

# THE BEACON

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## ARE WE REALLY *"A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS"*?

In Peter's first letter, he tells us that we are *"a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that (we) may declare the praises of Him who called (us) out of darkness into His wonderful light"* (1 Peter 2:9). He is talking to followers of Jesus Christ and many of the descriptive terms he used come directly from Old Testament passages relating to the nation of Israel.

God called them (beginning with Abraham) out to be *"a kingdom of priests"* for the purpose of interceding for the rest of the world and for sharing the message of God with the non-Jewish people. However, they failed to do so, becoming self-centered and proud of their "position," and rather than sharing God's love, they became prejudiced against those who were not from their "chosen" nation!

Most Christians pass judgment on the Israelites for having such an attitude toward the outside world. But we should stop and ask ourselves, if perhaps we haven't developed a very similar perspective today. Are we really living as *"a kingdom of priests,"* or are we cloistered within our church houses, judgmental and prejudiced toward all non-church members and anyone who isn't following God the way we are, and we fail to realize that God has called us to show mercy, grace and love toward all those who need Him!

Jesus told a parable about the man often referred to as the "rich fool" (Luke 12:16-21). He tore down his barns to build bigger ones when they could not contain his harvest, but he was not generous toward God. Let me ask a question from a different perspective: *Would empty barns (church houses)—due to apathy and complacency of "sowers and harvesters"—be any less a sin than that of the man who tore down his barns to build bigger ones?*

You see, being busy around your church house very likely does little to fulfill the calling and gifting of God to be *"a kingdom of priests"* or to make disciples of our lost world! Let's be who God calls us to be, so that we may gain a reputation that's more about loving God supremely and loving others as we love ourselves—rather than being known for what—and who—we are against!

I'm so glad to be your DOM,  
Glenn



## We are Salt and Light

**May the LORD God keep us from evil and fill us with His mighty power, that all the world may know that we are children of Light.**

**Psalm 145:4 "One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts." Our culture is changing, but God's Holy Word and Truth does not change and shall endure forever. Psalm 119:89 - Malachi 3:6 - Hebrews 13:8**

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**International WorldCraft Fair** ~ Saturday, July 25  
 First Baptist Granbury - 1:00 to 4:00 pm

WorldCraft's vision is to offer an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth.

Out of this world.... And into your neighborhood. Come explore and purchase authentic, handcrafted items from African, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the United States. Learn more about these rich cultures, their beautiful art, and their challenges at our World Crafts event. You'll find jewelry, scarves, bags, purses, toys and much more. We look forward to seeing you!



**Would you like to use Your Talents for our Association?**

Would you be interested in serving on one of our five ministry teams? The teams are: Administrative, Missions, Church Health and Evangelism, Community Ministries, and Leadership. The ability of the Association to function at it's best is when members of our partner churches join together to serve on the various teams in order to make it a cooperative effort. If you need more information about any of the teams, please contact the PBA office.

**\*EMPOWER\***

Mark your Calendar - - - **AUGUST 1, 2015** - - - **Women's Ministry Training**

A Transformational Weekend for Church Missions Leaders that is:

- ◆ **Vision Expanding** Hunter's Glen Baptist Church  
4001 Custer Rd. - Plano, Texas
- ◆ **Heart Shaping** To register visit [www.wmutx.org/empower](http://www.wmutx.org/empower)
- ◆ **Skill Building** We plan to take a van; please call the association office (817-579-5111) if you wish to ride with us.

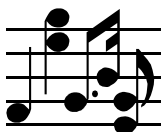
**Vacation Bible School Reports**

We praise the Lord for the encouraging reports from those churches which have already finished Vacation Bible School. If you have not sent a copy of your report to the Association Office, please do so. We are anxious to hear what the Lord has done.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE**



El Buen	July 6-10	5:30 to 8:00pm	Journey Off the Map
1st Glen Rose	July 13-17	6:00 to 8:00 pm	Hometown Nazareth
Lakeside	July 6-10	9:00 to Noon	Everest
Tolar	July 13-17	6:30 - 9:00 pm	Everest



**Summer Choir Camp**

July 27-Aug. 2 1st Glen Rose (254-897-2351)  
 For children who have completed 1st-6th grade, Musical - Aug. 2 at 6:00 pm

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance. Psalm 33:12

## July Calendar

- 3rd Holiday - PBA Office Closed
- 4th Granbury July 4th Parade & Fireworks
- 6th OneCry Prayer Meeting, 10:00 am at Acton Baptist Church
- 12-16 Next Level Kid's Camp, Latham Springs
- 16th Ministers' Lunch at Assn Office, Noon (Bring your lunch)
- 25th International WorldCraft Fair - First Baptist Granbury - 1:00 to 4:00 pm

**PRAISES to Our Lord God, Ruler of heaven & earth!**

For His abundant mercy ...  
For an inheritance incorruptible ...  
For His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness ...

