

# THE BEACON



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## FREEDOM REALLY ISN'T FREE

Perhaps you've seen the bumper sticker, or t-shirt logo, or some other signage that says: "The Land of the Free, because of the Brave." Or even such images that just say, "Freedom isn't free." Such reminders are more focused on the fact that the freedoms we enjoy here in America are the result of the sacrifices of brave men and women who have served faithfully in order to either provide or preserve these freedoms with which we are blessed! As we celebrate our independence July 4, surely we need to remember with grateful hearts those who have given sacrificially so that we can celebrate!

However, those of us who are disciples of Jesus Christ can also be thankful that whether we live in a free society such as the United States of America, or in a country where there are no religious freedoms, a person can be spiritually free because Jesus Christ sacrificed His own life on Calvary's Cross so that we might be forgiven and set free. As He said in John 8:36, "*...if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*" The apostle Paul spoke of this freedom in his letter to the Galatians: "*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.... You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; serve one another in love*" (5:1, 13). He goes on in that chapter to explain what a life that is free in Christ looks like when he describes the fruit of the Spirit ("*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*" [vv. 22-23]).

In other words, freedom in Christ is best seen through demonstrating His character traits—the fruit of the Spirit—as we "*serve one another in love*" (v. 13).

It is true that freedom really isn't free—whether speaking of national freedom, or spiritual freedom—both are costly! Aren't we thankful that we can enjoy the blessings of being free because of the sacrifice of others? Will we show our appreciation by living responsibly and faithfully following Jesus Christ who truly sets us free?

May the Lord bless you as you walk in the Spirit, letting Christ set you free indeed!

I'm so glad to be your DOM,

Glenn

## Future PBA Dates and Opportunities

Please mark your calendars for:

August 9-10 Bi-Vocational "Weekend of Encouraging and Equipping" at Lakeside Baptist

October 28 Annual Meeting at Bear Creek Community

December 2 Churches Staff Christmas Party sponsored by PBA, held at FB Granbury

**Tolar Baptist Church** will be celebrating their 122nd anniversary on Sunday, July 7. Former pastor Craig Odom will be in attendance.



### July Birthdays

- 1 John Turner - New Prospect
- 5 Shannon Quinn (Steve) - Lakeside
- 7 Carey Dyer - Lakeside
- 8 Misty Bernstein (Blaine) - Tolar
- 9 Kelly Randles - Lakeside
- 12 Scott Pace - Bluff Dale
- 12 Dena Dyer (Carey) - Lakeside
- 14 Melanie Athey (Scott) - Bear Creek
- 15 JJ Jennings - Happy Trails
- 17 Joe Phillips - Rainbow
- 29 Chris Kitts - Rivers Baptist

### July Anniversaries

- 8 Mark & Mona Dolan - Acton
- 8 Carey & Dena Dyer - Lakeside
- 14 Paul & Angela Duncan - Mambrino
- 15 Glenn & Carolyn Ward - PBA
- 16 Joe & Cindy Rodden - FBC Glen Rose
- 18 Mark & Chris Roath - Acton
- 21 Ernesto & Jessica Jimenez - El Buen Pastor
- 22 Mark & Gina Forrest - Lakeside
- 23 Danny & Jo Stanford - Waples
- 24 Tan & Janet Flippin - Lakeside
- 27 Scott & Pam Eudaley - Acton
- 28 Blaine & Misty Bernstein - Tolar

"For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end."  
Hebrews 3:14

### Churches Needing Staff

Cottonwood Baptist — Music Leader  
Ph. 682-250-1013

Bluff Dale—Sunday morning Nursery worker. If interested email [morphewtrio@gmail.com](mailto:morphewtrio@gmail.com).

ALSO, please pray for FBC Lipan, Cottonwood, and The Church on Thistle Ridge as their Search Committees seek new Pastors.



### Prayer Corner

**Our Pastors**

**Churches seeking Pastors**

**VBS's**

**Mission Trips**

**Peace in Israel**

**Unity for President Trump and Leaders**

**Highland Terrace Baptist Church in Greenville, TX for tornado damage to building**



# VBS



July 12-14, 6-8pm Preschool	Bear Creek Community	
July 15-19, 6-9pm Kids/Preteen	Bear Creek Community	
July 15-19, 9-Noon	Lakeside	Roar
July 22-26, 9-Noon	Bluff Dale	Roar

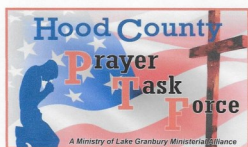
# JULY MISSION TRIPS

Lakeside	Serbia	June 21-July 8
FB Glen Rose	Hungary	June 27-July 8
PBA	Juarez, Mexico	July 6-13
Lakeside	Juarez, Mexico w/PBA	July 6-13
Lakeside	Chiapas, Mexico	July 8-15
Acton	New Mexico	July 13-19

**If interested in going on the Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico, contact Bro. Glenn for information.**

“Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.”

1 Peter 2:16-17



**HOOD COUNTY**  
*Community*  
*Prayer*  
*Meetings*

**Faith Assembly of God**  
**300 Granbury Court**  
**Granbury**

**July 8, 2019**  
**7:00 to 8:15 p.m.**

**PALUXY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION is now listed on AmazonSmile.org as a Non-profit Organization. Sign up for PBA to be your charity choice and Amazon will donate a portion to the PBA Mission Fund. Go to AmazonSmile.org to register and to place your orders. Thank you!**

## *Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows*

January 1 to May 31, 2019

	MAY	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
<b>General Fund:</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
From Churches	\$ 9,208.59	\$ 12,366.00	\$ 148,392.00
Other	\$ 12.25	\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 9,220.84</u>	<u>\$ 12,366.00</u>	<u>\$ 148,392.00</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Missions	\$ 1,845.83	\$ 1,845.83	\$ 22,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ 695.13	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 16,500.00
Personnel	\$ 7,180.67	\$ 7,478.50	\$ 89,742.00
Office	\$ 773.90	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 20,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,495.53</u>	<u>\$ 12,366.00</u>	<u>\$ 148,392.00</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (1,274.69)		
Bank Balance -- Beginning	<u>\$ 141,548.52</u>		
Bank Balance -- Ending	<u>\$ 140,273.83</u>		
<b>Designated Accounts:</b>			
Receipts	\$ 2,393.92		
Expenditures	<u>\$ (2,259.53)</u>		
	\$ 134.39		
Bank Balance -- Beginning	<u>\$ 40,393.98</u>		
Bank Balance -- Ending	<u>\$ 40,528.37</u>		

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“Prayer invites God into the circumstance  
and His divine wisdom and strength is released.”

Joy Scott

