

# THE BEACON

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## WHAT DOES MARCH HOLD FOR YOU?

As we move into March, there are several things that happen in this month. To begin the month Texans celebrate our Independence from Mexico in 1836. There are special events and activities on the square in Granbury. I have been asked to preach for a special worship service Sunday morning, March 1 on the square.

The 17<sup>th</sup> is called St. Patrick's Day, so being of Irish decent, I'd like to offer what is called an *Irish Blessing*:

*May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields and  
Until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

That last line is really a biblical truth—Jesus said in John 10:28-30 – *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one."* So based on His Word, we who belong to Him, are indeed held in the palm of God's hand—safe and secure for eternity!

March is also time for our first association-wide mission trip for 2015. A group will be going to Juarez, Mexico, the week of March 9-14 to do some construction work and share the gospel with students at their school. Please pray for this group and if interested in going, please contact our office as soon as possible. If you are interested in donating for the cost of materials for the various projects, we would be blessed to receive and use your gifts!

May the Lord bless you with the joy and freedom that only comes through Jesus Christ.

I'm so glad to be your DOM,  
Glenn

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## Who is Like unto the LORD Our God! ~ Psalm 113:2-6

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the LORD our God, Who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

## NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATION



We welcome the following new staff members to our Association and pray that they will be used in a mighty way to bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for them and their families—Colossians 1:9-11.

Preston Cave is the new Student Pastor at Lakeside Baptist. His wife is Sarah and they have two sons, Perry and Titus. Preston served for 12 years at Grandview, Texas as student minister.

David Humphrey is back in Granbury, serving as Worship Leader at the Church on Thistle Ridge. He and his wife, Nancy, are very well known in our area and much loved.

*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
For North American Missions  
Week of Prayer - March 1-8*



### SOUTH ASIA **NOW** CONFERENCE

April 26-28, 2015

Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX

Come and learn how you and your church can reach South Asians— whether it's in your neighborhood or throughout the world. Register at [SouthAsianPeoples.imb.org/Register](http://SouthAsianPeoples.imb.org/Register).

Guests Speakers: Nik Ripken, Danny Akin and Matt Papa

### **ONECRY—Call to Prayer**

OneCry is a movement of believers who are urgently crying out to God to revive the church and transform the culture. We believe that extraordinary things will happen as we turn from sin and seek God together! Grounded in three core actions:

- **TURN** - in humble repentance from every sin God reveals to us
- **PRAY** - with urgency for spiritual recovery and awakening
- **UNITE** - with other believers in spreading the hope of Christ-centered revival

“that they may all be one...so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.” John 17:21

Monthly Prayer - 1st Monday (If your church is interested in Hosting this event, please contact Nan.)

For more information contact Nan Graham:  
[ngraham30@gmail.com](mailto:ngraham30@gmail.com) or 817-964-0979

### **The Gathering Report**

Thank you for sharing this special day with us. The Lord really showed Himself strong on behalf of His people at this year's Gathering. Southside Baptist was a wonderful host church; their men served, so the women could attend. The weather was perfect, and we had a great attendance. Our speakers were well prepared and according to the evaluations you filled out, the Lord blessed your heart and encouraged you. Eighteen of our churches were represented and several ladies from other churches in our community attended. We were able to send \$560 to Bridges for Peace in Jerusalem — Praise the Lord!

Your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering (for Texas Ministries) helped fund this year's event.

### **We want to Share with You!**

Lakeside Baptist donated some beautiful mauve/rose colored cotton table clothes, with runners, to our Association. Please come by and see if they might enhance your ladies' event. There are eleven flower patterned table clothes with rose, green, blue, and gold runners. They are made for rectangular tables.

## March Calendar

- 2 OneCry Prayer Meeting, 10 am
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 9-14 PBA Mission Trip to Juarez
- 9-13 Spring Break
- 14 Esther's Spa Event, FBC Thorp Spring, 2-4pm
- 19 Ministers' Lunch at noon
- 20-21 Invisible War Conference, Cleburne Convention Center; see: [www.theinvisiblewar.org](http://www.theinvisiblewar.org) for details.
- 27-28 Pre-Teen Wave Event, FBC Granbury

### Up-coming Events

- April 9 Spring 50+ Senior Day at Latham Spring
- April 17-18 WMU of Texas Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, FBC Woodway. Conference - \$20
- April 17-18 FBC Thorp Spring - Garage Sale
- April 22-25 National Assn. of Southern Baptist Secretaries & Min. Assist. meeting in Branson, MO. Go to [NASBS.NET](http://NASBS.NET) for details.

