

THE BEACON

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“THE HARVEST IS PAST, THE SUMMER HAS ENDED, AND WE ARE NOT SAVED.”

These were words of Jeremiah the prophet in 8:20 as he mourned over the condition of God’s people. The verse came to mind as I was preparing to write this article—summer has ended, schools have begun and even in the midst of numerous activities and opportunities serving the Lord over the past three months, can we say that more people are part of the Kingdom of God as a result?

One of the exciting events for Paluxy Association is that we had our first association-wide mission trip. Members of three churches participated while funds, materials, equipment and other supplies were contributed by several other churches and individuals. Here is a brief overview of what was accomplished in Juarez, Mexico:

1. **VBS**—high attendance of 94; Family Night had the highest attendance of any VBS I’ve seen in this location, especially dads. We fed 200 hotdogs, over 150 cups of beans, 5 watermelons and over 5 gallons of punch.
2. **Construction**—five buildings were improved through such things as electrical wiring (replaced and/or repaired), painting, replaced broken door-knobs and dead-bolts, built and painted shelving, repaired roof vents and patched leaks, installed a new propane tank for the kitchen, repaired four toilets and three showers, and began preparations for the next trip and the projects needed.,
3. **Security Fence**—to provide safety and security to their property, a new fence has been installed that will make it much better to keep their facilities secure. Vandals and thieves had made this necessary, even with a night-watchman. To you who contributed to the cost of this fence, thank you!

If you would be interested in joining us on a future trip, the next date will be October 30-November 5. We will be doing some more electrical work and other repairs and maintenance to make their facilities more useable. Please let me know if you are interested.



I’m so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn

LOVESTRONG

2014 Mary Hill Davis Offering

Week of Prayer for Texas Missions—Sept.14-21

I Corinthians 3:9 “We are laborers together with God...”

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Prayer Walking for Schools

“Thank you” to all who participated - whether on the property or at home; the Lord heard your prayers.



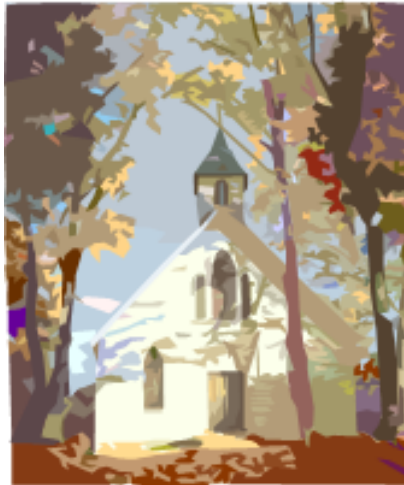
Please continue to pray weekly for the Students, Teachers, Staff & area Superintendents:
Cindy Edwards, James Largent, Wayne Rotan, & Travis Stilwell

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John 10:14-16

I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knows Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd.



PBA 2015 “THE GATHERING”

Our Planning Team met on August 28 and began praying for God’s direction and help. We will meet again at the Association office, on Thursday, Sept. 25th at 6:30 pm to continue praying and seeking the Lord. Your opinions are important and your talents are needed. Please consider joining us; there is joy in serving the Lord! If you have any questions, please call the Association office, 817-579-5111.

**Paluxy Baptist Association Annual Meeting
Oct. 27, 2014 - Acton Baptist Church**

*** Session 1 - 5:00 PM * Dinner 6:00 PM * Session 2 - 7:00 PM**

Remember to select your messengers for the meeting; each church may send four, plus one for every 25 above 50; total allowed is 12.

Matthew 18:20 ~ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Converge

SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2014

September 24th

Sunday, September 21—Pre-Rally—Acton Baptist Church—6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 24—Converge Community Celebration—Decker Field 6:30-8:30 PM (gates open at 6 PM), Guest speaker: Shawn Minix, founder of Watershed Ministries. Worship: Andrew Heath Band, based in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area they seek to encourage and grow students and adults through their worship songs.

Men’s 47th Annual Fish Fry - October 7th

Riverbend Retreat Center - Begins at 6:00 pm - Tickets \$8 if purchased by Sept. 20; \$9 at the Door

Our Association has been invited to participate with Tarrant Baptist Association in their Annual Fish Fry on Tuesday, October 7 beginning at 6 PM. For more information call 888-269-2363 or visit www.riverbendretreat.org on the web. This year’s guest speaker is David Nasser, born in Iran and escaped with his family at the age of nine to find a new life of freedom in the United States. He found true life in Christ at the age of eighteen. He is a speaker and author .

September Calendar

- Labor Day Weekend- Granbury Biker Bash
1st LABOR DAY - PBA Office closed
2nd Grief Share and DivorceCare
Tuesdays at Lakeside Ministry Bldg
8th OneCry Prayer for Revival, 10am
Good Shepherd Anglican Church
13-14 Glen Rose Gospel Grass at Oak
Dale Park; free admission to the
Festival - Sat. 10 am-8pm;
Sun. 10am-2p
14-21 Week of Prayer for Texas Missions
18th Ministers' Lunch & Prayer - Noon
21st SYATP Pre-Rally - Acton Baptist
Church 6:30-8:30pm
24th See You at the Pole - Converge
(Details on page 2)
27th Craft Faire & Bake Sale at FBC
Thorp Spring, call 817-573-3339

October Calendar

- 7th Annual Church Profile due at
Association Office
7th Men's Fish Fry at Riverbend
Retreat, (details on page 2)
11th FBC Thorp Spring, Chili Cook-Off
16th Ministers' Lunch & Payer - Noon

November Calendar

- 3rd Bapt Women's World Day of Prayer
9-11 SBTC Annual Mtg. in Ft. Worth
16-18 BGCT Annual Mtg. in Waco

PRAY FOR OUR PASTORLESS CHURCHES:

Allison	Brazos River	Fairview
First Baptist	Thorp Spring	Rainbow
Southside	Tolar	

I Thessalonians 2:11-12

As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children, that you would walk worthy of God, Who has called you unto His kingdom and glory.

