



# SOUTHWIDE

—BAPTIST CHURCH—

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To Whom It May Concern,

We had the privilege of hosting Martin Vickers for the second time during our Awana awards ceremony last month. He has also presented the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), but this year, he presented the book of Jonah. Martin brings the story of scripture to life in dramatic fashion. Our people are absolutely captivated by his style and inspired by the spoken Word. As a pastor, my heart rejoiced again this year as other believers inquired about how they too could start memorizing large amounts of scripture. God is certainly using Martin to stir up a zeal for a forgotten spiritual discipline.

Martin has a sacred regard for the Word of God. His interests extend beyond memorization. He has clearly spent time researching hermeneutics, theology, translation theory, and other disciplines of Bible study. His research gives him great confidence in his Bible. I appreciate the way that he handles and defends the text with boldness and clarity.

Awana is a ministry that is designed to instill a love for the Bible in children through the discipline of Bible memorization. Martin's ministry of reciting scripture is a powerful testimony to our children and our church family of the impact of hiding God's word in their heart!

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