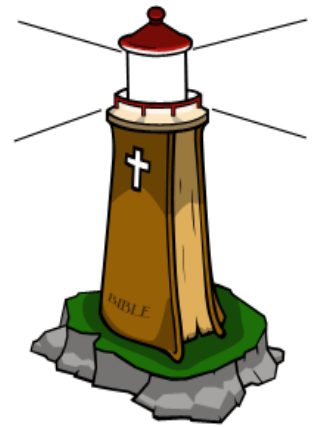


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HAVE YOU NOTICED THE GROWING POPULATION OF OUR AREA?

In case you haven't noticed, Hood and Somervell Counties are growing! If you have been on highways 377, 144 and 67 lately, you surely felt the increased traffic congestion! Even shopping in the grocery stores, Wal-Mart and other retailers, standing in line to check out, or shuffling in and out of crowded aisles may have created some frustrations. When I stop to think of what such issues were like when we first moved here in March of 1974, it's rather mind-boggling! What does it all mean—especially for our churches in the Paluxy Baptist Association?

First, let me give you some statistics from two demographic sources. The estimated population at this time (July, 2017) is 65,634—that is an increase since the 2000 US census of almost 18,000! During that time, we've seen an increase of 37% while the US growth rate has been 15.5%. It is projected that our two counties will grow by another 5,000 in the next five years. While there is a 55.5% who generally hold to basic historic Christian values, there is still a large percentage who need to be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Another element of this growth is the Hispanic growth. The 2017 estimates show that 8,571 are Hispanics with a projected growth to reach 10,502 in the next five years. Of our 29 churches in Paluxy Baptist Association, only 3 are for Spanish-speaking worshippers. Therefore, let me share with you briefly about a projected partnership with two other Associations (Southwest Metroplex and Ellis). The Directors of Missions have met with state convention representatives about adding a person to serve as Hispanic Church Catalyst who would work with our three Associations to help locate pockets of Hispanic residents and assist in starting new congregations to reach them for Christ.

The Associational Council will be meeting on August 10 to discuss how we can cooperate with this effort as well as planning for the new year and the Annual Associational meeting. Please pray for us and for ways we can be more effective in reaching the growing population and expand the Lord's Kingdom! If you have suggestions or input, please contact me with your thoughts. May the Lord bless you all and all our churches for His glory!

I am so glad to be your DOM,

Glenn

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PBA OFFICE HOURS

MON.—FRI.

9:00-3:00

Prayer Walking for Schools

Ladies, Youth and Children ~
Prayerwalk around the school
of your choice.

Anytime - August 7-11

Pray for Students * Principals
* Teachers * All Staff



News from our Association

NEW BOOKS & BIBLE STUDY have been added to our Resource Room thanks partly to our PBA Church Health Team. Come and check them out! If you have not visited our Library, stop in Mon-Fri 9-3.

BOOKS

“Before You Go” by Jack Hempfling. Forty days of preparation for a short term mission trip.

“Biblical Church Revitalization” by Brian Croft. Solutions for dying & divided churches.

“Contagious Disciple Making” by David L. Watson & Paul D. Watson. Leading others on a Journey of Discovery.

“Evangelism” by J. Mack Stiles. Give your church a new way to live and share the gospel together.

“Evangelism Explosion” by D. James Kennedy. Equipping Churches for friendship, Evangelism, Discipleship, and Healthy Growth.

“Helping Without Hurting in Short-term Missions” by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert.

“The Big Idea of Biblical Worship” by David A. Currie. The Development & Leadership of Expository Services.

“The Five Star Church” by Stand Toler and Alan Nelson. It contains tips, tools and the inspiration you need to build a top-quality church that people will flock to and participate in.

“The Unquenchable Worshipper” by Matt Redman. Coming Back to the Heart of Worship.

“The Vine Project” by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne. Shaping your ministry culture around Disciple-making.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

“David, Seeking a Heart Like His” by Beth Moore (New Edition). If you’ve ever experienced doubts, temptations, inconsistencies, losses, or anguish over family problems, join Beth Moore on an exciting and intimate journey to know King David, the man after God’s own heart.

