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"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE" (JOHN 11:25)

In the Gospel of John, Jesus made several statements often referred to as "I AM" sayings. While He declared Himself to be the promised Messiah (John 4:26); the *"Living Bread that came down from heaven"* (6:51); the *"Light of the world"* (8:12); *"the gate for the sheep"* by which we may enter into the safety of His fold (10:7); *"the Good Shepherd (who) lays down His life for the sheep"* as opposed to *"the thief (devil, who) comes only to steal and kill and destroy"* (10:10-11); and in a statement that angered the Jewish leaders to the point of picking up stones to stone Jesus, He said, *"I and the Father are one"* (10:30).

In John 11, Jesus waited until His friend Lazarus had been in the grave four days before returning to Bethany. When He met Martha, Lazarus' sister, outside the village, He said to her: *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."* Then He asked her the question everyone must answer: *"Do you believe this?"* Martha gave the correct answer: *"Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world"* (11:25-27).

Of course without the validity of Jesus' statement to Martha, and her faith-response, His "I AM" statement in John 14:6 would not be as meaningful or trustworthy - *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.* In other words, if you are trying to get to heaven in any other way - your good works, religious activity, living a good life, etc. - you will never make it! Jesus is the only Way to the Father and He is "the resurrection and the life."

As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, may the joy and blessing of knowing the One whose resurrection provides the victory over death and hell, and opens the way to eternal life, be yours in abundance!

I am so glad to be your DOM,

Glenn

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Prayer is the most aggressive, pro-active, offensive, invasive action one can take in any situation. Prayer reaches into the spiritual realm and accesses all the power of heaven for the circumstances of earth.

by Jennifer Kennedy Dean
The Praying Life Foundation



For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. II Corinthians 10:4-5

*NEWS FROM OUR
ASSOCIATION*



We are glad to welcome Scott Eudley to our Association and pray that he will be used in a mighty way to bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ, as the Children's Minister at Acton Baptist Church. He previously served at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Ft. Worth. Please pray for him and his wife, Pam and their two daughters: Rebekah is away in college and Lauren attends Crosslands Campus.

*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
For North American Missions
Spread the Good News - Christ is Risen*



And (Jesus) said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:46-47

SOUTH ASIA NOW CONFERENCE

April 26-28, 2015

Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX

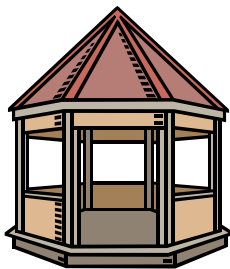
Come and learn how you and your church can reach South Asians— whether it's in your neighborhood or throughout the world. Register at SouthAsianPeoples.imb.org/Register.

Guests Speakers: Nik Ripken, Danny Akin and Matt Papa

**Preparing For Revival
Please join Acton Baptist Church**

**Monday Evenings at 6:45 ~ Beginning April 6th
in the Sanctuary**

40 Days of Prayer ~ April 1st through May 10th
Revival ~ May 10th through 13th



BIBLE READING MARATHON
Annual Event Since 2003

May 1 - 7, 2015

Go online (www.biblereadingmarathon-granbury.org) to sign up to read for 15 minutes any time between 7 am and 9 pm. Bring your Bible and expect a miracle. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17 "And they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..." Revelation 12:11



The National Day of Prayer - May 7, 2015

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952 Congress established an annual day of prayer, and that law was amended in 1988, designating the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer.

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

II CHRONICLES 7:14

April Calendar



- 3 **Good Friday** (PBA Office Closed)
- 5 **Resurrection Sunday**
- 9 Spring 50+ Senior Day at Latham Spring
- 12 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 13-14 Interim Training at Association Office, 9 am to 5 pm
Call office for details.
- 14 God's Great Creation - with Carl Baugh, Director of
Creation Evidence Museum - Senior Adult Retreat -
Riverbend - One Day Event, 9 am to 5 pm, Cost \$30
- 16 Ministers' Lunch at noon
- 17-18 WMU of Texas Missions Celebration and Annual
Meeting, FBC Woodway. Conference - \$20
- 17-18 FBC Thorp Spring - Garage Sale
- 22-25 National Assn. of Southern Baptist Secretaries &
Min. Assist. meeting in Branson, MO. Go to NASBS.NET
for details.

