

# THE BEACON



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

As we near December, and having just passed Thanksgiving, we look forward to celebrations with family and friends regarding the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Choirs are working hard getting ready to present musical messages of Christ's coming as the promised Messiah; pastors are preparing sermons to challenge and inspire congregations; and churches are looking forward to inviting guests to attend the services that focus on Christ's birth.

As you gather with your church family, may the Christ of Christmas be very real and may He bless you with renewed joy and peace, leading you to renew your commitment to Him, seeking Him to guide you into and throughout the coming year!

It is also exciting to share with you that what began back in August with the ordination of Scott Dix as Associate Pastor at Waples, and a Beacon article asking if your church might think outside the box a little to consider whether the Lord might lead you to make a similar step of faith, especially our churches that have bi-vocational, or part-time pastors. I rejoice to let you know that since then, two more churches have taken the same step! Brazos River ordained Jim Vaughan as Associate Pastor last month and FBC Thorp Spring will ordain Don Atchison as Associate Pastor on Sunday, December 2. Mark Fulmer is Pastor at Brazos River and Kevin Brown is Pastor at FBC Thorp Spring. As in the NT church, when men answered God's call and the church recognized the ministry these men were already providing and set them apart to a more official position in order to assist and supplement the pastor's tasks.

Therefore, let me re-issue the thought that if your church has a bi-vocational, or part-time Pastor, perhaps the Lord is raising up someone within the congregation who can assist and serve alongside the Pastor to increase the effectiveness of pastoral ministries. If you are interested, you could visit with the three churches and their pastors about how it might look in your church.

I hope you do not get tired of hearing me say that I am so excited about Paluxy Baptist Association and how the Lord is blessing—and that I feel so blessed to be able to serve with you! Please know that I mean it when I close with...

I'm so glad to be your DOM,  
Glenn

## Future PBA Dates and Opportunities

**PBA STAFF APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS DINNER**—December 3 (6:30 PM) at Tolar Baptist  
All Pastors, Church Staffs and Spouses are Invited to the FUN evening!  
Please R.S.V.P. 817-579-5111.

**PBA “PLANNING FOR LIFE & RETIREMENT” SEMINAR** -- Jan. 26 Lake Granbury Convention Ctr

**THE WOMEN’S GATHERING** - Feb. 23rd at Lakeside Baptist. Please pray and be inviting your friends.  
We will need volunteers as greeters, prayer warriors, etc.  
Contact Janie Walker for further information or to help, 817-578-5730.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

## Churches Needing Staff

Cottonwood Baptist — Music Leader, Ph. 682-250-1013

Bluff Dale—Sunday morning Nursery worker. If interested email morphewtrio@gmail.com.

**Dec. 2-9**

**Week of Prayer for International Missions and the  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

### December Birthdays

- 1 Justin Howard - Granbury Baptist
- 3 Luke Dorr (Katy) - FB Granbury
- 5 Missy Brooks (Shane) - Tolar
- 5 Jeremiah Rue - Arise Baptist
- 6 Mickey Daniel - Acton
- 9 Dave Samples - Tolar
- 15 Kristi Bise (Jeff) - Paluxy
- 27 Heather Corb (Mike) - FB Granbury
- 28 Jim Horn - Lakeside
- 29 Darissa Michels (Ryan) - Cleburne Community
- 31 Lonnie Lehrman - Granbury Baptist

### December Anniversaries

- 11 Chris & Kelly Kitts - Rivers Baptist
- 19 Jerry & Jennifer Hibbs - Southside



**PBA Office will be Closed  
Dec. 17-Jan 1  
for Christmas Holiday**



### Prayer Corner

**Our Pastors  
New Church Staff Members  
Upcoming Events  
The lonely at Christmastime  
Unity and Peace in U.S., Israel,  
and all Nations  
President Trump and Leaders**

Mission Trips in December  
Lakeside - Southeast Asia

*First Baptist Church of Thorp Spring*

Sun., Dec. 9, (10:45) Choir Christmas Program "Here We Come a'Caroling"

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

*Waples Baptist Church*

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM**

*Featuring:*

**Scripture and Poetry Readings, Musical Solos**

*Immediately following the program: Potluck Luncheon in the Family Life Center*



**Journey to Bethlehem**

is Friday and Saturday, December 14 & 15,  
6:30 - 8 pm at Tolar Baptist Church.

