



DECEMBER 2024

“...He was named Jesus - the name given by the angel before He was conceived...They brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (just as it is written in the law of the Lord: **Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord**) and to offer a sacrifice (according to what is stated in the law of the Lord: **a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons**).

Luke 21b, 22b-24

November: Was a great month for ministry

In this edition of the Beacon we are focused on the multiple ministries in which several of our P.B.A. churches, groups, and pastors have been engaged. You will find that Bluffdale Baptist Church, which recently celebrated their 150 year anniversary really came through to provide children with the blessings of receiving a shoe box filled with goodies. They far exceeded their goal of filling 300 shoe boxes. Looks like the entire church was blessed. Pastor's Wife Cindy Pace headed up the campaign.

You will find pictures from our P.B.A. Chainsaw Team which is headed by Greg Rose. In this, their second deployment of the year, the Team working with Texans on Missions has been providing much needed tree removal in the area of Oklahoma hard hit by recent tornadoes. Please pray for this team of volunteers who will deploy in December back to North Carolina.

Also, included in this edition of the Beacon are pictures submitted by Noemi Fodoreanu, worship leader at the Lighthouse of Tin Top. These pictures tell the story of a church reaching out to the local community to provide “full course provisions” for a family meal at Thanksgiving. According to Noemi over ninety families received the generosity of God's people.

The final story is of Pastor Don Smarto of Southside Baptist Church. Pastor Don was recently elected president of the Lake Granbury Ministerial Alliance. We are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for this fellowship of men and women who have been called to serve our local churches. Pastor Don has made it his mandate to see that the group returns to their original charter as written by Rev. Glenn Ward, when he founded the group many years ago.

In the midst of all of this activity, let me not fail to wish you and your family, along with your church family a great and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am thankful for you and pray for you often.

Boots Hubbard
Director of Missions-Paluxy Baptist Association

Equipment of Texans on Mission Chainsaw Crews





Lighthouse of
Tin Top
FOOD PANTRY
5th Annual
Thanksgiving Box
Giveaway



Since planting the first church, our second outreach was to give out Thanksgiving dinners to as many as possible. This year we gave out 60!!! We love God and His people and the main way we show love is through our food ministry. We always ask 2 questions: "How many are in your family?" and "How can we pray for you?" For many, this is church every Tuesday night at 5 PM. They line up now mainly to receive prayer, the food and children's essentials are an added bonus.

Thanksgiving Box giveaway day is our favorite and this year was no different. EXCEPT it was so different. We had cars lined up at 3:15 PM. Along with the Thanksgiving dinners, we give regular food along with diapers, wipes and formula. 60 Families received boxes and over 90 families received the regular week's food. At times, the freezers would look empty, but we would find another pkg of meat on the freezer door or in the corner. Many times we witnessed the Lord multiply food right in front of our eyes!

Last week one of our recipients received a pork shoulder and knowing this week would be a busy one, instead of coming to get food, she brought us dinner, tamales, and wanted every volunteer to get to eat. Look at God! Then as Daniel and I got home about 9PM, another recipient came by just to say "Thank You." With tears in her eyes, she expressed how grateful her family was for Lighthouse and what we do for the community. This year was especially hard financially for their large family (7 siblings, their mother, and all of their children), so they had decided to pool their money and buy a turkey and fix what they had in the pantry. After waiting in the long line, they received 2 turkeys, a ham, and all the fixings. We hugged and prayed and reminded her that God knows our every need and wants to provide. Y'ALL WE GET TO DO THIS!!

One of our volunteers testified that though the lines were long, God provided food for EVERY FAMILY. When the last two cars came, there was no more meat, but the meat we had been waiting for since 4 PM arrived at that very moment. God multiplied the meat again and again! We may never know the impact this lil ministry has made this side of Heaven, but we know our efforts are not in vain. To God be the Glory!

Pastor Daniel and wife, Noemi Fodoreanu

DON SMARTO - NEW PRESIDENT OF LAKE GRANBURY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE



Don Smarto, in his fourth year as the Pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Granbury, has shown a dedication to seeking input from other pastors and the value of networking. On November 19th the Lake Granbury Ministerial Association elected him as their President. Pastor Don said, "I strongly believe that pastors need to be a support to each other. There are unique issues and at times stress that only another seasoned pastor would understand." The new President believes the association should actively invite pastors and youth pastors to attend the monthly meetings and strengthen the spiritual roots of the organization. Each month, the association has a guest speaker who outlines their work for the Kingdom. As Pastor Don said, "Bringing together leaders from many denominations and ministries to pray and support each other is very important. There are many civic organizations that do good work but LGMA is not a social club, although there is fellowship, but a church and ministry minded association with biblical goals." (See granburyministries.org for more info)

PBA RESOURCES -

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? We, here at the PBA, are here to serve together with you for our Lord and Savior. As we enter the holiday season, did you know that a "Christmas Eve service is one of the largest attended services of the year for **UNCHURCHED** people?" Let's all listen to others, pray with them, and invite them to church during this holiday season. (Quote from Lifeway research)

PBA is continuing to take donations for the hurricane victims in North Carolina. Thank you to all who have brought items, as well as financial donations. They are still requesting 0 degree Sleeping Bags, Household and Building supplies. Most distribution hubs are no longer taking clothing because of the enormous job of sorting and receiving unfit garments, so PBA will not be taking any more clothing. Please be in prayer for the families who still have family members missing. How can you help? Pray continually and give as you can. If each family gives a little, we together can give a lot! You can give financial donations through PBA, please mark on the check memo line "Hurricane Relief." Thank you!

