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WELCOME TO 2016!

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In case you have not heard, we have a new ministry assistant in the Paluxy Baptist Association office. Her name is Darlene Atchison. She and her husband, Don, are faithful members at Thorp Spring Baptist Church, where she is also the pianist. She comes with impressive qualifications for the position and I know you will enjoy getting to know her-- please help welcome her to this position!

As we begin the New Year, there is a quotation I'd like to share with you that spoke to my heart—I hope it will to you as well:

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around" (Leo Buscaglia).

One of the traditional practices by many in our culture is to make New Year's Resolutions. It seems that to put into practice that quotation might be a good resolution to make for ourselves this year! As I read through the gospels, hear Jesus' teachings and watch His practices, there are some pretty clear evidences that the Lord Himself would like that quotation, too!

For a few examples: *"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you"* (Matthew 7:12). *"...if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward"* (Matthew 10:42). *"Jesus...had compassion on them"* (Matthew 14:14). *"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me"* (Matthew 25:40).

Surely you can remember other such verses that challenge us to be more like Jesus in our walk, speech and actions. May the Lord give us the strength and determination to not merely make a resolution, but to commit our lives to serve Him fully in this New Year!

I am so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn



Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto the Lord.



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The Association Office will be closed through the Christmas & New Year holidays, Dec. 21 thru Jan. 1.



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 for women to meet their dreams of independence. Rather than a handout, CWJC gives these women a hand up!

Our next session will begin January 11—March 10, 2016. Interviews will begin in Jan.

Please call 817-573-6677 for more information, or check out the website at www.cwjcranbury.org.

- * GED Classes - Next Session: January 11, 2016—Mon. & Wed., 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- * Stand alone Electives (Finances for Life, Family & Parenting, Health & Nutrition for Life) - Mon.—Thurs., 9:00-11:30 am
- * Jobs for Life classes—Jan. 19—March 10, Tues. & Thurs., 10:00-1:00 and 6:00-8:30 pm
- * Computer classes (Microsoft Word and PowerPoint) Jan. 19—March 10, Tues. & Thurs. - 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Women and men will gain skills that will benefit them in the workplace and personal life.

Childcare provided for all classes except Mon. & Wed. evenings.

Sponsored by Acton Methodist Church, Christian Women's Job Corps and StoneWater Church



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

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

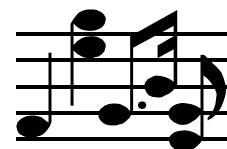
February 27, 2016- ~ Lakeside Baptist Church

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

"VICTORIOUS POWER"

Speaker: Rebecca Carrell with KCBI

Praise & Worship: Janet Flippin



Nursery available for 3 years and under; please RSVP

Cost \$20 ~ Call Association office at 817-579-5111 to register (scholarships available)



January Calendar

7 GriefShare begins, Fairview Baptist
16 & 30 - Leader/Teacher Training led by Keith Lowry of the BGCT at Waples Baptist Church. No Charge, everyone welcome.

22-23 Children's Worship University
FBC Lewisville, 214-828-5246

February

27 The Gathering - Lakeside Baptist
(details on page 2)

PIANISTS

Are there any pianists at your church that would be available to fill in at other churches? If so, please send their name and phone number to the PBA office. We will have a list available if the need arises.



Pray One For Another

Last Frontier Missionaries
Jerry & Tina Barnwell - England
Jonnie & Juanita Brawley - Mexico
Kacy C. - South America
Benjamin & Barbara Herrera - Mexico
Kent & Michelle Mundhenk - Papua New Guinea
Matt Noble - Alaska
Emory & Charlotte Patterson - The Horn of Africa
Jeff & Barbara Singerman - Congo Basin & West Africa

President Obama & Leaders
Servicemen and women



Peace for Israel

The persecuted church around the world!

Rejoice!

May your New Year be blessed with favor from our heavenly Father, Who has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness and given us exceeding great and precious promises, according to First Peter 1:3-4.

**Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
today and for ever.**

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Erick Anaya - Nueva Creacion
4th Alma Anaya - Nueva Creacion
4th Kelly Jones—Triple Cross
10th Mona Dolan - Acton
15th Tammy Crawford - Paluxy
16th Rusty Addison - Lipan Cowboy
26th Nancy Humphrey—Church on Thistle Ridge

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

24th Josiah & Laura Thompson - Glen Rose Baptist

Churches Needing Staff

Bluff Dale Baptist—Pastor
FBC Granbury—Creative Arts Worship Pastor
FBC Lipan - Pastor

El Buen Pastor - Bi-vocational Pastor
FBC Glen Rose—Pastor
Rainbow - Pastor

Psalm 69:16 Hear me, O LORD; for Thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

**Paluxy Baptist Association
Statement of Cash Flows
January 1 to November 30, 2015**

	November	Year to Date	YTD Budget
General Fund:			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 7,465.86	\$ 115,837.29	\$ 136,714.72
Other	0.86	683.67	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 7,466.72</u>	<u>\$ 116,520.96</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 13,850.00	\$ 15,900.00
Support Ministries	515.46	12,698.12	20,000.00
Personnel	\$ 6,864.70	71,488.95	81,814.72
Office	687.64	14,933.75	19,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 9,317.80</u>	<u>\$ 112,970.82</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ (1,851.08)	\$ 3,550.14	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>103,691.10</u>	<u>98,289.88</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u><u>\$ 101,840.02</u></u>	<u><u>\$101,840.02</u></u>	
Restricted Accounts:			
Receipts	\$ 1,367.66	\$ 19,332.56	
Expenditures	<u>(590.50)</u>	<u>(17,080.01)</u>	
	\$ 777.16	\$ 2,252.55	
Bank Balance--Beginning		<u>16,050.61</u>	
Bank Balanced--Ending	<u>\$ 777.16</u>	<u>\$ 18,303.16</u>	