



# THE BEACON



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## THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF YOUR ASSOCIATION

It's not a new thought that comes and goes from time to time. Some tend to think that the local association just may have outlived its purpose, or is no longer relevant. Would you at least think about this biblical basis for being a participating member of the Association?

In Acts 1, Luke tells Theophilus that in his *“former book [Gospel of Luke], I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the Kingdom of God”* (Acts 1:1-3). A little later in His discussions with them, Jesus said: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”* (1:8). [NIV, 1984]

Where do you think your *“Jerusalem”* is? Is it not a valid consideration that it is where you live? Would that not be in your local Association? Someone has said that the light that shines the farthest shines brightest close to home! How can we give all our attention, efforts and energies *“to the ends of the earth”* while ignoring our *“Jerusalem”*? Do you suppose that Jesus was saying that one is not more important than the other, and that both deserve our witness and work? The reality is that an old saying is still true—we can always do more working together than we can working alone!

It is my prayer that all our churches will value and participate in the work we can do in our own *“Jerusalem”*—called Paluxy Baptist Association!

I am so glad to be your Director of Missions,  
Glenn

### ***WHATEVER IT TAKES*** ~ March 3-10, 2013

Week of Prayer for North American Missions - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

100% of your offering goes for missionary salaries and ministry supplies, which helps others hear the message of Christ and respond in faith to His gift of salvation.

Romans 13:8



Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isaiah 45:22					1 (un)Apologetics Conference Stephenville	2
3	4 OneCry Prayer	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Annie Armstrong</b>	SBTC Evangelism Conference, Irving					
10 Daylight Saving Time begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Dedication Brazos River Baptist - 2 pm	18	19	20	<b>21 Minuters' Lunch-Noon</b>	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter			That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death. Philippians 3:10			

### Brazos River Baptist Church Ministry Building Dedication

March 17th ~ 2:00 pm  
2203 Mitchell Bend Hwy.  
Granbury



### Pray for our Missionaries:

- Last Frontier Missionaries
- Barnwells - Vienna, Austria
- Brawleys (on Furlough) & Herreras - Mexico
- Chavez family - El Salvador
- Matt Noble - Alaska
- Singermans - West Africa

Come see what the Lord God is doing!  
Please pray for us and ask the Lord if you should be involved in educating and mentoring the families in the Brazos River Area.  
~ Challenging the Next Generation ~  
Several sister churches have helped make this project a reality. We praise God for them.

**OneCry Prayer for Revival**  
You are invited to join us in prayer for our community.  
The first Monday of every month:  
March 4th meeting at Generations Church ~10:00 am

### **CHURCHES NEEDING STAFF**

- Action Baptist: Pastor
- Allison Baptist: Bi-vocational Pastor
- Bear Creek: Pastor
- First Baptist Granbury: Pastor
- Gateway Community: Pastor
- Southside Baptist: Pastor

Pray for: President Obama, our National Leaders, along with our Military and their families

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Betty Baldwin - FBC Lipan
- 8th Shelley Miller - FBC Granbury
- 16th Darryl Chandler - Allison
- 26th Mark Forrest - Lakeside
- 27th Daniel Waid - Tolar



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 10th Scott & Debbie Gryder - Triple Cross
- 15th JJ & Terry Jennings - Happy Trails
- 29th Ray & Domonie Lane - Triple Cross

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR SISTER CHURCHES?

Because Cresson was not a part of Paluxy Association until recently, they were not listed in the chronological order by date of beginning. So with apologies to Pastor Quenton Wells and the folks at Cresson, we begin with them in this article.

