

THE BEACON

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ARE YOU OVERWHELMED BY YOUR SCHEDULE?

That is a thought expressed fairly frequently it seems—with Thanksgiving just passed and the Christmas events looming large, it seems that everyone wants, and even expects, some of your time! There are parties, dinners, programs at school and church, cantatas or other musical presentations to help us celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season. That doesn't even include the shopping sprees and hectic encounters at the grocery store, the department store, or the mall!

While many of the events of this time of year are special and meaningful, do you suppose that we've allowed our culture of materialism to take more control of our lives than we really need? With so much attention to "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" it's all about getting the best bargains and who can save the most while spending exorbitant amounts on stuff that either winds up unused, returned for something else or re-gifted!

May I encourage us all to remember that the very reason we have this time of year is because God, in His infinite love and grace chose to send His Son, to be born in a lowly cattle stall and have as His first worshippers a group of shepherds—considered so unclean in their day that they were not even allowed into the Temple! Do you suppose that means that whoever we are, whatever our state in life, that He still welcomes us into His presence that we may honor and worship Him? I believe that is true! And I rejoice and give thanks for the privilege of knowing the One who first knew—and knows me — better than I even know myself!

During your overloaded schedule, please don't forget to stop and reflect on the greatest Gift of all—the Lord Jesus Christ, and what He has done for you. May He bless you and yours with a very special Christmas and then as we move into the New Year, may He guide and use you for His glory and your good!

I'm so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn



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PBA OFFICE HOURS

MON.—FRI.

9:00-3:00

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OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED DEC. 19-31  
FOR CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAY



And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

Luke 2:4-5

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."  
 Luke 2:6-10



## News from our Association

Southside Baptist has called Jason Turbeville as their new pastor. We want to welcome him and his family; wife, Susan and children, Matthew, Christian, and Joshua. Let's all make them feel welcome to our Association and pray as God leads Jason and the entire congregation at Southside.

Also, Fairview Baptist has a new pastor, Ronnie King. Let's welcome him and his wife, Judy to our association and pray for their service at Fairview.

## Churches Needing Staff

El Buen Pastor—Bi-vocational Pastor

FB Glen Rose—Children's Minister (30 hrs per wk)  
 Full-time Pastor of Family Ministries

FB Granbury—Pastor to Families & Children

## December Birthdays

5th Missy Brooks ~ Tolar  
 6th Mickey Daniel ~ Acton  
 9th Dave Samples ~ Tolar  
 15th Kristi Bise ~ Paluxy Baptist  
 21st Dan Jones ~ Triple Cross  
 27th Heather Corb ~ FBC Granbury  
 28th Jim Horn ~ Lakeside

## Anniversaries

9th Mike & Jennifer Mitchell ~ FBC Thorp Spring  
 11th Chris & Kelly Kitts ~ Glen Rose Baptist  
 19th Jerry & Jennifer Hibbs ~ Southside  
 31st Corkey & Natalie Matthews ~ Cottonwood

### **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.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...

Matthew 28:19

### **BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS**

Declare His Glory among the heathen,  
 His wonders among all peoples. Psalm 96:3

Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to multiply churches among unreached peoples and places .

**For the Glory of God.**



## Pray One For Another

Missionaries

Protection for our Servicemen and women

Revival among God's People

Peace for Israel

God's Peace in U.S.



PRAISES for great turnout at  
 "ONE NATION UNDER GOD"  
 Community Service!

## Church Health Corner

In his book, The Purpose Driven Church, Pastor Rick Warren states: "I believe the key issue for churches in the twenty-first century will be church health, not church growth." Our Association shares Pastor Warren's conviction concerning the importance of developing churches that are healthy. In so doing, a Church Health Team has been selected to aid churches in several vital areas of ministry. These areas include: worship development, disciple making, age group ministries, stewardship, church revitalization, and missions education.

The Church Health Team met recently for an orientation session in order to evaluate the needs of the churches in our Association and to draft a proposed strategy for effective cooperation among all of our churches in their quest to become healthier.

A BGCT training workshop has been scheduled for January 26, 2017 at First Baptist Granbury. The training workshop called "**Key Leaders Training**" will be conducted by staff members from the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The workshop will be offered free of charge to all the PBA churches.

Pastors are asked to submit the names of their Key Leaders who might profit from this vitally important training opportunity. Names should be sent directly to Darlene Atchison, ministry assistant at the PBA office. Watch the Associations' web site for more details as we near the January training date.

