

# BOB'S NEWS

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## School In Full Swing!!

I spent the first half of September with computer problems. I spilled a glass of tea on my desk and it shorted out my computer. I was able to retrieve my work but they could not fix my computer. So, I had to buy a new computer which also meant I had to buy all my programs. Everybody at Best Buy knew me by first name. That was why my last newsletter was late.

Toward the end of September was our second citywide Unite conference. Our guest speaker was Shane Pruitt, an author and youth speaker.

My director and his wife, Mike and Mary came to visit me for two days. I feel so blessed to be a part of Be One Together because of the care and concern for their missionaries.

October 11 – 13 was our fall retreat. A couple in First Baptist Covington

has a retreat center that they let us use for our retreats. The weather was beautiful in the retreat was a great time to renew and refresh our youth.

Our previous youth minister, Brad Averette, was conducting the wedding for his daughter Kate. Nate and Sarah, their



two daughters and myself went to the wedding outside of Gadsden, Alabama.

Last month the Christian radio station, WSHO, closed. I started working there in 2005 and have been a talkshow host for 19 years. So, it has been sad for me to see it all come to an end.

Of course, we finished off the month with Trunk or Treat at the church. We had over 700 people come through our lineup of cars. It was great to show the community that we care about them.





## Computer Chaos!!

As I was finishing my last newsletter, I knocked over a glass of tea onto my desk. I started to sop it up but didn't realize a lot had collected underneath my computer. Next thing I know, my computer went blank. I rushed it to the Geek Squad and they were able to retrieve my data but they could not fix my computer. So, I had to buy a new computer and with my Geek Squad fee that was \$1000. What I didn't realize was that Geek Squad could not retrieve my programs. I had to buy all new programs. I had recently purchased a used printer but now my new programs I couldn't get to work on that printer. It took me close to a month but I finally got everything functioning on my new computer.

## Unite Conference!!

In our second annual Unite Conference was September 22. This conference is citywide. We had 19 churches and over 350 youth attend. This is basically an evangelical conference. Our guest speaker was author and youth speaker Shane Pruitt. His message was



simple and powerful. 35 youth were saved including one of ours.

## Brad's Daughter's Wedding!!

Brad was our youth minister before Nate. He went to a church in Alabama north of Gadsden. During the pandemic he caught Covid twice even though he never had the shot. The result of that was Brad got long Covid. And this has almost totally incapacitated Brad. Half his blood is dead and he takes periodic dialysis. He only uses 3% of his frontal lobe. He has heart problems and passes out periodically.

Brad's daughter, Kate, was getting married and Brad not only wanted to walk her down the aisle but he wanted to



perform the marriage ceremony. The evening of the wedding Brad was in great health. He did a great job.

I went to the wedding with Nate and Sarah and the two daughters. It was great to see Brad and Stacy and it was great catching up with them. Please pray for Brad and for his doctor to find a cure for all his problems.



## Fall Retreat!!

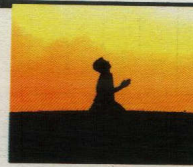
Our fall retreat was October 11 – 13. There is a couple from first Baptist Church of Covington that has a retreat center and they let us use it as part of their ministry. It is north of the lake on a large piece of land that has a man-made lake on it. The youth played games and water sports. There was sand castle competition as well as Beach Olympics. Everyone had such a great time.



The theme of the retreat was Made New. Nate talked about when you were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit you are made new. He finished up with challenging the youth to hold each other accountable. It was a powerful message.

## WSHO AM 800!!

After Katrina I was asked to be the host on Fridays of the Current Word, a call in talk show on WSHO AM 800, a local Christian radio station. That was 19 years ago. I always thought of the job as a ministry. Recently the station has gone off the air. I was sad because I thought I could have offered some truth and godly perspective on the election. I thank all of you who listened to my program. Maybe it will come back on the air in the future.



## PRAYER REQUEST

- \*For our **President** and our **country**.
- \*For **Bob's Ministry** and his **Support**.
- \*For the **Students** in **Bob's Ministry**.
- \*For those whom **Bob Counsels**.
- \*For **Bonnabel & Destrahan** high schools.
- \*For **Be One Together**.
- \*For **Jacob** & his walk with God.
- \*For all the **Youth** in bad home situations.

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I would like to give monthly (circle) \$30 \$60 \$90 \$120 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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I will be praying for Bob and his ministry.

Please send me your prayer/newsletter as it is available.

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