



AUGUST 2025

"May I sanctify Christ as Lord in my heart, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks me a reason for the hope that is in me, with meekness and fear."

1 Pet. 3:15

What would happen if we fulfilled two mandates from Jesus?

Should we be only concerned about fulfilling the Great Commission? As you already know, the Great Commission Bible passage is Matthew 28:16-20 which says: ***"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."***

Or is it possible to combine the Great Commission with the Great Commandment? As you know that passage is found in Matthew 22:36-40 which says: ***"Master, which is the great command in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commands hang all the law and the prophets."***

In today's world, a combination approach to ministry through our church organizations may be the answer. Often, when a church eliminates one of these two directives not only does the church itself suffer, but so does the community where the church has been commanded to serve. From my limited ministry experience, I am convinced that we need to live and implement these two great mandates as well as conduct the ministries that we have been entrusted to serve with: obedience, (John 1:6), integrity, (I Peter 2:12), and service, (Matthew 25:35-40).

When we engage in fulfilling both commandments along with the mandates for being the church then we can experience dramatic results as recorded in Acts 2:41-47.

CELEBRATION -- Please join me in praying for the members of Cottonwood Baptist Church. They will be celebrating their 150-year anniversary on Sunday, August 17th. Their pastor is Rev. Peter Wolf, who assumed the role of pastor last year. This fellowship met for several years in the home of Elder Daniel Shipman, who along with eight members served as the founding members of Cottonwood Baptist Church. GOD bless Cottonwood as they continue the work that God has challenged them to fulfill.

GOD bless you, and please continue to pray for the Paluxy Baptist Association which is made up of thirty participating churches; of which Cottonwood is a member.

Boots Hubbard
Director of Mission
Paluxy Baptist Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 1 PBA COUNCIL Meeting, 10:00 AM
- Aug. 1&2 FIRST BAPTIST GRANBURY GARAGE SALE (Info below)
- Aug. 9 GRIEFSHARE "Loss of a Spouse" at Bluff Dale Baptist Church, 10:00-Noon (additional info below)
- Sept 14-21 WEEK OF PRAYER for Texas Missions, Mary Hill Davis Offering goal \$3.5 million. You can order materials at iamtexasmissions.org/order.
- Oct. 6-7 CONCLAVE NEXTGEN, Arlington, TX. conclavenextgen.org
- Oct. 27 PBA ANNUAL MEETING at Happy Trails Cowboy Church
- Nov 16-18 TEXAS BAPTISTS Annual Meeting in Abilene. Pre-registration opens Aug. 1st. Check online at <https://www.texasbaptists.org/events/annual-meeting>

CHURCH WIDE GARAGE SALE

FRI & SAT 8/1 & 8/2

8am to Noon
Fri, Aug 1st
AND
Sat, Aug 2nd
In the Bus Barn

8AM TO NOON

ADDRESS:
1851 WEATHERFORD HWY
GRANBURY, TX 76048

FIRST BAPTIST
GRANBURY

QUESTIONS:
CALL FBCG OFFICE:
817-573-7137
TEXT: 682-217-3832

GRIEFSHARE

BLUFF DALE BAPTIST CHURCH will host GriefShare "Loss of a Spouse" Saturday, August 9th from 10:00-Noon. If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of their spouse, we invite you to join us for this free seminar. For more information call Beverly Ward at 817-219-0336 or register online at www.griefshare.org.

Our next series of GriefShare will begin Sundays, August 24-November 16 from 2:30-4:30. Each session is a stand-alone so you may join anytime. Registration is \$20 which is the cost of the book. Child care is available upon request. You may register online or at the seminar. If you have lost someone you love, we encourage you to attend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

EVERYONE
INVITED

October 27, 2025 PBA Annual Meeting

Hosted by Happy Trails Cowboy Church

1017 CR 1024, Glen Rose

PRAYER REQUESTS -

Leaders & Youth attending VBS, Camps and Mission Trips
Peace in all nations
Flood victims and families
New Church starts
Schools starting again soon

PRAISES -

Our Freedom to Worship and Read His Word
Salvations through summer church activities
God's blessings of growth in our PBA churches

JOB OPENINGS

Brazos River Baptist

Bi-Vocational Pastor
Mail resume to PO Box 1726, Granbury
TX 76048

F.B.C. Thorp Spring

Ministry Assistant, part-time.
Ph. 817-573-3339 or email
fbchurch@thorpspring.com

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Blanca Sandoval (Raul) - Vino Nuevo
- 6 Jeff Bise - Paluxy Baptist Church
- 17 Christine Roath (Mark) - Acton
- 23 Rick Lineberger - FBC Glen Rose
- 30 Daniel Fodoreanu - Lighthouse of Tin Top

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Roxie Turner - New Prospect
- 28 Dewayne & Jan Harris - Triple Cross

"Teach me, LORD,
 the meaning of Your statutes,
 and I will always keep them.
 Help me understand
 Your instruction, and I will obey it
 and follow it with all my heart.
 Help me stay on the path
 of Your commands,
 for I take pleasure in it.
 Turn my heart to Your decrees
 and not to material gain.
 Turn my eyes from looking at
 what is worthless;
 give me life in Your ways.
 Confirm what You said
 to Your servant,
 for it produces reverence for you.
 Turn away the disgrace I dread;
 Indeed, Your judgments are good.
 How I long for Your precepts!
 Give me life through
 Your righteousness."
 Psalm 119:33-40

"SCRIPTURE SHARE" FOR THE MONTH
 MATTHEW chapters 1 - 28

F
 I
 N
 A
 N
 C
 I
 A
 L
 S

| | 6/30/2025 | Year to Date | Monthly Budget | Annual Budget |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Receipts: | | | | |
| From Churches | \$11,524.57 | \$67,052.54 | \$12,286.33 | \$147,436.00 |
| Missions | \$808.62 | \$9,225.48 | - | - |
| Other * | \$4,876.10 | \$12,792.22 | | - |
| Total Receipts | \$17,209.29 | \$89,070.24 | \$12,286.33 | \$147,436.00 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Partnership Ministries | \$400.00 | \$2,400.00 | \$400.00 | \$4,800.00 |
| Support Ministries | \$226.50 | \$1,946.14 | \$2,125.00 | \$25,500.00 |
| Personnel | \$7,033.16 | \$42,491.22 | \$7,628.30 | \$91,536.00 |
| Office ** | \$16,204.96 | \$25,783.20 | \$2,133.33 | \$25,600.00 |
| Missions | \$1,669.97 | \$15,268.78 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$25,534.59 | \$87,889.34 | \$12,286.63 | \$147,436.00 |
| Receipts Over (Under) Expenses | (\$8,325.30) | | | |
| Bank Balance -- Beginning | \$195,770.81 | | | |
| Bank Balance -- Ending | \$187,445.51 | | | |
| | | | | |
| * Donation for Roof \$4860.00 | | | | |
| ** Balance due on Roof \$13,895.92 | | | | |