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WHERE IS OUR CULTURE GOING?

In light of several cultural shifts, both locally and in our nation, many people are wondering—if not asking out loud—where is our culture going? Having had the opportunity to participate in a couple of meetings that addressed that subject, I also was doing some study in the Gospel of Mark. Mark does not offer explanations or try to prove the fact—he just states in the very first verse: *“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”* That was—and is—quite a bold statement! And yet, Mark moves quickly from events, to teaching, to miracles, etc., that show exactly why he believed that Jesus Christ is God’s Son.

There are encounters between Jesus and the people of His day that caused Mark to assert that there was no lack of opinion toward Jesus of Nazareth. The people either loved and praised Him for coming their way, or they hated Him and wanted Him destroyed and removed from the culture. When you stop and think about it, that is still true to this very day!

So what does this have to do with the title question? Either Jesus Christ is God’s absolute authority or He is not! Back in 1 Samuel 8, we find the aging Samuel nearing the end of his ministry of leading the nation of Israel as God’s representative. The people became dissatisfied and told Samuel, *“appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have”* (v. 5). Samuel went before the Lord in prayer and heard Him say this: *“It is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected Me as their king”* (v. 7).

The cultural shifts in our nation are the direct result of the people rejecting the absolute authority of the Lord Jesus Christ! They have decided that they know more about what is best rather than the Creator God who made them and established His laws and commandments. There would be no questions asked about right and wrong if people lived under the lordship of Christ; but then, just as those who wanted Jesus dead in the first century, there are still those who want Him dead in the 21st century! Either Jesus is Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all, and our cultural shifts reveal how those in power have chosen to go!

May God’s people return to Him as needed in order to follow Him as our absolute authority!

I’m so glad to be your DOM,

Glenn

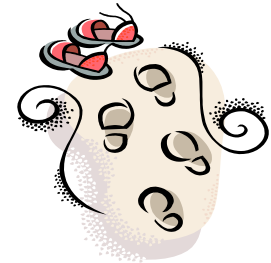
2015 Mary Hill Davis Offering

Week of Prayer for Texas Missions—Sept. 13-20

John 4:13-14.....**But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.....**

Prayer Walking for Schools

It was a blessing to prayer-walk our schools this year.



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

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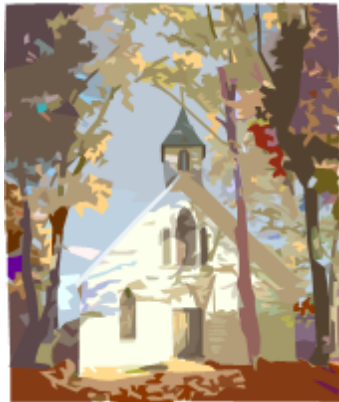
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Paluxy Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Oct. 26, 2015— First Baptist Granbury

* Session 1 - 5 PM * Dinner 6 PM * Session 2 - 7 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.



GriefShare - Acton Baptist Church

Our next GriefShare support group begins Thursday, September 10th from 6-8 pm in the 1894 building and continues for 13 weeks. We hope you will consider joining us again for the group or give a brochure to someone who might benefit by coming. Brochures and more information available by contacting the Acton Baptist Church office at [817-326-4693](tel:817-326-4693) or web-site at www.actonbaptist.com.

GriefShare is a weekly video seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow group participants to talk about the content of the seminar and about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one.

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.

Converge

SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2015

September 23rd ~ 8 am School Campuses

Sunday, September 20 - Planning - First Baptist Granbury — 1:00 PM (Lunch Provided)

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - Converge Community Celebration - Decker Field 6:00-8:00 PM

Men's 47th Annual Fish Fry - October 6th

Riverbend Retreat Center - Begins at 6:00 pm - Tickets \$8 if purchased by Sept. 19; \$10 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 Dr. Al Meredith

Equipped women's conference 2015 ~ Lakeside Baptist Church

Featured Special Guest: **Jennifer Kennedy Dean**

"He Restores My Soul"

Jennifer is a nationally renowned author and speaker; you may read more about her at www.prayinglife.org

Friday, Oct. 16 - 6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 17 - 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Cost \$40

(includes a box lunch on Saturday)

