

# THE BEACON



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## 2018 CHURCH REVITALIZATION CONFERENCE IS IN THE BOOK

Special thanks to Boots Hubbard and the Church Health Team, Pastor Lonnie Lehrman and the gracious members of Granbury Baptist Church, and to Phil Miller, keynote speaker and leader of the general officers session, Keith Lowery, leader of the adult leaders session, Chuck Gartman, leader of the youth-leaders session, and David Butts, leader of the preschool/children's leaders session. There was a sweet spirit and some wonderful feedback regarding the speakers/facilitators of this event. Fourteen churches were represented, nine pastors, and a total of sixty-five in attendance, plus numerous helpers from our host church. It was indeed a great evening!

Recently I read an article from the Center for Healthy Churches, located on the campus of Belmont University in a suburb of Nashville, Tennessee. In one of their meetings they sought to answer the question, "What is a healthy church," by writing a definition. This was their conclusion: "A healthy church is a community of Jesus followers with shared vision, thriving ministry, and trusted leadership." Their decision was based on what it means to be "the body of Christ in and for the world." They felt it was more important to define it from the perspective of who a church is and how well they are following the way of Jesus. More than budgets, buildings and programs, a healthy church is seeking to be like Jesus.

This is especially important for us here in Paluxy Baptist Association, because a healthy church is not necessarily the mega-church model. Fifteen (15) of our churches have bi-vocational pastors, which means that they are not large enough to pay a pastor a full-time salary. The good news is that a church can be healthy as it follows the New Testament pattern of being the Bride and Body of Christ, regardless of its size!

Another upcoming event that we believe can be helpful for our churches will be March 5, called M-Night. That "M" stands for "Mobilizing for Missions and Ministry." It will be at Southside Baptist Church in Granbury, beginning at 6:00, with an exhibit hall of displays and opportunities. The service will begin at 7:00 as we highlight specific connections our Association has with various ministries and mission opportunities. Please be in prayer for this strategic event, mark your calendar and plan to attend.

May the Lord bless you and your church to truly be the Body of Christ in your community!

I'm so glad to be your DOM,  
Glenn

**PBA DATES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

*THE WOMEN'S GATHERING*

Feb. 17, 2018

At

*First Baptist Granbury, 1851 Weatherford Hwy*

*Theme—"Our Heavenly Father Keeps His Promises"*

*Philippians 4:19*

**Registration is \$20. Pay at your church or PBA Office.**

**How can your church help? By praying, volunteering to be greeters,  
helping with Information handouts, registration,  
serving the meal, etc.**

**Contact: Janie Walker, [janiefaitwalker@gmail.com](mailto:janiefaitwalker@gmail.com)**

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**M NIGHT**

March 5, 2018

*"Mobilizing for Missions and Ministry"*

At

*Southside Baptist Church, 910 Paluxy Rd, Granbury*

7:00 PM.

**Come and learn more about fulfilling the Great Commission!**

**Hear singing by The Judge and The Jury**

**Mission Through BSM by Clayton Bullion and Morgan Little**

**50 Years of River Ministry by Daniel Rangel**

**Missions is Who We Are by David Hardage**



**Prayer Corner**

**Our Pastors and Church Leaders**

**PBA Churches needing Staff**

**The Ladies "Gathering" in February**

**"M" Night in March**

**Tolar Baptist Church Mission Trip to Uganda Feb. 15-25**

**Missionaries and God's protection upon them**

**Protection, Unity and Peace in U.S., Israel, and all Nations**

**President Trump and Leaders**

## *Calendar & Events*

### *February Calendar*

- 12 Hood County Community Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM at Brazos Covenant Ministries, 1950 Acton Hwy
- 17 PBA "THE GATHERING" at First Baptist Granbury. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
- 23 Lakeside Baptist Church Comedy & Dessert Night featuring Cleto Rodriguez, 7:00 PM
- 23-24 SBTC Hispanic Empower Session, First Eules 7:00 PM
- 26-27 SBTC Empower Conference, Irving Convention Center (Below)

### *March Calendar*

- 5 PBA "M Night," 7:00 PM at Southside Baptist Church
- 14-17 Texas Baptist Men DISASTER RELIEF RETREAT, Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, check TBM website



### **FUTURE PBA MISSION TRIPS TO JUAREZ, MEXICO**

SPRING BREAK—MARCH 10-17, 2018

SUMMER—JULY 21-28, 2018

CONTACT BRO. GLENN for more information, 817-579-5111 or [office@paluxybaptist.org](mailto:office@paluxybaptist.org)

### *Churches Needing Staff*

First Baptist Church Thorp Spring—Bi-vocational Pastor

Fairview Baptist—Music Minister (Part-time)

## Church Health Team News Corner



### TESTIMONY OF BOOTS HUBBARD REGARDING M-NIGHT

I attended my first M-Night serve in the First Baptist Church of Wellington, Texas. At this meeting I was exposed to the testimony of a “real live” missionary. During the evening, I saw slides of water buffalo, small twig laced huts, and children drinking water from a polluted stream. The pictures were striking, remarkable, leaving life-long impressions on my heart.

