

Annual Meeting Report

The 144th Annual Meeting of the Paluxy Baptist Association is now in the history books. My hat is off to everybody who had a hand in both the planning and execution of the meeting. Beyond doubt, the Members of Southside Baptist Church did an outstanding job of hosting this year's event.

Over the years there has been a growing doubt from some circles expressed about the importance that we place on the annual meetings. Allow me a minute of your time to explain a few of the reasons why we need to continue to meet together on an annual basis.

Number one reason is: "We are stronger together, than we are separately".

One of the purposes of the annual meeting is to meet the requirement of the Internal Revenue Service that each not for profit entity to conduct an annual meeting. That is why we publicize the meeting for a year in advance. We also elect Messengers from our member Churches, and conduct the business portion of the annual meeting according to parliamentary procedure. We use the Holy Word of GOD, the PBA Constitution and Bylaws, as well as Robert's Rules of Order as our guideposts for this meeting.

Another purpose of having an annual meeting is simply to provide the opportunity for all of our churches to get together for Christian fellowship and to prayer for the different ministries of our Association, as well as hear reports of what God has been doing in our midst. This year reports were given from the Juarez Mission Trip, the Food Ministries of three of our churches, our Latham Springs Camp, and the forthcoming Ladies Gathering to be held this year at First Baptist of Granbury, on February 24, 2024.

Music at the annual meeting was lead by Jerry Lindsay, Minister of Music at F.B.C. Thorp Spring, and our annual message was preached by Pastor Don Smarto of Southside Baptist Church, Granbury. Those in attendance enjoyed a catered meal from Brock's, and home made desserts from the wonderful Ladies of Southside Baptist.

By all reports that I have heard the meeting was a blessing for all who attended.

Next year our PBA Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st beginning at 5:00 PM at Waples Baptist Church, 1200 Temple Hall Highway, Granbury. Pastor Lindsey Luedeker will deliver the annual message to all who attend.

God bless You and Your Ministry.

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