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FEBRUARY—THE MONTH KNOWN FOR LOVE

February—the month that calls attention to Valentine’s Day—has been described as the month when the young men’s thoughts turn to what the young ladies have been thinking about all year long! Okay, ladies, please bear with me on that one! Seriously though, with Valentine’s Day calling attention to all sizes of boxes of candy, cards, flowers and taking your sweetheart out to dinner, it is a good time to consider the importance of showing love and appreciation for the one you love.

The Bible speaks of devotion and the commitment of love that a person makes for a lifetime of sharing the experiences—both good and bad—that life brings. The reality is that such a love finds its greatest comparison with the relationship of Christ and His Church. In Ephesians 5, Paul writes about it and indicates that husbands and wives are to relate to each other the way Christ and the Church are committed to each other.

Even beyond that relationship, we as believers are called by the Lord to love one another the way Jesus loves us. He even said: *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another”* (John 13:34-35). If we were to summarize everything that Jesus told us to do in one simple phrase, it could be: “Love one another.” How are we doing in fulfilling that command He gave? Perhaps in this month dedicated to “love,” we need to renew our commitment to Him and start loving others the way He first loved us!

May the Lord bless you with a growing and deepening kind of love—for Him and for others (which after all is how He summed up the greatest commandment!).

It is with a genuine sense of loss that I share that Pastor Brent Ferren went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 25! He will be greatly missed by his family and the congregation of FBC Glen Rose, as well as the whole community. He will also be missed in Paluxy Baptist Association. Brent was one of the most mission-minded men I have known. Please continue to pray for God’s grace and peace for his family and congregation.

I’m so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn



Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:19-20

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32nd Annual ~ The Women's Gathering (Presented by Paluxy Baptist Association)

We love Him, because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19



February 7, 2015 ~ Southside Baptist Church ~ 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Missionary Speakers:

Beverly Coad - West Africa (retired) Linda Hinderer, Taiwan (retired) Madeline Mikel, Israel

Praise & Worship: Janet Flippin

Crafts and Bible Lessons for Children 4 years to 6th Grade

Nursery available for 3 years and under; please RSVP

Cost \$15 ~ You may register by emailing: office@paluxybaptist.org, or call the Association office at 817-579-5111, or register with your Women's Ministry Leader. Scholarships are available upon prior request.



Latham Springs

(slots are filling up; Pray about attending)

Wild Week - June 8-12 & July 7-11

(their 20th anniversary)

WIRED Camp - June 12-16

Camp Refuge - June 25-29

Pre-Teen Camps

AIM - June 16-20

Next Level Kids Camp - July 12-16

Kidz Kamp Texas - July 16-20

Breakthrough - July 20-24

GA CAMP - July 28-Aug. 1

Kids on Mission - July 29 - Aug. 1

Mission Trips

Pray for the Volunteers and those who will hear the Gospel. God does His greatest work through our prayers. Matthew 7:7-8

March 7-13 Quito, Ecuador ~ Lakeside

May 15-23 Cuba ~ Lakeside

June 13-19 Ft. Collins, CO ~ Lakeside

July 25-30 El Salvador ~ FBC Granbury



IMB presents South Asia NOW Conference

Praying. Training. Partnering. Multiplying.

April 26-28, 2015

Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX
Register at SouthAsianPeoples.imb.org/Register



February Calendar

- 6-7 Fourth Annual **3to1 Marriage Conference** to be held at Lake Granbury Conference Center. Go to www.a10s.org for more information.
- 7 32nd Annual Gathering - Southside Bapt.
- 12 **Ministers' Lunch & Prayer - Noon (earlier this month than normal)**
- 14 Children's Ministry Day - WMU - teaching children to serve in their community
- 15 Esther's Spa Event - FBC Thorp Spring, 2 to 4 pm - Relax and enjoy nutrition, exercise, hair; skin care, make up, etc.
- 16 GriefShare - Acton Bapt. (see pg. 2)

Up-coming Events

- March 3 Health Fair at Southside, 11am-6 pm
- March 27-28 Preteen WAVE Retreat, FBC Granbury. Empowering the Next Generation. Registration deadline - March 1st



Pray One For Another

- Last Frontier Missionaries
 Jerry & Tina Barnwell - England
 Jonnie & Juanita Brawley - Mexico
 Kacy C. - South American
 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
 Terrorist Victims

NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATION



We are glad to welcome Melvin McKinney, as pastor to FBC Thorp Spring. His wife is Pamela and they have four children. Mel also teaches at Trinity Christian School in Aledo. Pray for God's peace and grace, as they settle into their new church.



That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

I John 1:3,7

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Gina Forrest - Lakeside
 3rd Carolyn Ward - PBA
 9th Scott Athey - Bear Creek
 14th Mike Corb - FBC Granbury
 15th Terry McNew - Brazos River
 20th Paul Duncan - Mambrino
 24th Judy Bush - Bluff Dale
 24th Mark Dolar - Acton
 25th Jennifer Hibbs - Southside



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

GriefShare at Acton Baptist Church

On Monday, February 16th a Grief Support group will begin meeting for a 13 week program. They will meet from 6-8 pm in the 1894 Building, south of the church.

You may find more information on the website:
www.actonbaptist.com.

The National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries & Ministry Assistants is meeting in Branson, Missouri, April 22-25. Go to NASBS.NET for conference fee and details. Accommodations at Chateau on the Lake.

Churches Needing Staff

Allison - Bi-vocational Pastor Bluff Dale - Part-time Music Director Brazos River - Bi-vocational Pastor
 Fairview - Bi-vocational Pastor FBC Granbury - Full-time Student Pastor FBC Lipan - Pastor
 Rainbow - Pastor Waples - Bi-vocational Pastor
 Timber Crest Baptist Church in Waco - Full-time Pastor Church office 254-799-5551
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**Paluxy Baptist Association
 Statement of Cash Flows
 January 1 to December 31, 2014**

	December	Year to Date	Annual Budget
General Fund:			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 11,256.46	\$ 131,068.45	\$ 130,736.00
Other	.87	129.69	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 11,257.33</u>	<u>\$ 131,198.14</u>	<u>\$ 130,736.00</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 16,200.00
Support Ministries	1,346.37	10,738.56	17,000.00
Personnel	7,887.18	79,491.46	79,336.00
Office	3,017.08	17,317.93	18,200.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 13,600.63</u>	<u>\$ 123,147.95</u>	<u>\$ 130,736.00</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ (2,343.30)	\$ 8,050.19	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>100,633.18</u>	<u>90,239.69</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$ 98,289.99</u>	<u>\$ 98,289.99</u>	
Mission Support Fund:			
Interest	\$.27	\$ 6.02	
Juarez Mission - Receipts	100.00	13,712.37	
Juarez Mission - Expenditures		(12,387.65)	
Juarez Sponsor a Child Receipts	656.00	806.00	
Juarez Sponsor a Child Expenditures	(806.00)	(806.00)	
WMU		1,5020.44	
Mobile Kitchen Fund - Returned Funds		(5,647.00)	
Church Support:			
Iglesia Cristiana Vino Nuevo	(100.00)	(400.00)	
Lipan Cowboy Church	(100.00)	(1,200.00)	
Change in Cash Balance	\$ (249.73)	\$ (4,413.82)	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>16,300.34</u>	<u>20,464.43</u>	
Bank Balanced--Ending	<u>\$ 16,050.61</u>	<u>\$ 16,050.61</u>	