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Churches serving Hood & Somervell Counties
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HOW COMMITTED ARE YOU TO YOUR CHURCH?

Dr. Jay Kessler wrote "Why I Believe in the Local Church," stating some excellent reasons why we should be committed to our own church. Of course, Jesus made a pretty strong statement—"I will build My church, and the gates of Hades/Hell will not overcome it" (Matthew 16:18). Check out the statements by Jay and examine your own thoughts.

1. *The church is the only institution dealing with the ultimate issues.* Death. Judgment. Relationships. Purpose. Lasting priorities. Meaning in life. Identity. Heaven and hell.
2. *The church provides perspective that gives dignity to mankind.* In a society that has a growing disregard for life and lack of respect for anyone, the church proclaims the good news of life under God.
3. *The church provides a moral and ethical compass in the midst of relativism.* Like a swamp of murky slimy water, our society has either rethought, revisited, or completely rejected absolutes. Not the church! It still stands on the timeless bedrock of Scripture.
4. *The church is the only place to find true community, healing, compassion and love.* It is here people care. Really care. Not because of status or money. But because the Spirit of God is a work, weaving together the lives within the Body.
5. *The church (like no other institution) has provided motivation for the most lasting, unselfish, essential, courageous ministries on earth.* Schools. Hospitals. Half-way houses. Orphanages. Missions.

Where would you be without the church? What would your eternal destiny be without the church? Where would you find real hope without the church? See what I mean? I am so thankful that Jesus came to earth and "*loved the church and gave Himself up for her*" (Eph. 5:25). Will you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ and His church, and allow Him to use you to make your church what He wants it to be?

I am so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn



Helping Hands - Children's Ministry Day 2013 February 16th ~ 10:00 am to Noon Gym @ Southside Baptist Church



Kids of Paluxy Baptist Association will throw a party for disadvantaged children in our community. The churches in our Association will bring some refreshments and each child from our churches, who attend the party will bring a gift (toy, clothing, gift card, etc.) to share. Please contact Gail Turney at [817-578-4185](tel:817-578-4185) or gail_turney@charter.net, if your church can bring refreshments or if you children will participate.

"And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to Me!": Matthew 25:40

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONECRY Revival Prayer - Heavenly Father, break our lives or the passing pleasures of this world. In Jesus' name.						
3	4 OneCry Prayer Time at Acton Baptist 10am	5	6	7	8	2
10	11	12	13	14	15&16 3to1 Marriage Conference (see pg 4)	16 Children's Ministry Day (pg 1)
17	18	19	20	21 Ministers' Lunch-Noon	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	March 1 & 2 (un) Apologetic Conference at FBC Stephenville	



Missionaries:

Last Frontier Missionaries-identified

Jerry & Tina Barnwell - Vienna, Austria
 Brawleys - Mexico (on Furlough)
 Herreras- Mexico
 Francisco & Jaaneth Chavez - El Salvador
 Matt Noble - Alaska
 Jeff & Barbara Singerman - West Africa

Pray for President Obama, national leaders,
 our Military and their families

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES



Churches needing staff:

Acton Baptist: Pastor
 Allison Baptist: Bi-vocational Pastor
 Bear Creek: Pastor
 First Glen Rose: Full time Youth/Children Minister
 First Granbury: Pastor
 Gateway: Bi-vocational Pastor
 Southside Baptist: Pastor and Bi-vocational Youth Minister



Prayer for Missionaries & Church Staff:

Lord, we give you honor and praise, because You alone are worthy of our devotion. May these servants glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, with one heart and one mouth, according to Romans 15:6

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

17th Thearon & Maura Landrum - FBC Granbury
 24th Wayne & Emily Ford - Allison



3rd Gina Forrest - Lakeside
 3rd Carolyn Ward - PBA
 15th Terry McNew - Brazos River
 16th Aaron Hefty - FBC Granbury
 20th Paul Duncan - Mambrino
 25th Jennifer Hibbs - Southside

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR SISTER CHURCHES?

The next two churches in order of beginning and/or organization date are as follows:

NEW PROSPECT first held services in 1909 in the Nemo community in eastern Somerville County. In 1942, led by Rev. D. D. Simpson, they reorganized with seven charter members. They met in a school house until 1953. Pastor Preston Manley led the church to buy an acre of land from Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sandlin at the intersection of FM 199 and 200, which is their present location.