Up-coming Events

- May 1 - National Day of Prayer
- May 10-13 - Revival - Acton Baptist Church
Evangelist Ronnie Hill
- May 15-17th - Revival - Waples Baptist Church
Evangelist Mark Beigle, Liberty Baptist Church in CA

Jesus said unto them, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer....."

Pray One For Another

- Last Frontier Missionaries
- Jerry & Tina Barnwell - England
- Jonnie & Juanita Brawley - Mexico
- Kacy C. - South America
- Benjamin & Barbara Herrera - Mexico
- Kent & Michelle Mundhenk - Papua New Guinea
- Matt Noble - Alaska
- Emory & Charlotte Patterson - The Horn of Africa
- Jeff & Barbara Singerman - West Africa

President Obama, our Nation & Israel
Revive Us, O Lord



Thanksgiving

Thank You, Lord, for graciously pouring out the rain.

Pray that the Bible will once more become the standard for holy living in Granbury & America.



Mission Trips

Pray for the Volunteers and those who will hear the Gospel.

- March 26-April 30 Zambia, Africa ~ FBC Lipan
- April 4-14 Uganda ~ Tolar
- May 15-23 Cuba ~ Lakeside
- May 26-June 1 Serbia ~ Lakeside
- June 12-21 Malawi, Africa ~ Lakeside
- June 13-19 Ft. Collins, CO ~ Lakeside
- June 17-July 5 Hungary ~ FBC Glen Rose
- June 27-July 4 Honduras (BMDMI)~ FBC Glen Rose
- July 2-July 13 Brazil ~ FBC Glen Rose
- July 25-30 El Salvador ~ FBC Granbury

Women & Teenagers ~ Join us in a Mission Project

We are doing The Bucket Project, in cooperation with Baptist Global Response, to provide medical and hygiene items for people in Sub-Saharan Africa who are affected by HIV/AIDS. To get involved, please call the Association office, 817-579-5111. For details and items listed go to https://gobgr.org/projects/project_details/hospice-kits.

Items must be received before April 16th.

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating You

- 3rd Dale Moore, Mambrino
- 3rd April Wells, Red Door Baptist
- 4th Angela Duncan, Mambrino
- 6th Jessica Jimenez, El Buen
- 8th Susan Turbeville, Acton
- 9th Dawn Weeks, Lakeside
- 13th Janet Flippin, Lakeside
- 17th Holly Waid, Tolar
- 20th Clay Brockelman, Red Door
- 24th Bishop Helsley, Southside
- 26th Emily Ford, (retired from Allison)
- 27th Scott Eudaley, Acton

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8th Jim & Terry McNew, Brazos River





praise be to our Faithful God!

Churches Needing Staff

Allison - Bi-vocational Pastor **Bluff Dale** - Part-time Music Director **Brazos River** - Bi-vocational Pastor
Fairview - Bi-vocational Pastor **FBC Glen Rose** - Part-time Student Minister Intern
FBC Granbury - Full-time Student Pastor (email: mcorb@fbcgranbury.org) **FBC Lipan** - Pastor
Waples - Bi-vocational Pastor

Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows January 1 to February 28, 2015

	February	Year to Date	Annual Budget
General Fund:			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 8,564.86	\$ 21,627.11	\$ 136,714.72
Other	.80	130.09	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 8,565.66</u>	<u>\$ 21,757.20</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 15,900.00
Support Ministries	573.50	2,415.24	20,000.00
Personnel	\$ 6,447.11	12,998.53	18,714.72
Office	1,647.90	2,207.24	19,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,018.51</u>	<u>\$ 20,321.01</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ (1,452.85)	\$ 1,436.19	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>\$101,178.92</u>	<u>98,289.88</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$ 99,726.07</u>	<u>\$ 99,726.07</u>	

Note:

This financial statement does not include the cost of the building, lot, and office equipment which were expensed when the assets were acquired.

Restricted Accounts - - Balances:

Mission Site Fund	\$ 12,824.00
Juarez Mission	3,074.72
Juarez - Sponsor A Child	775.00
WMU	<u>1,381.85</u>
	<u>\$ 18,055.57</u>