Join us for a fun hayride that takes us through all  
the scenes and sounds of the Christmas story.



**HOOD COUNTY**  
*Community*  
*Prayer*  
*Meetings*

**Church of the Nazarene**  
**920 Lipan Highway**  
**Granbury**

**December 10, 2018**  
**7:00 to 8:15 p.m.**

Bring the names of one or two **lost people**  
you are praying for.



**BEFORE YOU COME**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are  
in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not  
realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless,  
of course, you fail the test?

*2 Corinthians 13:5*

**WAPLES BAPTIST CHURCH**

**CANDELIGHT SERVICE**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM** Please join  
us for a brief candlelight service in the Sanctuary  
at 6:00 PM. We'll share scripture, carols and  
communion.

When a gift is given freely and with joy, the value of the gift is increased. It is the privilege of every Christian to be a giver. When the Holy Spirit of the living Christ flows through you, He teaches you to love and withhold nothing that will bless and enrich your neighbor. Your purpose in life is to be a blessing to others. Let your gift always be accompanied by a prayer of thanksgiving and a desire that God will bless the gift, and thank Him that you are able to give.

The most important gift that you can offer is yourself. God has given you a personality and you must do your very best to develop it to His glory and to the service of others. That is something that every Christian can offer his fellow man - regardless of their financial position or social standing.

God gives freely, without any obligations, and you and I should do the same.

Author Unknown

# “PLANNING FOR LIFE AND RETIREMENT”



**January 26, 2019**

8 AM – 12:15 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 AM)

**Lake Granbury Conference Center**

621 E. Pearl Street, Granbury

Topics include: Talking with family about health care, end-of-life issues, funerals, etc. Also navigating retirement communities, protecting your estate, and Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

**NO COST TO ATTEND - EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Refreshments, Door Prizes and Partner's Display Tables

Register online at [www.paluxybaptist.org](http://www.paluxybaptist.org), “Events”

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# Paluxy Baptist Association

## Statement of Cash Flows

January 1 to October 31, 2018

	OCTOBER	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
<b>General Fund:</b>				
<b>Receipts:</b>				
From Churches	\$ 18,477.77	\$ 117,023.20	\$ 12,026.83	\$ 144,322.00
Other	\$ 7.40	\$ 50.82	\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 18,485.17</u>	<u>\$ 117,074.02</u>	<u>\$ 12,026.83</u>	<u>\$ 144,322.00</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Missions	\$ 1,737.50	\$ 17,375.00	\$ 1,737.50	\$ 20,850.00
Support Ministries	\$ 1,474.76	\$ 6,760.87	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 16,500.00
Personnel	\$ 6,909.38	\$ 69,745.21	\$ 7,272.67	\$ 87,272.00
Office	\$ 832.02	\$ 14,678.54	\$ 1,641.67	\$ 19,700.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,953.66</u>	<u>\$ 108,559.62</u>	<u>\$ 12,026.83</u>	<u>\$ 144,322.00</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 7,531.51	\$ 8,514.40		
Bank Balance -- Beginning	<u>\$ 121,171.92</u>	<u>\$ 120,189.03</u>		
Bank Balance -- Ending	<u>\$ 128,703.43</u>	<u>\$ 128,703.43</u>		
<b>Designated Accounts:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 1,078.51	\$ 21,666.12		
Expenditures	<u>\$ (2,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (18,038.03)</u>		
	\$ (921.49)	\$ 3,628.09		
Bank Balance -- Beginning	<u>\$ 36,132.19</u>	<u>\$ 31,582.61</u>		
	<u>\$ 35,210.70</u>	<u>\$ 35,210.70</u>		