Mission Trips

October 23-29 - Acton Baptist to Van Couver, Canada
March 7-13, 2015 - Lakeside Baptist
Ecuador Compassion International

Praises & Prayer Requests:



- * Rain
- * Christian Women's Job Corps participants
- * KidZone Project in Brazos River area will be getting under way September 8th. Please pray for the volunteers and children who will be participating.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8th T.J. Joyner ~ 1st Glen Rose
10th Josiah Thompson ~ Glen Rose Baptist
19th Connie Leonard ~ Triple Cross

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th Derek & Shelley Debusk ~ Lakeside
18th Charlie & Kimberlie McGarvey ~ Waples
26th Raul & Blanca Sandoval ~ Vino Nuevo

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6th Dwayne Harris ~ Triple Cross
6th Corkey Matthews ~ Cottonwood
6th Jim McNew ~ Brazos River
10th Laura Thompson ~ Glen Rose Baptist
14th Tammy Aten ~ Acton
16th Ernesto Jimenez ~ El Buen Pastor
22nd Derek Debusk ~ Lakeside



Pray One For Another

Last Frontier Missionaries
Jerry & Tina Barnwell - England
Jonnie & Juanita Brawley - Mexico
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

Revival for God's people

President Obama & Leaders
Servicemen and women
Disaster Victims

Isaiah 49:13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD has comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted.

Church Clerk/Ministry Assistant/Treasurer,

If you did not receive your Annual Church Profile in the mail, please call the Association office at 817-579-5111 or email: office@paluxybaptist.org. Profiles are due back to the Association office by Tuesday, October 7th. If you have any questions, please call. Thank you for your help.

**Paluxy Baptist Association
Statement of Cash Flows
January 1 to July 31, 2014**

	July	Year to Date	Annual Budget
General Fund:			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 14,628.95	\$ 79,079.75	\$ 130,763.00
Other	0.81	68.05	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 14,629.76</u>	<u>\$ 79,147.80</u>	<u>\$ 130,763.00</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 850.00	\$ 8,950.00	\$ 16,200.00
Support Ministries	832.19	8,130.78	17,000.00
Personnel	6,024.87	45,366.66	79,336.00
Office	4,161.02	10,736.07	18,200.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 11,686.08</u>	<u>\$ 73,183.51</u>	<u>\$ 130,736.00</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ 2,761.68	\$ 5,964.29	
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities		0.00	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>93,442.30</u>	<u>90,239.69</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$ 96,203.98</u>	<u>\$ 96,203.98</u>	
Mission Support Fund:			
Brazos River Baptist Project	-	-	
Interest	\$ 0.41	\$ 4.75	
Disaster Relief	-	-	
Juarez Mission - receipts	360.00	9,245.00	
Juarez Mission - expenditures	(2,500.00)	(5,385.00)	
Mobile Kitchen Project returned funds	(5,647.00)	(5,647.00)	
Iglesia Cristiana Vino Nuevo	-	(600.00)	
Change in Cash Balance	\$ (7,786.59)	\$ (2,382.25)	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>25,868.77</u>	<u>20,464.43</u>	
Bank Balanced--Ending	<u>\$ 18,082.18</u>	<u>\$ 18,082.18</u>	
Mission Support Funds:			
Support Fund	\$ 18,082.18	\$ 18,082.18	
Mobile Kitchen Fund	0.00	0.00	
	<u>\$ 18,082.18</u>	<u>\$ 18,082.18</u>	

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August 26, 2014

Dear Partners of Paluxy Baptist Association:

Your participation and cooperation as we partner together as Paluxy Baptist Association is a great testimony of what the Lord can do when His people unite around His purpose of reaching our world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Truly He has done some wonderful things through these efforts to share His love and grace—thank you for being part of it with your financial gifts, your prayers, and your involvement in various ways.

The Associational Council has met and determined the budget for 2015. Of course it will be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 27, at Acton Baptist Church, for adoption by the messengers who attend. However, I wanted to make you aware of some things related to the budget that may help your church's budget planning for 2015 as well.

It is exciting that the budgeting process includes some funds for helping start new missions in the coming year—one of which is already in the works—Lipan Cowboy Church, which will actually begin services on September 14. Other possibilities are being discussed as well—therefore, we are budgeting with that in mind.

In 2012 our annual receipts were \$ 113,759. The 2013 receipts were \$ 126,500.52. Using the receipts for January through July, plus the amount received for August through December last year, our receipts will be about \$133,670. The proposed budget for 2015 is \$ 136,714.72. I am asking that you and your budget committee consider increasing your financial support from your church's upcoming budget through your local Association. Let's pray that the Lord will put it on the hearts of His people to give generously for His glory!

May the Lord bless you as we join together to further His Kingdom through Paluxy Baptist Association in the days ahead!

I am so glad to be your Director of Missions,

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