### 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



† President Obama, our Nation & Israel  
**Revive Us, O Lord**



### Mission Trips

- Pray for the Volunteers and those who will hear the Gospel. March
- 7-13 Quito, Ecuador ~ Lakeside
  - May 15-23 Cuba ~ Lakeside
  - June 12-21 Malawi, Africa ~ Lakeside
  - June 13-19 Ft. Collins, CO ~ Lakeside
  - July 25-30 El Salvador ~ FBC Granbury



### Praise God for the Rain—Let's Pray for Revival!

The Lord wouldn't tell us to ask, if He wasn't interested in answering our prayers:

**Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened. Matt. 7:7-8**

**Revive Indiana quote: "Revival is when God in His mercy re-convinces us, that He is Who He says He is."**

### Revival Services—Acton Baptist—May 10-13 Evangelist Ronnie Hill



### BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Betty Baldwin - FBC Lipan
- 8th Shelley Miller - FBC Granbury
- 16th Darryl Chandler - Allison
- 17th Pat Bush - Bluff Dale
- 26th Mark Forrest - Lakeside
- 27th Daniel Waid - Tolar



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th Gary & Connie Leonard - Triple Cross
- 6th Scott & Melanie Athey - Bear Creek
- 10th Scott & Debbie Gryder - Triple Cross
- 12th Mel & Pamela McKinney - 1st Thorp Spg
- 15th JJ & Terry Jennings - Happy Trails
- 18th Mike & Heather Corb - FBC Granbury
- 29th Ray & Domanie Lane - Triple Cross
- 29th Jerry & Beverly Lindsey - 1st Thorp Spring



Pray for the CWJC . We thank the Lord for the dedicated and faithful staff and volunteers. Last year over 3,000 men and Women came to Christian Women's and Men's Job Corps to find a way out of their personal darkness. Pray that God will *Light the Way* for those seeking help.

praise be to our Faithful God!

### Churches Needing Staff

**Allison** - Bi-vocational Pastor     **Bluff Dale** - Part-time Music Director     **Brazos River** - Bi-vocational Pastor  
**Fairview** - Bi-vocational Pastor     **FBC Glen Rose** - Part-time Student Minister Intern  
**FBC Granbury** - Full-time Student Pastor (email: mcorb@fbcgranbury.org)     **FBC Lipan** - Pastor  
**FBC Thorp Spring** - Part-time Secretary (email: datchiso@yahoo.com)     **Rainbow** - Pastor  
**Waples** - Bi-vocational Pastor

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

|                               | January             | Annual Budget        |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>General Fund:</b>          |                     |                      |
| Receipts:                     |                     |                      |
| From Churches                 | \$ 13,062.25        | \$ 136,714.72        |
| Other                         | 129.29              |                      |
| Total Receipts                | <u>\$ 13,191.54</u> | <u>\$ 136,714.72</u> |
| Expenses:                     |                     |                      |
| Missions                      | \$ 1,350.00         | \$ 15,900.00         |
| Support Ministries            | 1,841.74            | 20,000.00            |
| Personnel                     | \$ 6,551.42         | 81,814.72            |
| Office                        | 559.34              | 19,000.00            |
| Total Expenses                | <u>\$ 10,302.50</u> | <u>\$ 136,714.72</u> |
| Receipts Over (Under) Expense | \$ 2,889.04         |                      |
| Bank Balance--Beginning       | <u>98,289.88</u>    |                      |
| Bank Balance--Ending          | <u>\$101,178.92</u> |                      |

**Note:**

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

**Restricted Accounts - - Balances:**

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Mission Site Fund        | \$ 13,023.73        |
| Juarez Mission           | 1,774.72            |
| Juarez - Sponsor A Child | 50.00               |
| WMU                      | <u>1,502.44</u>     |
|                          | <u>\$ 16,350.89</u> |



Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10