

# THE BEACON

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## HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE JESUS?

Recently I've been reading Just Give Me Jesus, by Anne Graham Lotz (Billy Graham's daughter). I had heard hear speak on the same topic years ago, and when I saw the book, I knew I had to read it! In the introduction of her book—first published in 2000—she made a statement that is worth noting: “In the last several years the market has been flooded with books about Jesus. His likeness has been on the cover of every major secular newsmagazine. He has been: romanticized, sentimentalized, fictionalized, criticized, idolized, modernized, popularized, trivialized, visualized, and scrutinized!” You may think of other words describing how people have treated Jesus!

Her book is based on the Gospel of John and what “*the disciple whom the Lord loved*” said about Jesus. She concludes the Introduction by asking: “How did John know that at the end of the twentieth century, at the beginning of a new millennium, our lives would be so busy, our schedules would be so crammed, our focus would be so divided, our bodies would be so tired, our minds would be so bombarded, our families would be so attacked, our relationships would be so strained, our churches would be so programmed, that we would be desperate for the simplicity and the purity, the freedom and the fulfillment, of ‘life in His name’?” Then she concludes: “I don’t think (John) did know. But God did. Which is why He *just gives us Jesus...*”

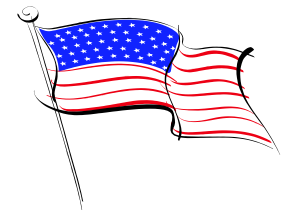
Do any of these descriptions Anne uses about life today fit your life? Can you identify and/or testify to the truth of what she writes? Things like “busy, crammed, divided, tired, bombarded, attacked, strained, programmed”! Would you agree that she is quite accurate even though she probably has never even had a conversation with any of us?

Her point is well-taken—the difference-maker for any and all of our lives is that we need Jesus. Period! According to the apostle Paul, when you have Jesus you have all you need! Maybe not all you want in a culture that insists that we must have all that people in a consumer-mentality seem to crave—but exactly what our Creator-God designed us to need for our greatest fulfillment! Anne Graham Lotz is correct when she says: *Just Give Me Jesus!*

Will that be your desire? May we all understand and long for Jesus more than anyone or anything!

I am glad to be your DOM,  
Glenn

64th Annual  
National Day of Prayer



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Join Acton Baptist for Revival Services - May 10-13 ~ Ronnie Hill, Evangelist  
Waples Baptist - May 15-17 ~ Mark Beigle, Evangelist

Psalms 85:6-7 Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?  
Show us Thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us Thy salvation.

### HELPFUL IDEA

You may—or may not—be familiar with the “4Xfour Challenge” for reaching folks for Christ. It is one of the simplest and yet productive methods for impacting your community for Christ.

There are four steps: *Identify, Intercede, Invest and Invite.*

*Identify*—you select four individuals that you are already concerned about, or maybe neighbors, friends, or family members who are not followers of Christ.

*Intercede*—you begin praying for them by name that God would begin convicting them of their need for Him.

*Invest*—you invest time and money in their lives so that they will develop their trust in you in order to make it easier for them to trust in God.

*Invite*—you invite them to special events at your church: Sunday School, worship, etc., and to put their faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

More details are available in our office or through BaptistWay Press.



## Congratulations 2015 Graduates Our Prayer For You:

May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you.

May the Lord lead you in plain paths.

May God’s Word be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path.

May the Lord give you wisdom and a good understanding, that you might delight in His testimonies.

May all your ways be prosperous - III John 2.

## Nation Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 7th Prayer Breakfast & OneCry Prayer

### Australia Calls World to Pray & Fast for 7 Days for USA April 30 - May 6, 2015

We in Australia believe it is our turn to bless the nation of America and pray for healing for the USA through prayer and fasting according to 2 Chronicles 7:14. We in Australia are grateful for the protection that America gave Australia and the nations of the free world during World War II.” - Alison Jessup

### Revival Begins with You & Me in Prayer!



You are invited to have a part in REVIVAL for Granbury during May. Please pray for God’s anointing on Evangelists Ronnie Hill (Acton Baptist) and Mark Beigle (Waples Baptist).

