



November 2011

Dear Prayer Partner,

Oasis 2011 witnessed two historic changes in our Convention life. The newly incorporated Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches became a reality, including 409 of 473 active churches and 20 of the 21 Associations. Secondly the Senior Staff Restructuring Proposal was overwhelmingly accepted. It was obvious from the Wednesday afternoon Restructuring FAQ Session to the Saturday morning Communion Service that the Spirit of God was moving among us. The faithful prayers of our 'Group of Seven' members played a significant part in the preparations for a joyful and productive Annual Assembly. We have much to be thankful for and much yet to do.

A new year brings with it new priorities and new challenges. We are no longer preparing for a possible Senior Staff Restructuring; we must implement the Proposal accepted at Oasis 2011. The prayer priorities list below are critically important the effective implementation of this visionary plan to refocus our attention on being a missional presence in Atlantic Canada. We need to praise God for the blessings He has already poured out on us, pray for our Transition Team as they prepare for 2013 and pray for the formation of a new leadership team that will help our family of churches implement the changes towards being more externally focused.

Prayer Priorities:

1. Praise God for His faithfulness in leading us through two dramatic changes in the last year.

- a) Thank God that over 85% of our churches have already joined the newly incorporated Convention and we can move into the future united in our mission.
- b) Thank God that leadership of our churches has been open to restructure our senior staff.
- c) Thank God for the sense of anticipation evident at Oasis as we seek to faithfully respond to the Great Commission in ways that are relevant to our times.

2. Pray for the Transition Team as they prepare the implementation of the Senior Staff Restructuring.

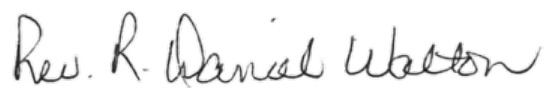
- a) Pray for Council and Dr. Reid as they guide the period of transition.
- b) Pray for the Transition Team as they identify ways to prepare and assist churches for the coming changes.
- c) Pray for a sense of cohesion and purpose for the Transition Team as they attempt to anticipate and address concerns over the coming changes.

3. Pray for God's direction as we seek the right people to fill the new leadership roles.

- a) Pray for direction for the search teams as they seek whom God has chosen to lead us into the future.
- b) Pray for individuals whom God is preparing to take one of these roles that they would be open to the movement of His Spirit in their lives.
- c) Pray that the "people in the pews" would catch a vision for what God has called each of us to do in service for His Kingdom.

James 5:16 in the NLT states, *"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."* Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for the work we do together. Truly we are 'Stronger Together'!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. R. Daniel Walton".

Rev. Daniel Walton

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