

FEBRUARY 2025

"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him."

1 John 4:7-9

Prayer is the Key

I can think of no better way to encourage and support a pastor than by praying for him. Included in our prayers should be the following: his family, ministry, health, finances, emotional, and physical well-being. In other words, issues that affect the pastor inside as well as outside the church.

One of the most remarkable pastors in my life was a pastor named Charlie Whitlock. He for several years was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lueders, Texas. During my years at Hardin Simmons, I had the opportunity to work with Charlie and the Church in the areas of music/youth/education. It was a valuable experience in many, many ways.

Each Saturday morning Charlie would meet me on the front row of wooden seats in the auditorium of First Baptist Church. It was on that row of seats that I heard for the first time, a pastor crying out to the Lord about the struggles of life, marriage, ministry, and living in a small west Texas town, where everybody had an opinion of what the pastor "should" be doing. He taught me to open up and take my concerns to God, leave those concerns at the foot of the prayer altar, and trust that God would help me deal in a Christlike way with those situations. He was a prayer-warrior. Those sessions of prayer might last two or three hours. What a blessing to be taught how to pray by a real-life man of prayer. My heart was touched by the opportunity to pray for and with a pastor. Can we do less?

We are offering the second annual Pastor and Wives prayer gathering on Saturday, March 15th. This year's event will be from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at New Prospect Baptist Church. The congregation of New Prospect meets at 1964 FMR #199, Nemo, Texas 76070. Please mark your calendar and join us as we fellowship, but more importantly pray for one another. Can we do less?

While you are praying, please include these other great PBA supported events:

Operation Andrew Training for pastors /church volunteers, Saturday February 1st. The annual Women's Gathering, on Saturday, February 22nd. Annual Pastor/Wife prayer meeting on Saturday, March 15th. Annual Music/Worship workshop on Saturday, April 5th. Operation Andrew PBA project, May 2-8th.

GOD bless you, let's pray for all of our pastors, not just our own.

Boots Hubbard Director of Missions Paluxy Baptist Association



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

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY February 14th

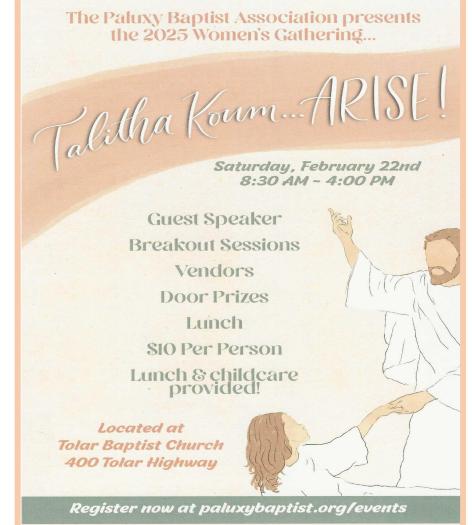
UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb. 1 OPERATION ANDREW TRAINING at PBA Office, 9-11:30AM.
- **Feb. 2-April 13 GRIEFSHARE** on Sunday afternoons 2:30-4:30 at Bluff Dale Baptist. Join anytime, register at GriefShare.org, \$20 for participant guide. (See ad)
- Feb. 14-15 Valentines on Lake Granbury, Conference Center, The Atens (See ad)
- **Feb. 16-21 BUILDERS FOR CHRIST** working at Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose. If you would like to volunteer, contact William Evans, 817-343-5377. (See article)
- **Feb. 18 MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE LUNCHEON** for all Pastors Don Smarto is President, and DOM Boots Hubbard will be speaking. All Pastors invited.
- Feb. 22 WOMEN'S GATHERING "Talitha Koum...Arise!" at Tolar Baptist Church, register online at paluxybaptist.org/events/ You can also pay the \$10 fee online. (See ad)
- **Feb. 24-25 EMPOWER CONFERENCE,** Irving Convention Center, go to: sbtexas.com/empower-conference to register and see further info.
- March 15 PASTORS & WIVES PRAYER MEETING, 10am-1pm Lunch provided. Held at New Prospect Baptist Church, 1964 FMR #199, Nemo, TX. R.S.V.P. PBA office, 817-579-5111 or email office@paluxybaptist.org. (See ad)
- March 30 5th SUNDAY HYMN SING at Bluff Dale Baptist. Everyone Welcome!
- **April 5 PBA MUSIC/WORSHIP WORKSHOP** at Tolar Baptist Church, 10am-1pm, FREE! For Worship Leaders, Band Members, Singers, anyone interested in church music. Register: paluxybaptist.org/events (See ad)
- April 10 REGENESIS WORKSHOP (5 Associations) at First Baptist Glen Rose
- April 18 PBA COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING, PBA Conference Room, 10:00 AM
- May 2-8 OPERATION ANDREW Missionaries will be here to work with PBA Churches



GriefShare

At Bluff Dale Baptist Church
Sunday Afternoons 2:30-4:30
Jan. 19-April 13 Join Anytime
Register Online at GriefShare.org
\$20 for cost of participant guide
Childcare available upon request
For more information, contact
Beverly Ward 817-219-0336





..."AND PUT A MARK ON THE FOREHEADS OF THE MEN WHO SIGH AND GROAN OVER ALL THE DETESTABLE PRACTICES COMMITTED IN IT." - EZEKIEL 9:4

10:00AM - 1:00PM SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

LET'S UNITE: TO EDIFY, LAMNENT AND PRAY WITH ONE ANOTHER. LET'S STAND IN THE GAP FOR ONE ANOTHER WHILE WE EXPERIENCE THE PASSION, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS THROUGH SONG. PRAYER AND REFLECTION.