**Cresson** was first started in 1896. However, there is a Bible in the building with “1898” inscribed in it. Another interesting fact is that they are located near the old Chisholm Trail, and there is a history of some feuds among the big ranchers in the area. They still have and use a bell tower. Originally it was known as Cresson Baptist Church, but in the 1970’s they changed to First Baptist Church of Cresson. For six or seven years under the leadership of Pastor Jimmy Wells, they were known as “Western Heritage Church.” They are now known as “The Church of the Red Door” and Pastor Quenton Wells is working to renew the work to reach the area. We also send congratulations to Quenton who was ordained Sunday, February 17!

**Southside Baptist Church in Granbury** began in the old Brushy school house located approximately five miles southwest of town on highway 51, in May, 1945. Rev. Yates led with organization with ten charter members. For a few months they met in a building known as the Round House which was near their present location. Rev. Yates led in the construction of their first building. Former pastor David Park and his wife left to become missionaries in the Philippines, and Dan South, who was leading the music, along with his wife, left to be missionaries in Chile. At this time, they have no pastor, but Dr. David Becker is preaching and helping them during the time of searching for a new pastor.

#### Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flow January 1 to January 31, 2013

	January	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 14,205.23	\$10,214.67	\$122,576.00
Other	27.63		
Total Receipts	<u>\$14,232.86</u>	<u>\$10,214.67</u>	<u>\$122,576.00</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$13,500.00
Support Ministries	96.32	1,333.33	16,000.00
Personnel	6,158.37	6,478.83	77,746.00
Office	575.15	1,277.50	15,330.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 7,954.84</u>	<u>\$ 10,214.67</u>	<u>\$122,576.00</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 6,278.02		
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities	<u>(545.21)</u>		
Change in Cash Balance	\$ 5,732.81		
Bank Balance--Beginning	81,799.64		
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$ 87,532.45</u>		
<b>Mission Support Fund:</b>			
Interest	\$ 0.82		
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>19,297.46</u>		
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$ 19,298.28</u>		



**Are You a Gifted Handy Man?**

Please consider volunteering your time at the Paluxy Baptist Association. From time to time there are small projects that we need help with.

**Do You Enjoy Office Work?**

We are looking for volunteers to help out, now and then, with copying and other tasks. Call our office for more information, 817-579-5111.

For He that is mighty has done to me great things; and holy is His name.  
Luke 1:49



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## Did You Know?

**Prayer Focus on Revival** - OneCry First Monday of the month, Generations Church  
March 4th at 10:00 am

**Association Bible Study** - "Lord, Change My Attitude", by James MacDonald.  
Beginning March 7th ~ Thursdays at FBC Granbury, 6:30pm  
Workbooks \$14.95 ~ Call Association Office for more information, 817-579-5111

### Prayer Tips from the National Day of Prayer Task Force

Romans 8:28 ~ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Reflection: No matter when, how, or where trouble arises, God is sufficiently wise and able to lay His hand upon it, working it into His plans and purposes.

We received a note of appreciation from Christian Women's Job Corps. Thank you for investing in the lives of women and making it possible for 13 women to receive training this session.



### "HELPING HANDS" Children's Ministry Day

February 16, 2013 was a day of celebration. The children of Paluxy Baptist Association had a party for underprivileged children. Southside Baptist Church hosted the party with a bounce house, slide, dart game, and beanbag toss. Lizzie, the clown was there making balloon animals for the children. The scriptures were read to the children. The 15 children who attended as guests received scripture bookmarks, candy, "Jesus" video, and a toy in addition to the refreshments that were served. We thank the children from the following churches who participated in this event: Fairview Baptist Church, El Buen Pastor Baptist Mission, Tolar Baptist Church, New Prospect Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Granbury, and Southside Baptist Church. Three of the guest children returned to church the next day with their mother. PRAISE THE LORD!!!

### Bible Reading Marathon April 26 through May 2, 2013



Please be in prayer for this annual event, when the community gathers to read the Bible out loud at the Square in Granbury. Nehemiah 8:5-6 "And Ezra opened the Book in the sight of all the people: (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: and Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground." More information will appear in our next "Beacon". If you are interested in helping, please call 817-579-5111.