The word pictures that were painted by the missionary resound in my soul until this very day. Speaking in broken English, with the passion of Paul the apostle, our speaker for the M-Night painted the desperate need for workers who had a burning desire to fulfill the Great Commission to step forward to be prayed over and follow the missions heart of Jesus Christ. During the invitation, I made my way to the altar of the church and surrendered to follow God wherever He would lead me. Life changed that night. I was so touched that a dedicated servant of God would come all the way to the panhandle to a small Baptist Church to speak at the Panfork Baptist Association sponsored M-Night.

As a result of answering the call (as we used to describe it) I was invited to make my first and most memorable mission trip to the Rio Grande River Ministry. Unprepared, yet willing, I packed my bags and made the trip to El Paso, not knowing exactly what to expect. Eagerness coupled with the feeling of inadequacy made my stomach churn as we rolled across the endless flat lands of West Texas. My only sense of comfort came from singing the simple songs I learned from the Hardin-Simmons University students who joined our trip at a stop in Abilene. For what seemed an eternity we sang songs like “I’ll Tell the World That I’m a Christian,” and “Kumbaya, My Lord.” I know the bus driver had to grow sick and tired of our meager attempts to make a “joyful noise!”

The days on the Rio Grande were exhausting. Our schedule included breakfast at 5:30 am, working on constructing a building for the locals each morning, lunch, then vacation Bible school all afternoon, dinner, followed by revival services that lasted for over three hours on a couple of those hot summer nights. Did I mention that it was hot? We attempted to sleep without the benefit of fans, let alone air conditioning. Still it was remarkable! The greatest joy of my trip came when I had the opportunity to witness to a group of young boys under the only shade tree on the place. One of the boys accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. As a result, two lives were changed that hot afternoon—his and mine!

I owe a lot to the churches of our Association and I hope to repay it by praying, organizing and helping execute just such an opportunity as I personally experienced during my first M-Night. This effort will be conducted on March 5, at Southside Baptist Church here in Granbury. Please join me in praying that even one young person will heed the call and respond to God that night. If so, then it will be a life-changer for not one, but perhaps two. Prayer and preparations have been in the process for months, but the results are up to God and will bring forth eternal results, which make it all worthwhile.

### February Birthdays

- 1 Bonnie Rogers (Mike)—Lakeside
- 3 Gina Forrest (Mark)—Lakeside
- 4 Carolyn Ward (Glenn) - PBA
- 7 Dexter Cogburn—FB Lipan
- 9 Scott Athey—Bear Creek
- 14 Mike Corb—FB Granbury
- 15 Terry McNew—Brazos River

- 20 Paul Duncan—Mambrino
- 21 Blaine Bernstein—Tolar
- 22 Lindsay Luedeker—Waples
- 24 Spence Anderson—FB Granbury
- 25 Jennifer Hibbs (Jerry) - Southside
- 27 Mark Dolan—Acton



### February Anniversaries

- 24 Wayne & Emily Ford—Allison (Retired)

# *Paluxy Baptist Association*

## *Statement of Cash Flows*

January 1 to December 31, 2017

|                                | December                    | Year to Date                | Monthly Budget      | Annual Budget        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>General Fund:</b>           |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| <b>Receipts:</b>               |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| From Churches                  | \$ 11,805.11                | \$ 133,110.85               | \$ 11,943.50        | \$ 143,322.00        |
| Other                          | \$ 3.16                     | \$ 19.46                    | \$ -                | \$ -                 |
| Total Receipts                 | <u>\$ 11,808.27</u>         | <u>\$ 133,130.31</u>        | <u>\$ 11,943.50</u> | <u>\$ 143,322.00</u> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>               |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| Missions                       | \$ 2,300.00                 | \$ 20,850.00                | \$ 1,362.50         | \$ 16,350.00         |
| Support Ministries             | \$ 1,474.35                 | \$ 9,939.17                 | \$ 1,666.67         | \$ 20,000.00         |
| Personnel                      | \$ 8,905.99                 | \$ 85,089.65                | \$ 7,272.67         | \$ 87,272.00         |
| Office                         | \$ 599.94                   | \$ 16,477.69                | \$ 1,641.67         | \$ 19,700.00         |
| Total Expenses                 | <u>\$ 13,280.28</u>         | <u>\$ 132,356.51</u>        | <u>\$ 11,943.50</u> | <u>\$ 143,322.00</u> |
| Receipts Over (Under) Expenses | \$ (1,472.01)               | \$ 773.80                   |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Beginning      | <u>\$ 121,661.04</u>        | <u>\$ 119,415.23</u>        |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Ending         | <u><u>\$ 120,189.03</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 120,189.03</u></u> |                     |                      |
| <b>Designated Accounts:</b>    |                             |                             |                     |                      |
| Receipts                       | \$ 1,997.46                 | \$ 23,778.31                |                     |                      |
| Expenditures                   | <u>\$ (1,385.39)</u>        | <u>\$ (23,139.97)</u>       |                     |                      |
|                                | \$ 612.07                   | \$ 638.34                   |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Beginning      | <u>\$ 30,970.54</u>         | <u>\$ 30,944.27</u>         |                     |                      |
| Bank Balance -- Ending         | <u><u>\$ 31,582.61</u></u>  | <u><u>\$ 31,582.61</u></u>  |                     |                      |

Some of our PBA Churches have hosted some great Southern Gospel Concerts lately. Lakeside had The Nelons and Granbury Baptist hosted The Easters. Pictured is Granbury Baptist pastor, Lonnie Lehrman, sharing a song with The Easters.

We have been BLESSED!  
Thank you, churches.