The LORD God always keeps His promises, and He promised in II Chronicles 7:14 that if His people will humbly pray and repent, He will heal our land! Do we realize how desperate our situation is? Same sex marriage approved by some states; abortion still acceptable. Just as the Bible predicted, we are living in a time when good is called evil and evil is called good. Bro. Mark Roath recently said in his sermon, “God is the only source of healing for our nation.” The Lord is more than willing to answer our prayers!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Acton	June 8-12	8:30 am to Noon	Journey Off the Map
Bluff Dale	June 15-18	9:00 am to Noon	Thailand
1st Glen Rose	July 13-17	6:00 to 8:00 pm	
1st Thorp Spring	June 24-26	6:00 to 8:30 pm	
Lakeside	July 6-10	9:00 am to Noon	Everest
Mambrino	June 15-19	9:00 am to Noon	Journey Off the Map
Paluxy	June 22-26	6:00 to 8:30 pm	Journey Off the Map
Southside	June 22-26	6:30 to 9 pm	Journey Off the Map
Tolar	July 13-17	6:30 to 9 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



## May Calendar

- 1-7 Bible Reading Marathon - Gazebo on Granbury Sq.
- 7 OneCry Prayer at noon - Gazebo
- 7 National Day of Prayer - Breakfast at Granbury Convention Center, 6 am. Program begins at 6:30.
- 10 Mother's Day
- 10-13 **Revival** - Acton Baptist - 7 to 8:30 pm
- 15-17 **Revival** - Waples Baptist - 7:30 pm  
Friday and Saturday, 10:45 am Sunday
- 21 Ministers' Lunch at Assn Office, Noon (Bring your lunch)
- 25 Memorial Day - PBA Office Closed



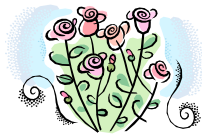
### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1st Olen Reynolds, Allison
- 2nd David Humphrey, Church at Thistle Ridge
- 2nd Jerry Hibbs, Southside
- 7th Gary Leonard, Triple Cross
- 18th Jan Harris, Triple Cross
- 18th Reagan Miller, FBC Granbury
- 19th Maura Landrum, FBC Granbury
- 23rd Roxie Turner, New Prospect



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 14th Kent & Gail Barnes, FBC Glen Rose
- 14th Zach & Tammy Crawford, Paluxy
- 21st Barry & Betty Baldwin, FBC Lipan



## **Pray for Mission Trips**

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

Please pray for the Volunteers and those who will hear the Gospel.

- April 4-14 Uganda ~ Tolar
- May 4-9 Juarez, Mexico ~ PBA
- May 15-23 Cuba ~ Lakeside
- May 26-June 1 Serbia ~ Lakeside
- June 12-21 Malawi, Africa ~ Lakeside
- June 13-19 Ft. Collins, CO ~ Lakeside
- June 17-July 5 Hungary ~ FBC Glen Rose
- June 27-July 4 Honduras (BMDMI) ~ FBC Glen Rose
- July 1-12 Hungary ~ Nueva Creacion
- July 2-July 13 Brazil ~ FBC Glen Rose
- July 25-30 El Salvador ~ FBC Granbury
- August 1-8 Juarez, Mexico ~ PBA

## *NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATION*



We are glad to welcome these new pastors to our Association:

**Fairview** - Danny Swyden from Huntsville. His wife is Barbara. Beginning the first Sunday in June.

**Rainbow** - Chance Perkins from Amarillo. His wife is Chrissy and their two children, Luke and Asher.

### **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



# Praise our LORD God for the Rain!

## Churches Needing Staff

Allison - Bi-vocational  
FBC Lipan - Pastor

FBC Granbury - Full-time Student Pastor (email: mcorb@fbcgranbury.org)  
Waples - Bi-vocational Pastor

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

	March	Year to Date	Annual Budget
<b>General Fund:</b>			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 11,969.26	\$ 33,596.37	\$ 136,714.72
Other	.88	130.97	
Total Receipts	\$ 11,970.14	\$ 33,727.34	\$ 136,714.72
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 15,900.00
Support Ministries	2,035.82	4,451.06	20,000.00
Personnel	6,407.79	19,406.32	81,814.72
Office	788.57	2,995.81	19,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 10,582.18	\$ 30,903.19	\$ 136,714.72
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ 1,387.96	\$ 2,824.15	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>99,726.07</u>	<u>98,289.88</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$101,114.03</u>	<u>\$ 101,114.03</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.

#### Mission Support Fund:

Mission Site Fund	\$ 12,624.23
Juarez Mission	4,524.72
Juarez - Sponsor a Child	1,388.00
WMU	<u>1,381.85</u>
	<u>\$ 19,918.80</u>

#### Bible Reading Marathon at the Gazebo in Granbury

There are still times available for you to read the Bible; May 1st-7th. Call Fred Orcutt at 817-771-6988 or sign up at [www.biblereadingmarathon-granbury.org](http://www.biblereadingmarathon-granbury.org). The LORD God is greatly honored when we read His Word over our community.