Churches Needing Staff

Cottonwood—Bi-vocational Pastor

EI Buen Pastor - Bilingual, Bi-vocational Pastor

FB Lipan—Pastor of Youth, part-time

www.paluxybaptist.org for more info

New Personnel

Jesse Reuterskiold has been called as Pastor at Fairview Baptist Church. Let’s make Jesse and his family welcome and pray for them and the Fairview congregation.

Ronald Beams is serving as the Interim Pastor at Cottonwood Baptist Church. Welcome!

Katy Dorr has joined First Baptist Granbury Church as their new Children’s Minister. Welcome, Katy and husband, Luke!

Stella Davis Hodel is the new Secretary/Treasurer at First Baptist Church of Lipan. She is replacing Dora Beth Sims who is retiring. We are excited to have Stella join our great group of Ministry Assistants and we wish Dora Beth a wonderful retirement.

CALENDAR & EVENTS

August Calendar

- 10-11 [FIRST BAPTIST GRANBURY "The Global Leadership Summit"](#) Register at summit.willowcreek.com (Below)
- 11-12 "Great Commission Summit" hosted by Dallas Baptist University, texasbaptist.org/greatcommissionsummit
- 12 EQUIP Conference, Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston. www.SBTEXAS.COM/EQUIP

September Calendar

- 8-9 "Special Friends RETREAT" at Plains Baptist Assembly, Floydada, TX. For mentally challenged 12 yrs or older, their parents and chaperones, and workers with the mentally challenged. More information found online, www.texasbaptists.org/events/special-friends-retreat
- 8-9 WMU "Sisters Who Care" Conference and Day of Service, San Antonio
- 10-17 Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and the Mary Hill David Offering (Below)
- 16 [LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH "LIVE Simulcast of Living Proof"](#) with Beth Moore, www.lakesidebc.org (Below)
- 22-24 WOMEN OF JOY, "Immeasurably More" 2017 Tour, San Antonio, TX. www.womenofjoy.org, Ph. 1-800-374-1550

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

August 10-11, 2017

Register at summit.willowcreek.com

HELD AT FIRST BAPTIST GRANBURY

1851 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury

Limited Conference Scholarships (attendance to both days) for pastors who would benefit but are unable to attend for financial challenges. Recipients must pay the first \$20 and remainder of costs will be provided. To apply, send request to Lora Roberts at lroberts@fbcgranbury.org.

WEEK OF PRAYER for TEXAS MISSIONS and the MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING

SEPTEMBER 10-17 goal \$3,600,000

DON'T FORGET

To Order your 2017 Materials from WMU of Texas, www.bit.ly/mhdo2017 or Ph. 214.828.5150

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST "LIVING PROOF"

Sat., Sept. 16 8:15am-3:30pm

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

500 W. Bluebonnet Dr., Granbury

Live simulcast with Beth Moore with worship led by Travis Cottrell. Don't miss the opportunity to experience Beth Moore right here at Lakeside! Price includes lunch. There will be NO child-care for this event. Doors open at 7:00am, simulcast begins at 8:15am. Register and Pay Online at www.lakesidebc.org, go to "Events."

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

October 10—ACP (Annual Church Profile) Reports are due to the PBA Office

October 23—PBA Annual Meeting held at Lakeside Baptist

Prayer Corner

Our Pastors and Church Leaders
PBA Churches needing Pastors
Our PBA Congregations to remain Faithful and Strong
For Missionaries and God's protection upon them
Lakeside Mission Trips to Zimbabwe & Serbia
Protection, Unity and Peace in U.S. and Israel
President Trump and Leaders



MISSION TRIP SCHEDULE (Aug.-Sept.)

