

# THE BEACON

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## THE ADVENT SEASON

December has special meaning for Christians. As we anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we are reminded of the four words most often related to the advent, or coming of Christ—hope, love, joy and peace.

**Hope**, as used in the Bible is not wishful thinking, but confident assurance based on who our God is. This hope is as sure as the promises of God—He never fails or disappoints regarding His promise to send a Savior. Living on this side of the first Advent, *“we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:13), until He comes the second time.

**Love** is best expressed through the arrival of Jesus Christ, in a shelter for animals in Bethlehem. It was because *“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16).

**Joy** is that inner assurance that comes through knowing Jesus and having our sins forgiven. It is not the superficial “happiness” that the world pursues through acquiring more stuff, but the true inner joy of knowing Jesus Christ personally. It’s the message of the angel to the shepherds: *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy...”* (Luke 2:10).

**Peace** is the experience that comes through having Jesus Christ living in our lives, being born in us anew. It is only possible from Jesus who said, *“My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives”* (John 14:27). When there is chaos, confusion and struggle all around you, Jesus still gives His kind of peace.

As you enjoy the holidays, may our great God fill you with His hope, love, joy and peace!

I’m so glad to be your DOM,  
Glenn

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## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

May you prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give. Every penny goes directly to support our missionaries and their ministries.

Isaiah 12:3

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Luke 2:11-14

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



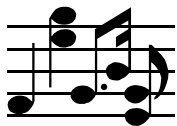
**PBA 2014 "THE GATHERING" ~ Knowing Jehovah God**

Our Women's Annual Gathering is next month. Please pray for the Planning Team as we continue to seek the Lord God's direction, so that He is glorified. The Lord is faithful to answer the prayers of His people.

Mambrino Baptist Church ~ Saturday, January 25, 2014  
8:30 am (registration) to 2:00 pm

Pray for the Lord's guidance and wisdom. Speakers: Alice Ernest, Judy Jones & Connie Leonard

Praise & Worship: Teresa Harmening



Music Show  
&  
Petting Zoo

A decorative border made of red poinsettia flowers with green leaves, arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

**Christmas on the Square ~ Dec. 7th**

**A Holiday Celebration**

Fun for the whole Family!

Granbury Square Plaza - 11 am to 2 pm



Dance with Frosty

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

## December Calendar



- 2 OneCry Prayer Meeting, 10 am  
Generation Church
- 19 Ministers' Lunch & Prayer - Noon
- 22 Family Candlelight Christmas  
FBC Granbury - 5 pm
- 22 Candlelight Service, Mambrino, 6 pm
- 25 Christmas Day

**Please note:** The Association Office will be closed through the Christmas & New Year holidays Dec. 23 thru Jan. 2

### Up-coming Events

- Jan. 25 Women's 2014 "The Gathering"
- Feb. 7&8 Third Annual **3to1 Marriage Conference** to be held at Lake Granbury Conference Center. Go to [www.a10s.org](http://www.a10s.org) for more information.

## Praises to our faithful heavenly Father!

- \* Compassion of God's people to generously give and serve in our community
- \* Rain



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5th Doug Davis ~ Acton Baptist
  - 6th Mickey Daniel ~ Acton Baptist
  - 10th Brandy Brown ~ FBC, Cresson
  - 10th Jerry Lindsey ~ First Thorp Spring
  - 10th Laurie Mathis ~ Brazos River Baptist
  - 12th Brenda Howell ~ First Thorp Spring
  - 14th David Becker ~ Southside
  - 15th Kristi Bise ~ Paluxy Baptist
  - 15th Jeanne Ferren ~ FBC, Glen Rose
  - 28th Jim Horn ~ Lakeside Baptist
  - 30th Traci Joyner ~ FBC Glen Rose
- ## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
- 11th Chris & Kelly Kitts ~ Glen Rose Baptist
  - 31st Corkey & Natalie Matthews ~ Cottonwood

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## Pray One For Another

- Last Frontier Missionaries
- Jerry & Tina Barnwell - England
- Jonnie & Juanita Brawley (furlough) - Mexico
- 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



Our Nation & Israel



- President Obama & Leaders
- Servicemen and women
- Disaster Victims - local, across the United States and around the world



## Has the Lord spoken to You about going on a Mission Trip?

International Commission is an evangelistic and discipleship ministry and has a Covenant Agreement with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to work together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission. A mission trip to Choluteca, Honduras is scheduled for February 28 to March 9, 2014. For more information contact Gary Godkin at 817-845-0440 or [Gary.Godkin@IC-World.org](mailto:Gary.Godkin@IC-World.org). On the web visit: [www.IC-World.org](http://www.IC-World.org).



**Spread the Good News, Christ our Savior is Born!**

...There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. Matthew 2:1a-2

**Churches Needing Staff**

Allison - Bi-vocational Pastor	Bear Creek - Bi-vocational Pastor
Bluff Dale - Part-time Music Director	Rainbow - Pastor
Southside - Pastor	
Timber Crest Baptist Church in Waco - Full-time Pastor	Church office 254-799-5551
email: marysuetimbercrestbc@gmail.com website: www.timbercrestbc.com	

**Paluxy Baptist Association  
Statement of Cash Flows  
January 1 to October 31, 2013**

	October	Year to Date	YTD Budget
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 11,320.13	\$ 105,818.90	\$ 102,146.67
Other	16.71	2,093.31	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 11,336.84</u>	<u>\$ 107,912.21</u>	<u>\$ 102,146.67</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,250.00
Support Ministries		9,782.02	13,333.33
Personnel	\$ 6,291.38	62,957.85	64,788.33
Office	875.62	16,542.35	12,775.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,292.00</u>	<u>\$ 100,532.22</u>	<u>\$ 102,146.67</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ 3,044.84	\$ 7,379.99	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>85,589.58</u>	<u>81,254.43</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u><u>\$ 88,634.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 88,634.42</u></u>	
<b>Mission Support Fund:</b>			
Interest	\$ .89	\$ 8.48	
Disaster Relief Receipts		8,115.00	
Disaster Relief	33.00	(8,115.00)	
Mobile Kitchen Project		5,647.00	
Mexico trip reimbursed		(528.26)	
Iglesia Cristiana Vino Nuevo	(100.00)	(200.00)	
Brazos River Baptist - Building		2,000.00	
Brazos River Baptist - Building		(3,561.98)	
Brazos River Baptist - KidZone		<u>(2,000.00)</u>	
Change in Cash Balance	\$ (66.11)	\$ 1,365.24	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>20,728.81</u>	<u>19,297.46</u>	
Bank Balanced--Ending	<u><u>\$ 20,662.70</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,662.70</u></u>	