

# The Baptist Record

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



# D-Now will be a time for spiritual growth

By Gwen Sisson

This year's Webster County Disciple Now (D-Now) guest speaker, Walt Barnes, said he is praying that D-Now is "an awesome time of social and spiritual growth."

"D-Now is always special because it is a time where members of the student ministry become closer friends and new students truly become part of the group," Barnes said. "The spiritual growth, however, is the most valuable part of D-Now. My favorite stories about D-Now are not the ones about how many people made a decision/commitment at D-Now. My favorite stories happen three and four weeks after D-Now when it becomes clear that some students are following through on the decisions and commitments they made at camp. In other words, the best part of D-Now is when students start producing fruit after D-Now."

The Webster County D-Now is set for Feb. 6-8 at First Baptist Church of Eupora. Over 220 students in grades 7-12 from churches throughout Webster County have already signed up to be part of the event.

Barnes said students can expect him to be very expository in nature.

"I will do my best to put the scripture in the proper context so that the meaning of the passage is clear and applicable," Barnes said. "I do use stories and illustrations in my sermons but my sermons are built off of the scripture rather than an illustration."

D-Now Weekends have been a big part of Barnes' ministry for many years. As a young college student at Itawamba Community College, Barnes met Jonathan Barnard who became his partner in forming B.L.I.H.P. Ministries. Barnes said B.L.I.H.P. Ministries was a group of college students who worked together to put on D-Now Weekends anywhere they were invited. B.L.I.H.P. stood for "By Living In His Presence."

"We really got to see God do some cool things through that (ministry)," Barnes said. "We wanted to challenge students to live everyday in the realization that Jesus is with His people and His people should act accordingly. We emphasized that Christianity is something that is to be lived outside the church walls as well as it

is lived inside them."

Barnes said all of the original members of B.L.I.H.P. are now out of college, with their own ministries and families, but he said it was a wonderful ministry opportunity for everyone involved.

During his ministry, Barnes has served in local churches both as a student minister and senior pastor. Today, Walt holds a M.A. in Biblical Studies from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and he is currently pursuing his Ph.D in Biblical Interpretation. He serves as the Assistant Director of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Jefferson Davis campus.

Kevin Barnette, students minister at First Baptist Church of Eupora said the theme for this year's D-Now Weekend is "ONE — ONE body for ONE purpose to make ONE name known."

"We are all made one individually with Christ as believers," Barnette said. "When that happens we are also made up into one body (which is the Church) working toward the same goal and that is to make one name (Jesus) known!"

Barnette said organizers for the Webster County D-Now event are



hoping Barnes can share with students the importance of working together as the "Church" to further the kingdom.

"So many times we tend to look at our own church and forget that we have a whole team of churches that are fighting the same battles we are," Barnette said.

All churches around the county are invited to participate in D-Now. There's still time for students grades 7-12 to attend the D-Now weekend. Fee is \$30 which includes a t-shirt and snack food for the weekend. Students will stay in host homes from each church throughout the weekend, so reservations need to be made in advance. Contact your local Webster County church to be part of the group attending or call the FBC Eupora office at (662) 258-3491 to join the FBC Eupora group.

### AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:

<b>February 6-8</b>	*** Disciple NOW Weekend
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	9:45 Sunday School
	11:00 Morning Worship
	11:00 G-Force
	4:45 Adult Handbells
	5:00 GROW
	5:15 Youth Bible Study
	6:00 Evening Worship
<b>Monday, February 9</b>	2:30 Stella Kyzar WMU
<b>Wednesday, February 11</b>	5:30 MISSION: Wednesday
	6:30 Youth Bible Study
	6:30 Prayer & Praise Service
	7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, February 12</b>	6:30 Girls (Youth) Bible Study @ Taylor
	Barnette's house
	6:30 Guys (Youth) Bible Study @ FLC



### ITEMS OF THE MONTH:

Winter items, small toys, small coloring books

### THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards and kindness as we celebrated the life of my grandmother, who passed away January 4. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to me and Pepper.  
**GWEN SISSON**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 2/5/15

Adult.....	144
Young Adult.....	1
College/Career.....	4
Youth.....	27
Children.....	12
Preschool/Nursery.....	14
Nursing Home.....	24
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>226</b>

### FINANCIAL 2/5/15

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$15,906.25
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,522.86
Gifts to Date.....	\$53,514.02
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$52,614.02
OVER Budget.....	\$899.72

### BUILDING FUND 2/5/15

Current Balance.....	\$200,5625.52
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### CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray — Pastor  
John Herring — Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor  
Kevin Barnette — Youth Director  
Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary  
Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary  
Marcelle Robertson — Custodian  
Kathy Bailey — Librarian  
Jo Faulkenberg — Church Clerk

## Pray that construction will be a useful tool for reaching people for the gospel

This weekend will be an exciting and busy time. D-Now is here! Many of you will be involved in a hands-on fashion. Thanks for your desire to be involved in the lives of young people in our church and across Webster County. Everyone can be involved in the always important ministry of prayer. We can all bend a knee, bow a head, or pour out our heart in intercession for someone's life to be touched by the amazing grace of God. As an extra benefit,

we may even see God do something unbelievable in our own life. Do we find our delight in the desires He has for our lives? If not, may we cry out for our hearts to be changed! Don't waste any opportunity to grow in the Lord.

Wednesday night, a preliminary plan was presented for the unfinished section of our church. Keep praying that we will complete a construction that will not just be a part of a building, but it will be a useful tool in reaching

people with the gospel of Jesus. May we recognize that unless the Lord builds it, we labor in vain. Where does God want us to move according to His plan? Are we ready to glorify Him all along the journey?

*In Christ's Love,  
Bro. Travis*

## God has given us a vision of His plan and design for future generations

As I write this article, today is actually the 125th anniversary of Eupora First Baptist Church.

When I look back at some of the history of this church, I am amazed at the vision of the people and the pastors. What an incredible vision for future generations! The scripture says: "Where there is no vision, the

people perish." God has given us a vision of His plan and design for future generations too. To share the good news that Jesus shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. What an awesome truth! He came to us when we were His enemies, made a way for us to know Him, and he lets us be a part of His work. That's

good news!

We are working on our Easter cantata, *Salvation's Story*. Practice trax are available in the music office. Come join us as we worship the Lord each week. I look forward to worshipping Him with you Sunday.

*John Herring*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



- Feb. 6 *Lois Barron*
- Feb. 8 *Adam Naramore*
- Feb. 9 *Patricia Shaw*
- Feb. 9 *Kimberly Jones*
- Feb. 9 *Dee Ellison*
- Feb. 10 *Tanner Knight*
- Feb. 11 *Cliff Jernigan*
- Feb. 11 *Cheryl Wells*
- Feb. 11 *Travie Bowen*