Register online www.lakesidebc.org/events

September Calendar

- 7th LABOR DAY - PBA Office closed
13-20 Week of Prayer for Texas Missions
14th OneCry Prayer for Revival, 10am
Brazos Covenant Ministries
14th Community Prayer @ Lakeside - 7 pm
17th Ministers' Lunch & Prayer - Noon
20th SYATP Pre-Rally Planning -
First Baptist Granbury - 1:00 pm
23rd See You at the Pole - Converge
(details on page 2)

October Calendar

- 5th OneCry Prayer for Revival 10am TBA
6th Annual Church Profile due at
Association Office
6th Men's Fish Fry at Riverbend
Retreat, (details on page 2)
12th Blessed Baby Diaper Ministry
12-14 Conclave for Adults who work with
youth - Arlington Convention Center
15th Ministers' Lunch & Payer - Noon
16-17th Equipped Women's Conference,
Lakeside Baptist (details on page 2)
31st Walk of Wonders & Fall Festival @
Southside, 6-8 pm. Call 817-573-1462

November Calendar

- 3rd Bapt Women's World Day of Prayer
8-10 BGCT Annual Mtg. in Frisco
8-11 SBTC Annual Mtg. in Houston

PRAY FOR OUR PASTORLESS CHURCHES:

Brazos River Baptist Church - Bi-vocational Pastor

Christian Women's Job Corp
Free Educational Programs for men & women

Computer classes: Sept. 8-Oct. 8, Tues & Thurs

GED Session: Sept. 9, Mon & Wed, 6-8:30 pm

Jobs for Life: Sept. 15— Nov 5, 2015 Tues &
Thurs, 10 am-1 pm and 6-8:30 pm (817-573-6677)

Blessed Baby Diaper Ministry
Saturday, October 12 ~ 9 am-Noon

HEB Parking Lot
Help Southside Baptist collect a Dump Truck
full of diapers & wipes!

Praises & Prayer Requests:



- * Rain
- * Christian Women's Job Corps & Jobs for Life participants
- * Revival in the Church

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10th Josiah Thompson ~ Glen Rose Baptist
19th Connie Leonard ~ Triple Cross
20th Brent Montgomery ~ 1st Granbury
26th Tina Samples ~ Tolar
27th Kristin Coleman ~ Bluff Dale
29th Chance Perkins ~ Rainbow

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th Dave & Tina Samples ~ Tolar
26th Raul & Blanca Sandoval ~ Vino Nuevo

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Cindi Pace ~ Bluff Dale
5th Tan Flippin ~ Lakeside
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
24th Pam Eudaley ~ Acton



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 - Congo Basin, Central Africa

Revival for God's people

President Obama & Leaders
Servicemen and women
Israel & Leadership





Community Prayer Meeting ~ Sept. 14th @ Lakeside Baptist - 7 pm

Monthly Community Prayer Meetings are being held for the purpose of earnestly praying for revival in the church, spiritual awakening in Hood County and the health of our community and nation.

Colossians 4:12Always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

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

	July	Year to Date	Annual Budget
General Fund:			
Receipts:			
From Churches	\$ 8,387.91	\$ 75,364.79	\$ 136,714.72
Other	0.88	680.18	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 8,388.79</u>	<u>\$ 76,044.97</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Expenses:			
Missions	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 15,900.00
Support Ministries	1,091.14	9,289.52	20,000.00
Personnel	6,222.17	44,782.89	81,814.72
Office	4,123.16	11,823.69	19,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 12,686.47</u>	<u>\$ 74,746.10</u>	<u>\$ 136,714.72</u>
Receipts Over (Under) Expense	\$ (4,297.68)	\$ 1,298.87	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>103,886.43</u>	<u>98,289.88</u>	
Bank Balance--Ending	<u>\$ 99,588.75</u>	<u>\$ 99,588.75</u>	
Restricted Accounts:			
Receipts	\$ 1,605.00	\$ 14,029.90	
Expenditures	<u>1,430.00</u>	<u>(12,819.51)</u>	
	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,210.39	
Bank Balance--Beginning	<u>17,086.00</u>	<u>16,050.61</u>	
Bank Balanced--Ending	<u>\$ 17,261.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,261.00</u>	

Church Clerk/Ministry Assistant/Treasurer,

If you did not receive your Annual Church Profile in the mail, please call the PBA office at 817-579-5111 or email: office@paluxybaptist.org. Profiles are due back to the Association office by Tuesday, October 6th. If you have any questions, please call. Thank you for your faithfulness.

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.