Sarepta's Annual Meeting,
will begin at 4 p.m.**

Keynote speaker,
Dr. Jeff Iorg

Dr. Jeff Iorg was elected the eighth President and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee in March 2024. His previous service included 20 years as president of Gateway Seminary. His career in ministry has included being a childrens pastor, a senior pastor, and executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention.

**Lex's Retirement Dinner will be held
immediately after the Annual Meeting,
approximately 5:30 p.m.**

This is a catered meal and we want to be sure to be prepared for our guests!

There is no cost to attend the retirement dinner, but tickets are required.

You can register for tickets by scanning this QR code or by calling the Sarepta Office. Tickets will be emailed and texted to you.



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A Line from Lex

It appears that I am coming down the final stretch for the final few months here as your AMS. As you might guess, it has become a time of reflecting a bit. There are still a few pastors here who were at their churches in May 2006 when this journey began. But the vast majority who are here now were not here then. The Search Committee was chaired by Dr. Stuart Lang. Those serving with him who are still around are Pastor Randy Crowe, Pastor Larry Davison, Eric Jones and Larry Dillard. Several of the members of the committee are now with the Lord, Pastor George Ormsbee, Mrs. Linda Smith and Mrs. Ramona Booth. My experience of dealing with them was just outstanding. I have used that search committee as an example to other search committees for many years. What a blessing it was to interact with them.

Mission Panama

Our work in Panama continues to expand with each passing month. In just a few days another team will go to Panama to train pastors and lay leaders. They will also act a courier for some of the books that have been purchased for the pastors once they have completed all 12 courses. Maysville Baptist sent a team of 19 there to work on a building that will serve as a church. One of our pastors provided some of the basic needs that a church had to have restrooms installed. We are continuing to support a church planter there so that he can devote the bulk of his time to church planting. I would ask you to pray for Mike Sarna and Blake Ivey as they go to Panama.

Missions and Ministry Celebration

Sarepta will mark its 226th year of existence as we gather together the first Sunday in October. This will be my 20th annual gathering with Sarepta. I want to invite you to consider attending the meeting and staying for the retirement dinner afterwards. Details on how to register for the retirement dinner are listed on the previous page. We are certainly blessed to have Dr. Jeff Iorg as our keynote speaker. I have heard him speak on numerous occasions and he is excellent. It was after the Southern Baptist Convention last year that I reached out to him to see if he would be available to speak at our missions and Ministry Celebration. Please make plans to attend.



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The International Friends English Program is about to start a brand new academic year. Fall Semester begins August 14th. Who will we meet this year? How will we get involved in their lives? How will we show Christ's love to them?

Serving people and being allowed into their lives is a privilege and we take the responsibility seriously. Please pray for the volunteers as they reach out in love and compassion. This is a tenuous time for many in the international community and we, as Christians, have a responsibility and opportunity to show kindness and friendship as we represent Jesus. We will do this by helping people improve their English skills and learn more about our shared local community.

If you have a heart for the international community, please consider how you can be involved in ministry, whether it is through the International Friends English program or another ministry. This is such a unique time in history and the Lord truly has brought the world to our doorstep.

~Amy Wheeler-Sullivan, Director, International Friends English Program, 706.424-1891