"Boots" Hubbard, Church Health Team Leader

## December Calendar

- 5 Paluxy Baptist Association Staff Christmas Dinner at Southside Baptist
- 9-10 Granbury Living Christmas Cards at Historic square, 6:30-8:45pm (Pg4)
- 11 Waples Baptist Church Christmas Music Program, 10:45 am (Pg4)
- 12 Brazos Chamber Orchestra Christmas Concert, First United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
- 15 Annual LGMA Christmas Dinner, 6:30 pm at Brazos Covenant Ministries, 1950 Acton Hwy. Dinner prepared by Five-Star Chef Wolfgang, Testimony in song by David Hinton.
- 16-17 Tolar Baptist Church "Journey Through Bethlehem" (Pg4)
- 18 Thorp Spring Baptist Christmas Cantata, 10:45 am (Pg4)
- 19-31 PBA OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS
- 25 Christmas Day - Happy Birthday, Jesus!



**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

PRAY for Lakeside Mission Trip—Nov. 30-Dec. 4 to Fort Collins, Colorado

*Granbury Living Christmas Cards*  
presented by Lakeside Baptist Church



Come join in the fun of Crafts, Nativity Petting  
Zoo, a visit with Santa and more.

December 9-10 \* 6:30-8:45 PM

Sat. only 2-5 PM

Historic Granbury Square

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

DEC. 11th, 10:45 AM

WAPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

1200 Temple Hall Hwy, Granbury



*"HOLDING ON TO CHRISTMAS"*

CHOIR CANTATA

December 18th

10:45 AM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

OF THORP SPRING

2815 Lipan Hwy

JOURNEY THROUGH BETHLEHEM

December 16-17

TOLAR BAPTIST CHURCH

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CHURCH HEALTH TEAM

"Key Leaders Training"

January 26, 2017, 6-8:30 pm

Conducted by staff of BGCT

At First Baptist Granbury Church

SIGN UP NOW—CALL PBA OFFICE

817-579-5111

Contact Bro. Glenn or Boots Hubbard for further  
information.

PBA 2017 "THE GATHERING"

February 18th

The next women's Gathering for our Association & Community will be at Acton Baptist Church. There will be several breakout sessions to choose from. Please pray about what God would have you do to help organize this great time of ladies fellowship. Contact Janie Walker for further questions or comments, 817-578-5730 or email [janiefithwalker@gmail.com](mailto:janiefithwalker@gmail.com).

**Date: Sat., February 18, 2017**

**Time: 8:30 am (registration) to 3:00 pm**

**Place: Acton Baptist Church**

**Feb. 23rd—Workshop on Tax and Financial Matters in the Church 9am—Meeting with Pastors; 1pm—Meeting with Administrators, Financial Staff, Finance Committees**



*Paluxy Baptist Association*

*Statement of Cash Flows*

January 1 to October 31, 2015



|                                | October                     | Year To Date                | Monthly Budget      | Annual Budget        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>General Fund:</b>           |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| Receipts:                      |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| From Churches                  | \$ 9,346.41                 | \$ 111,641.78               | \$ 11,284.58        | \$ 135,415.00        |
| Other                          | <u>\$ 47.56</u>             | <u>\$ 272.04</u>            | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>          |
| Total Receipts                 | <u>\$ 9,393.97</u>          | <u>\$ 111,913.82</u>        | <u>\$ 11,284.58</u> | <u>\$ 135,415.00</u> |
| Expenses:                      |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| Missions                       | \$ 1,250.00                 | \$ 12,500.00                | \$ 1,250.00         | \$ 15,000.00         |
| Support Ministries             | \$ 1,110.03                 | \$ 9,160.28                 | \$ 1,666.66         | \$ 20,000.00         |
| Personnel                      | \$ 6,734.30                 | \$ 64,838.98                | \$ 6,817.92         | \$ 81,815.00         |
| Office                         | <u>\$ 1,051.68</u>          | <u>\$ 12,546.09</u>         | <u>\$ 1,550.00</u>  | <u>\$ 18,600.00</u>  |
| Total Expenses                 | <u>\$ 10,146.01</u>         | <u>\$ 99,045.35</u>         | <u>\$ 11,284.58</u> | <u>\$ 135,415.00</u> |
| Receipts Over (Under) Expenses | \$ (752.04)                 | \$ 12,868.47                |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Beginning      | <u>\$ 116,990.06</u>        | <u>\$ 103,369.55</u>        |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Ending         | <u><u>\$ 116,238.02</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 116,238.02</u></u> |                     |                      |
| <b>Designated Accounts:</b>    |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| Receipts                       | \$ 2,421.43                 | \$ 35,336.27                |                     |                      |
| Expenditures                   | <u>\$ (500.00)</u>          | <u>\$ (19,168.73)</u>       |                     |                      |
|                                | \$ 1,921.43                 | \$ 16,167.54                |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Beginning      | <u>\$ 32,799.27</u>         | <u>\$ 18,553.16</u>         |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Ending         | <u><u>\$ 34,720.70</u></u>  | <u><u>\$ 34,720.70</u></u>  |                     |                      |

“...Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:11-14