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1st John Turner - New Prospect
- 5th Shannon Quinn - Lakeside
- 7th Carey Dyer - Lakeside
- 12th Dena Dyer - Lakeside
- 12th Kelly Kitts - Glen Rose
- 14th Melanie Athey ~ Bear Creek
- 15th J.J. Jennings - Happy Trails Cowboy
- 17th Debbie Gryder - Triple Cross Cowboy
- 29th Chris Kitts ~ Glen Rose Baptist

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 14th Paul & Angela Duncan ~ Mambrino
- 15th Glenn & Carolyn Ward ~ PBA
- 21st Ernesto & Jessica Jimenez ~ El Buen
- 22nd Mark & Gina Forrest ~ Lakeside
- 31st Pat & Judy Bush ~ Bluff Dale

### Correction for last month's Birthdays:

June 30th - Kent Barnes, FBC Glen Rose.

## Pray for Mission Trips

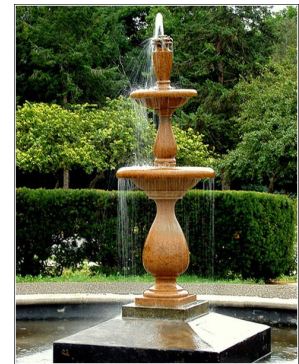
### O Lord, Send forth a Harvest of Souls for Your Glory

- June 17 - July 5 ~ Hungary (FBC Glen Rose)
- June 27 - July 5 ~ Honduras (FBC Glen Rose)
- June 30 - July 6 ~ BC Canada (Acton)
- July 1-12 ~ Hungary (Nueva Creacion)
- July 23-29 ~ Saco, Maine (Mambrino)
- August 1-8 ~ Juarez, Mexico (Association-wide)



John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**



## 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 - West Africa

Our Nation & Israel  
**Lord, Revive Us**



President Obama & Leaders  
Servicemen and women

I Timothy 2:1-2 ~ I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.



## Churches Needing Staff

Allison - Bi-vocational Pastor   Brazos River - Pastor   Tolar - Worship Leader; full-time Youth Minister

*And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9*



Only salvation through Jesus Christ transforms -- an individual, a family, a community, our culture.  
**Prayer is the first step of evangelism!**     **Pray4EveryHome.com**

### Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows January 1 to May 31, 2015

	May	Year to Date	Annual Budget
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 9,835.77	\$ 55,629.60	\$ 136,714.72
Other	.90	678.43	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 9,836.67</u>	<u>\$ 56,308.03</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 15,900.00
Support Ministries	910.38	6,498.38	20,000.00
Personnel	6,606.78	32,240.65	81,814.72
Office	1,690.71	6,087.20	19,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,357.87</u>	<u>\$ 51,176.23</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ (521.20)	\$ 5,131.80	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>103,942.88</u>	<u>98,289.88</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$103,421.68</u>	<u>\$103,421.68</u>	
<b>Restricted Accounts:</b>			
Receipts	\$ 1,046.12	\$ 11,829.90	
Expenditures	<u>(4,549.17)</u>	<u>(10,649.51)</u>	
	\$ (3,503.05)	\$ 1,180.39	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>20,734.05</u>	<u>16,050.61</u>	
Bank Balanced--Ending	<u>\$ 17,231.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,231.00</u>	
<b>Restricted Accounts- - Balances:</b>			
Mission Site Fund		\$ 12,624.23	
Juarez Mission		1,101.67	
Juarez - Sponsor A Child		2,163.00	
WMU	-	<u>1,342.10</u>	
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ 17,231.00</u>	

**Notes:** This financial statement does not include the cost of the building, lot, and office equipment which were expensed when the assets were acquired.