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Investments, Insights & Invitations: Summer Highlights You'll Want to See

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Kingdom Ledger - June / July 2025 Edition

☼ Welcome to the Kingdom Ledger — a monthly briefing for faith-driven Birmingham business leaders and investors, built around Leadership, Empowerment, and Community.

Hello Builders of the Kingdom,

On behalf of the Elders, shareholders, and Market Partners at Oasis Venture Studio, I'm excited to bring you this special summer edition of The Kingdom Ledger—highlighting ventures, voices, and visionaries advancing God's work through business.

This issue is packed with momentum—from bold new initiatives to trusted leaders stepping into new seasons. Every story comes from within our Birmingham-centered ecosystem and includes direct links so you can easily connect, collaborate, or encourage those featured.

Whether you're leading, investing, or discerning next steps, I pray this edition fuels your journey with wisdom, courage, and Kingdom clarity.

And don't miss the opportunity from my long-time friend <u>David Oakley</u>. He's a man of great character with a strong reputation, and what he's doing in Fairhope is truly something special. Look out for his investment opportunity inside.

With purpose and expectation,

Martin A. Briggs

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<u>David Oakley</u>, a longtime friend and highly respected business leader of strong character, shares an exciting investment opportunity through Oakley Group: **The Flats at East Bay**, a 240-unit, newly constructed luxury apartment community in Fairhope, Alabama. I've personally watched David grow from a small local real estate agent into a high-integrity, large-scale developer—and I trust him deeply.

- ★ Minimum Investment: \$100,000
- Location: 9376 Twin Beech Road, Fairhope, AL
- **Highlights:** 7% preferred return, 17.8% target annual return, off-market deal secured below replacement cost.
- **Watch the first 10 minutes of this Zoom video** for a great overview of why this deal is special.
- Click here for full investment details and documents
- **** To reserve your spot or learn more:

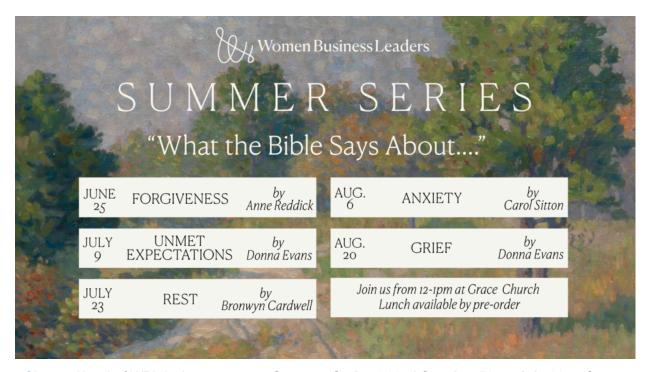
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This is a strong opportunity with limited space—first come, first served.

Watch the first 10 minutes for a quick deal overview.





Sharon Head of WBL invites women to Summer Series 2025 | Session #3 on July 23 at Grace Church, where Bronwyn Cardwell will teach on what the Bible says about rest. Join from 12–1PM—bring your own lunch or preorder here by July 22!

Rob Genin of <u>YBL</u> invites you to Summer Series #3: Founders, Builders, & The Kingdom of God on Tuesday, August 5th, from 6:30–8:00 AM at the Regions Room in Cooney Hall, Samford University. The featured guest is Olan Stubbs, Executive Director for Campus Outreach—don't miss this encouraging and energizing morning! Register here.

<u>Lori Chambers</u>, Senior Development Officer at HOPE International, invites you to **save the date** for a special Birmingham gathering on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, from 6–9 p.m. at the Country Club of Birmingham. Come hear from President & CEO Peter Greer and celebrate how

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microfinance and savings groups are helping families worldwide rise out of poverty through HOPE's global programs.



<u>Dorothy George</u>, Small Business Relationship Coordinator for the City of Birmingham, announces the **Business with BHM Vendor Opportunity Expo** on **Thursday, August 7, from 4–7 p.m.** This free, in-person event equips small businesses with step-by-step guidance for bidding with the city and connecting to valuable procurement opportunities. <u>Click here to register and learn more.</u>

LEADERSHIP



Rob Genin of YBL shared a powerful panel discussion originally recorded on **July 9th** at Samford University, featuring **Todd Carlisle**, Managing Partner at Dentons/Sirote, **Jim Weaver**, CEO of The Ōnin Group, and **Robert Jolly**, CEO of Retail Specialists. **Watch the full video** here as these Christian business leaders reflect on discipleship, success, and identity in Christ.

EMPOWERMENT



<u>Shawn Lovejoy</u> of CourageToLead wants to know: *Are you maximizing the support of your Executive Admin?* If you're looking to elevate your EA's leadership, initiative, and impact, consider enrolling them in the **Fall 2025 Killer EA Coaching**—a 90-day intensive designed to supercharge the Leader/EA partnership. <u>Book a Breakthrough Call here</u> to explore how it could transform your ministry's efficiency and mission impact.

<u>Dorothy George</u> of the City of Birmingham announces that applications are now open for the **2026 Building Opportunities for Lasting Development (BOLD) funding program**. This competitive grant opportunity awards funding to organizations offering programming and services that strengthen economic development and support small businesses—**especially those working in Birmingham's neighborhoods**. <u>Apply by August 7, 2026, or learn more here.</u>

<u>Jeremy Duckworth</u> of CARA invites Jefferson County small business owners to apply for the **Micro Business Accelerator**, a powerful growth initiative with only 30 spots available. Learn more in <u>this video</u> about how Auburn and UAB professors, access to contracts and capital, and a real plan can help you accelerate—visit <u>caranow.org</u> to apply.

COMMUNITY

Andrew Clark of Jeremiah Fund is leading a seed-stage venture fund backing faith-driven founders across the U.S., with a track record of over \$50M raised and 7x average price increases. The team is actively seeking referrals to aligned founders and strategic partners as they deepen their focus on spiritual formation, AI, and wholehearted faith in venture—and Andrew welcomes suggestions on where to connect this fall.

<u>Thomas Cox</u> of **The Owners Table Podcast**—a Birmingham business owner and former UAB football quarterback—tackles "Why NIL Is Wrecking College Football" in this punchy <u>podcast short</u>. What happens when unprepared young athletes get real money overnight? This one's worth the watch.

Auburn Community Church (ACC) has purchased a major property in Homewood for **\$9.1 million**, acquiring the former Compass Bank administrative center from West Valley Investments, according to public records. As reported by **AL.com**, the church announced via

social media that it plans to renovate and eventually move into the 74,937-square-foot facility—but has not yet set a timeline for the renovation or relocation.

Thanks for reading this month's edition of The Kingdom Ledger. If there's any way I can serve, support, or connect you further, I'd be honored—just reach out.

If the stories and opportunities have encouraged you and you'd like to support the ongoing mission, you're welcome to give through the <u>Oasis Venture Studio giving portal</u>.

With appreciation,

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