Brother John Turner is currently serving as pastor.

FBC THORP SPRING began having services with a revival in the summer of 1935 led by Rev. N.W. Pitts, who was the Associational Missionary (now known as Director of Missions). While there is no record of a church being constituted the record states that from that revival there were 21 additions by baptism and three joined by letter. Soon a Sunday School was begun with Floyd Keenery as Superintendent. No pastor was listed, but Brother Pitts preached occasionally. From 1947 to 1948 Brother Avery from Brownwood, served as pastor.

He was followed by Brother J.C. Hood (who passed away January 19, 2013, at the age of 96). Brother Hood began immediately making plans for a building. Due to financial limitations, they became a mission of FBC, Granbury, who loaned them \$1,000 for construction. That building was dedicated January 1, 1951, with Rev. J.D. Brannon, District Missionary, leading the service. On October 2, 1960, they became a constituted church again.

Brother Alvin Howell is serving as their pastor at this time.

**Paluxy Baptist Association
Statement of Cash Flow
January 1 to December 31, 2012**

	December	Year to Date	YTD Budget
General Fund:			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$9,090.77	\$113,758.26	\$120,013.00
Other	3.63	876.62	
Total Receipts	<u>\$9,094.40</u>	<u>\$114,634.88</u>	<u>\$120,013.00</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$1,125.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
Support Ministries	754.70	8,416.71	16,000.00
Personnel	7,990.62	73,954.66	75,533.00
Office	456.27	17,330.66	14,980.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$10,326.59</u>	<u>\$113,202.03</u>	<u>\$120,013.00</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (1,232.19)	\$ 1,432.85	
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities	66.49	(40.02)	
Change in Cash Balance	\$ (1,165.70)	\$ 1,392.83	
Bank Balance--Beginning	82,965.34	80,406.81	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$81,799.64</u>	<u>\$81,799.64</u>	

	December	Year to Date
Mission Support Fund:		
Brazos River Project - Receipts	\$ 5,240.00	\$ 31,545.00
Brazos River Project - Expenses	(9,036.00)	(39,036.00)
Interest	0.92	13.63
Expenses	-	(1,235.00)
Bank Balance--Beginning	23,092.54	28,009.83
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$19,297.46</u>	<u>\$19,297.46</u>



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We love Him, because He first loved us.
I John 4:19



The Gathering 2013

On January 26, 2013 the Paluxy Baptist Association WMU celebrated "The Gathering" hosted by Rainbow Baptist Church. The over all meeting was awesome! The Lord's presence was evident in every aspect. There were 86 ladies present. The music lead by The Girls of Grace was very uplifting. The messages brought by Dena Dyer were very inspiring. Juanita Brawley brought a very informative report of how God is using them in Mexico. The Lord orchestrated the theme, "Profound Faith", in such a way that the four breakout sessions brought by Margie Magallan, Connie Leonard, Janie Walker, and Minnie Molengraf, as well as the music and messages, enriched our faith. The fellowship hall was decorated so beautiful that it enhanced the theme. We want to thank Audrey Phillips for all the preliminary work she did to make The Gathering a success. To God be the honor and glory!

Minnie Molengraf,
Association WMU Director



3To1 Marriage Conference

The 2nd Annual City-Wide Valentine Retreat sponsored by Three2One Marriage Conferences will be held again this year at our own Lake Granbury Convention Center, the weekend of February 15 -16, 2013. This is a time for all of us to start fresh in our marriages and be enriched and refreshed with teaching from hosts Sherman & Tammy Aten, and well-known motivational speakers Jon & Kelly Randles - *plus* sessions on relevant marriage topics led by couple ministry teams from across our area. You will enjoy a romantic dinner "date night" on Lake Granbury as well as special ministry moments designed to invest in each other.

This special conference includes a romantic Valentine Banquet Dinner for 2, Saturday morning brunch plus all conference materials & fees for only \$150 per couple. (Optional separate hotel accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn for advance purchase of \$92. Must make early room reservations online at www.hilton.com).

Conference registration is now open with \$50 deposit due at sign up through deadline of February 10, 2013 .

For more information email sherman@a1os.org or call 81 7-578-3510. To register online, visit www.a1os.org

