



THE BEACON

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In the beginning

A NEW YEAR – A NEW START

One of the blessings of knowing our God is that He is indeed the God of second chances! And aren't we thankful for that?! Even a casual reading of the Bible reveals that many of the most notable men and women of both Old and New Testaments experienced struggles and some pretty miserable failures during their lifetime. While we may wonder how in the world God would continue to use them in such powerful ways, I'm also encouraged to think that He has also forgiven me and continued to give me opportunities to serve Him.

This is not to say that we are to take advantage of or presume upon the grace and mercy of God by neglecting His call to holiness. It is just a reminder that, as John wrote in 1 John 2:1-2: *"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."* It also reminds us of what Paul wrote to the believers in Rome: *"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! (His response to such a suggestion is the strongest possible protest to such thinking!) We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"* (Romans 6:1-2).

So, as we begin 2013, may the Lord bless you with renewed strength, boldness and love for Him and our fellow human beings. May He give you wisdom and faith to follow wherever and however He leads you. May your service be from a heart full of devotion and overwhelming desire to honor His holy name in every way. May He bless you with the willingness to respond to temptation in the same way that Jesus did when He was being tempted in the wilderness—the Word of God is always the best answer to all temptation and sin!

I am so thankful to be your DOM,
Glenn



For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same
My name shall be great among the Gentiles....
Malachi 1:11a

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.
Romans 14:11

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONECRY A Nationwide Call for Spiritual Awakening		1 PBA Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7 ONECRY Prayer 10am Acton United Methodist	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Noon Ministers' Lunch	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 The Gathering Rainbow Bapt see pg 4
27 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Revelation 12:10	28	29	30	31		

PRAY FOR THESE CHURCHES



Staff Needed

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



Pray for our Missionaries:

Last Frontier Missionaries
Jonnie & Juanita Brawley - Mexico (on Furlough)
Benjamin & Barbara Herrera - Mexico
Jerry & Tina Barnwell - Vienna, Austria
Matt Noble - Alaska
Jeff & Barbara Singerman - West Africa

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

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Erick Anaya - Nueva Creacion
4th Alma Anaya - Nueva Creacion
5th Kay Bartley - Acton
11th Thearon Landrum - FBC Granbury
16th Sarah Hefty - FBC Granbury
26th Brad Reedy - Rainbow

ANNIVERSARIES

24th Josiah & Laura Thompson
Glen Rose Baptist



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR SISTER CHURCHES?

The next two churches in the chronological order by date of organization are as follows:

Rainbow Baptist Church held its first services under a brush arbor near the site of the current church facilities with Elder J. B. Huckabee leading the services. With the help of R. C. Hayne, W. Y. Keith and W. A. Huckabee, he led in the constitution of the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Christ. The name was changed to Rainbow Missionary Baptist Church in 1908. Until 1936 they held services one Sunday each month, then, in 1948 the church became full time.

In 1951 an auditorium was built that included a fellowship hall with kitchen, educational and nursery facilities. In 1977 a home was built for the pastor next door to the church buildings.

Completion of construction of the current auditorium and remodeling of the older facilities was in June of 2000.

Brad Reedy serves faithfully as their pastor.

Rev. J.M. Earls and Rev. William Campbell conducted worship services in a small building at the site of the **Tolar Baptist Church** on May 16, 1897. The actual organization of the Tolar Baptist Church happened in July of that year. They began with 13 charter members but by the fall associational report, they had grown to 31 members. They built a new building in 1917. Until 1920, services were held one Sunday each month, but that year Rev. John Measells was called to a half-time pastor. In 1945, Rev. L. H. Davis was their first full time pastor. In 1946 a parsonage was built for the pastor and his family.

Missions have obviously been more than an idea—7 former members have served on the mission field: Wimpy Smith (Argentina), Dan and Mary Burt (Brazil), James and Leola Ragland (Lebanon), and more recently Don and Paula Cribbs (Uganda), Johnny and Juanita Brawley (Mexico), and two others whose names and places of service we cannot give for security reasons.

Craig Odem is currently serving faithfully as their pastor.

**Paluxy Baptist Association
Statement of Cash Flow
January 1 to November 30, 2012**

	November	Year to Date	YTD Budget
General Fund:			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$8,270.28	\$104,667.49	\$110,011.92
Other	3.56	872.99	
Total Receipts	<u>\$8,273.84</u>	<u>\$105,540.48</u>	<u>\$110,011.92</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$1,125.00	\$12,375.00	\$12,375.00
Support Ministries		7,662.01	14,666.67
Personnel	6,840.54	65,964.04	69,238.58
Office	3,613.18	16,874.39	13,731.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$11,578.72</u>	<u>\$102,875.44</u>	<u>\$110,011.92</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$(3,304.88)	\$ 2,665.04	
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities	(0.01)	(106.51)	
Change in Cash Balance	\$(3,304.89)	\$ 2,558.53	
Bank Balance- -Beginning	86,270.23	80,406.81	
Bank Balance- -Ending	<u>\$82,965.34</u>	<u>\$ 82,965.34</u>	

	November	Year to Date
Mission Support Fund:		
Brazos River Project - Receipts	\$ -	\$ 26,305.00
Brazos River Project - Expenses		(30,000.00)
Interest	0.95	12.71
Expenses	-	(1,235.00)
Bank Balance--Beginning	23,091.59	28,009.83
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$23,092.54</u>	<u>\$23,092.54</u>



Rejoice!



The Paluxy Baptist Association Presents
The Gathering 2013
Women of All Ages Coming Together for Refreshment



“Profound Faith” Psalm 4:5

Saturday, January 26, 2013
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Hosted by Rainbow Church
1571 N FM 200, Rainbow, TX 76077



Registration \$15. Free Childcare 0 to 6 years; must register.
Call the Association office at 817-579-5111 to register.
Scholarships available; call Audrey Phillips 817-573-4510

Back to School - Good News Club Training
January 5, 2013 - 10 am until 4 pm
Spring Creek Barbeque, Granbury



Christian Women's Job Corps

CWJC has provided help to widows, single mothers with children, abused women, women in poverty and women recovering from substance abuse since January 2003. Our common purpose is women to meet their dreams of independence. Rather than a handout, CWJC gives these women a hand up!

Praise the Lord, our next session will soon begin. We will be interviewing January 14-18 for the free Life Skills and Job Training classes which begin February 4th. Please call 817-573-6677 for more information, or check out the website at www.cwjcranbury.org.