NOTE: The PBA Office will be closed Nov. 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving and Dec. 23rd through Jan. 1st for Christmas/New Year's. May God bless you during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

JOB OPENINGS -

Brazos River Baptist - 817-776-4770

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

First Baptist Church Thorp Spring - 817-573-3339, fbchurch@thorpspring.com

Bi-Vocational Pastor

Music Minister, part-time

Ministry Assistant, part-time

Southside Baptist Church - 827-674-2563, admin@southsidegranbury.com

Music Director, part-time

IT/Media Director - part-time

For more info, paluxybaptist.org/resources/church-openings

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 1-8 - LOTTIE MOON Christmas Offering Week of Prayer

Dec. 6-15 - AWAY IN A MANGER display of 1,300 Nativity scenes

at Langdon Center's Concert Hall, corner of E. Bridge & Brazos Streets, Granbury

Dec. 8 - HOLIDAY DINNER, Cottonwood Baptist Church, following morning worship

Dec. 14-ACTON BC CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK, Living Nativity Scene at Acton Place Park, 3PM

Dec. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, Acton Baptist Church at 5:00 PM

Dec. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, Cottonwood Baptist Church at 6:00 PM

Dec. 24 - FAMILY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE, First Baptist Granbury at 6:00 PM

Dec. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE & LORD'S SUPPER, Southside Baptist Church at 5:30PM

Jan. 16 - LATHAM SPRINGS 50+ SENIOR DAY

Jan. 17 - PBA Council Meeting, PBA Conference Room

Jan. 18 - MEN'S RALLY/Pastors' Round Table, Granbury Baptist, Register online at paluxybaptist.org/events

Jan. 23 - New GRIEF SHARE CLASS begins at Lakeside Baptist, 6:00 PM, register early.

Feb. 22 - WOMEN'S "GATHERING" at Tolar Baptist Church, register and pay online at paluxybaptist.org/events



2025 PBA Men's Rally

REGISTER ONLINE

at

paluxybaptist.org/events

STANDING IN THE GAP

**Saturday, January 18th
8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**at Granbury Baptist Church
1200 Weatherford Hwy. Granbury, TX 76048**

**"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap
before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."
Ezekiel 22:30**

The Paluxy Baptist Association presents
the 2025 Women's Gathering...

Talitha Koum...ARISE!

**Saturday, February 22nd
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

Guest Speaker
Breakout Sessions
Vendors
Door Prizes
Lunch
\$10 Per Person
Lunch & childcare
provided!

**Located at
Tolar Baptist Church
400 Tolar Highway**

Register now at paluxybaptist.org/events



**"For a child will be born for us, a son will be
given to us, and the government will be on
His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father,
Prince of Peace."**

Isaiah 9:6



November 2024 Bi-Vocational Pastors & Wives Retreat



Bluff Dale Baptist surpassed goal of collecting Christmas Shoeboxes



Local Chainsaw Crew working in Oklahoma after tornadoes

A message received this week regarding the Chainsaw Crews: Thank you for being willing to help our neighbors to the north. I'm sure they will return the favor, and we will be going back to help them. After talking with all the White Caps that served on this deployment, every one of them raved about the work our teams did. All of them were impressed with the abilities that our teams have, not only with a chainsaw, but with your witness. God is reaching out in many ways

Professions of Faith - 6

Gospel Presentations - 39

Ministry Contacts - 147 total

Chaplaincy Contacts - 99 total

Total Contacts - 246 total

Bibles Distributed - 76

Information taken from
Rolling Timbers Disaster Relief email.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chad Bixler - Bear Creek Community
- 7 Noemi Fodoreanu (Daniel) - Lighthouse of Tin Top
- 9 Dave Samples - Tolar Baptist
- 11 Boots Hubbard - PBA
- 15 Kristi Bise (Jeff) - Paluxy Baptist Church
- 25 Josh Comer - Acton Baptist
- 28 Jim Horn - Lakeside Baptist
- 31 Lonnie Lehrman - Granbury Baptist

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Mike & Jennifer Mitchell - Bear Creek Community
- 11 Chris & Kelly Kitts - Rivers Baptist

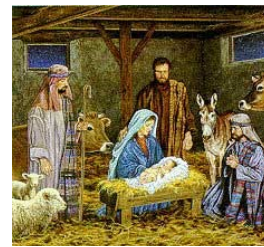
MISSION TRIPS -

Acton Baptist -

- Jan. 9-18 Southeast Asia
- March & June - Ecuador

Lakeside Baptist -

- March 8-15 Belize
- May 28-June 2 Chiapas, Mexico



"SCRIPTURE SHARE" FOR THE MONTH

Matthew 1-2

PRAYER REQUESTS -

Peace for Israel
Homeowners in hurricane & tornado-stricken states

Volunteers delivering supplies & working in North Carolina. Safety for chainsaw crews. Churches needing Pastors and leaders

A peaceful nation as transition takes place

BLESSINGS -

Jesus Christ was born to save the world
Donations of items for hurricane victims
Volunteers who are willing to go and serve

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Donations to PBA can now be made on the website - paluxybaptist.org/donate

FINANCIALS

	10/31/2024	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$9,925.43	\$88,862.42	\$12,315.50	\$147,786.00
Missions	\$5,471.10	\$21,855.13	-	-
Other	\$16.33	\$1,651.71		-
Total Receipts	\$15,412.86	\$112,369.26	\$12,315.50	\$147,786.00
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$500.00	\$5,362.50	\$845.83	\$10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$2,805.72	\$10,096.57	\$1,708.33	\$20,500.00
Personnel	\$7,033.20	\$72,424.32	\$7,628.00	\$91,536.00
Office	\$1,013.85	\$20,300.28	\$2,133.34	\$25,600.00
Missions	\$2,899.28	\$24,776.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$14,252.05	\$132,959.82	\$12,315.50	\$147,786.00
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$1,160.81			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$191,499.94			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$192,660.75			

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