LAKESIDE	Zimbabwe	July 23-Aug. 4
LAKESIDE	Serbia	Aug. 4-14
LAKESIDE	Seattle, WA	Sept. 12-17
LAKESIDE	Chiapas, Mexico	Sept. 30-Oct. 6



August Birthdays

- 5 Blanca Sandoval (Raul) - Vino Nuevo
- 6 Jeff Bise — Paluxy
- 11 Karla Chandler (Darryl) - Allison
- 17 Christine Roath (Mark) - Acton
- 18 Jason Turbeville - Southside
- 19 Ami Smith (Jeremy) - FBC Lipan
- 31 Terry Jennings (JJ) - Happy Trails

August Anniversaries

- 1 David & Nancy Humphrey-Church on Thistle Ridge
- 2 John & Roxie Turner—New Prospect
- 14 Darryl & Karla Chandler—Allison
- 20 Mark & Stephanie Fulmer—Brazos River
- 28 Dewayne & Jan Harris—Triple Cross
- 31 Sherman & Tammy Aten—Acton

Church Health Team News Corner



Helping Without Hurting in Short Term Missions aims to train and prepare team members to do short - term missions without doing long - term harm. This book is the participants' guide and companion book to the original When Helping Hurts, by Steve Corbett, and Brian Fikkert.

From page one, the Authors lay out their premise that poverty is far more than living a life style void of financial assets. The entire book keeps the concept that short term missionaries should focus their efforts on developing relationships that will reflect the life style of Jesus Christ, rather than simply handing out money, gifts, or fixing broken facilities.

This book offers directives in the form of "Pre-trip Training", as well as "On the Field Training." The Reader will find practical concepts of short term missions that will challenge the conventional way we do missions. Found in the first five units are bold and thought provoking statements that can make you think twice about simply going on a missions trip. And, if you still plan to go, you will have a new sense of urgency and expectancy as you take on the role of short term missionary following time with the Author's heart felt beliefs.

Written from the perspective of combating poverty by changing the way we look at individuals who may find themselves homeless and poor; the Reader will be presented with new and refreshing concepts that will make you rethink how we engage those with whom we minister while on the missions field. The Authors want us to view our work as both an opportunity given by GOD, and also as a gift that is wrapped in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Their strategy is to challenge us to make plans for the greatest spiritual impact to those who live in our missions target area. Could we expect or desire less?

I found this book to be extremely valuable when coupled with the suggested website: www.helpwithouthurting.org. Ten different videos direct those who desire to understand the message of this book as the Authors present in video format their missions statement. The premise of their mission is Psalm 139:23-24; "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

My personal thought process towards short term missions was renewed and rekindled when I read their primary challenge that short term missionaries spend the majority of their advance time in prayer. Their challenge is to: "pray asking GOD to continually reveal areas of your heart in heed of HIS healing work, and pray for humility and perseverance, asking GOD to give you a teachable heart as you consider what applying and stewarding this experience looks like. How refreshing to read those words presented in such a straight forward manner.

Feel free to check out this great training reference book from our PBA resource center.

"Boots" Hubbard

Paluxy Baptist Association

Statement of Cash Flows

January 1 to June 30, 2017

	June	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
General Fund:				
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 13,533.00	\$ 64,956.68	\$ 11,943.50	\$ 143,322.00
Other	\$ 1.04	\$ 6.17	\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 13,534.04</u>	<u>\$ 64,964.85</u>	<u>\$ 11,943.50</u>	<u>\$ 143,322.00</u>
Expenses:				
Missions	\$ -	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 1,362.50	\$ 16,350.00
Support Ministries	\$ 6.65	\$ 3,675.85	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 20,000.00
Personnel	\$ 7,001.92	\$ 41,595.20	\$ 7,272.67	\$ 87,272.00
Office	\$ 1,237.70	\$ 7,533.74	\$ 1,641.67	\$ 19,700.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,246.27</u>	<u>\$ 59,354.79</u>	<u>\$ 11,943.50</u>	<u>\$ 143,322.00</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 5,287.77	\$ 5,610.06		
Bank Balance -- Beginning	<u>\$ 119,737.52</u>	<u>\$ 119,415.23</u>		
Bank Balance -- Ending	<u><u>\$ 125,025.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 125,025.29</u></u>		
Designated Accounts:				
Receipts	\$ 1,531.59	\$ 9,883.21		
Expenditures	<u>\$ 683.48</u>	<u>\$ (9,906.62)</u>		
	\$ 848.11	\$ (23.41)		
Bank Balance -- Beginning	<u>\$ 30,072.75</u>	<u>\$ 30,944.27</u>		
Bank Balance -- Ending	<u><u>\$ 30,920.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,920.86</u></u>		



**"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest field."**

Matthew 9:37b-38