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AND ALL THE TOPPINGS!!!
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PALUXY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Worship Music Workshop Saturday, April 5 10am-1pm

At Tolar Baptist Church, 400 Tolar Hwy Led by Shane Greer, tbc Worship Pastor



For Worship Leaders/Directors, Band members & Singers
Bring your Instruments

Register online - paluxybaptist.org/events or call 817-579-5111

NO Charge Snacks Provided

BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

Builders for Christ, coordinator William Evans, is a group of volunteers who serve our Lord by helping churches with the construction of new buildings. We have three trips for a week in Spring, Summer and Fall, 2025.

The dates planned this year are Feb. 16–21, 2025 at Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX and June 8–14, 2025 at FBC of Perrin, TX. If you would like to know more about BFC, please go to our website (bfc4Him.com) and click on the button <u>Slides About BFC</u>.

For more information, contact William Evans.

TXT 817-343-5377 wevansbfc@gmail.com

In Him, William Evans



PRAYER REQUESTS -

Peace for Israel

Churches needing God's help for various trials Hurricane victims to get the help still needed and warmer weather

The California fires to be controlled, safety for firefighters and those who lost homes Builders for Christ volunteers

BLESSINGS -

Answered Prayers God's Love Great Men's Rally



MISSION TRIPS -

Acton Baptist -

July 25-Aug. 1- Ecuador July 12-18 - Gallup, New Mexico

Lakeside Baptist -

March 7-9 Youth to Waco, TX March 8-15 Belize April 23-May 2 North Africa May 28-June 2 Chiapas, Mexico

June 1-14 Eastern Europe

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Gina Forrest (Mark) Lakeside
- 9 Scott Athey Bear Creek Community
- 19 Carrie Strickland (Troy) FB Lipan
- 20 Jennifer Mitchell (Mike) Bear Creek
- 22 Lindsay Luedeker Waples

"Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement allow you to live in harmony with one another, according to the command of Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with a united mind and voice. Therefore accept one another, just as the Messiah also accepted you, to the glory of God."

Romans 15:5-7



PBA NEWS -

THE MEN'S RALLY - THANK YOU to Granbury Baptist for hosting the Men's Rally, Jan. 18th. Also to the speakers and vendors who shared in the presentations. This men's meeting will become an annual PBA event.

TEXANS ON MISSION - Paluxy Baptist Association and volunteers are very excited to be serving with the Texans on Mission organization (formerly know as Texas Baptist Men). God has opened this avenue again for PBA and to anyone who wants to volunteer to serve others. There is something for every age - man/woman/child. If you or a church group would like to help, (Youth group, Sunday School class, women's group, VBS projects, etc.), there are numerous ways to minister through this organization. Website info includes how to prepare "First Step Kits," make "Gold-to-Gold Bracelets," send Supplies for disaster victims, so check texansonmission.org/missions-opportunities. Contact Greg Rose, our local PBA coordinator, if interested in taking the training to work with the chainsaw crew or other volunteer crews. (Ph. 682-229-7925)

HURRICANE RELIEF FUND - \$3325 was collected by PBA and sent to North Carolina Baptists on Mission, which will be distributed to the hurricane victims for rebuilding of homes. THANK YOU to the many donors and may God bless you all.

CALIFORNIA FIRES FUND - Texans on Mission began serving a few days after fires began. Texas Baptists has provided an initial \$20,000 gift to California's Orange County Southern Baptist Association relief efforts. Check article, texasbaptists.org/archive/author/Texas-Baptists-communications. If you wish to donate, see information at bottom of the article, "Texas Baptist Missions Foundation." To designate a gift, choose "Texans On Mission" or "California Baptists" in the comment box provided. One hundred percent of the funds given will be used according to donor designations. Please pray for hurricane victims, fire victims and our PBA crews as they go out to serve.

F	12/31/2024 Year to Date Monthly Budget Annual Budget					
F	Receipts:					
т	From Churches	\$5,726.27	\$103,114.09	\$12,315.50	\$147,786.00	
-	Missions	\$1,871.75	\$25,582.50	-	-	
N	Other	<u>\$216.12</u>	<u>\$1,883.68</u>		-	
	Total Receipts	\$7,814.14	\$130,580.27	\$12,315.50	\$147,786.00	
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N.	Expenses:					
N	Partnership Ministries	\$500.00	\$6,000.00	\$845.83	\$10,150.00	
С	Support Ministries	\$700.00	\$11,238.67	\$1,708.33	\$20,500.00	
C	Personnel	\$6,399.53	\$87,502.95	\$7,628.00	\$91,536.00	
Т	Office	\$1,076.12	\$22,112.08	\$2,133.34	\$25,600.00	
	Missions	<u>\$3,801.00</u>	<u>\$30,577.15</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00	
Α	Total Expenses	\$12,476.65	\$157,430.85	\$12,315.50	\$147,786.00	
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L	Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	(\$4,662.51)	(\$26,850.58)			
	Bank Balance Beginning	\$190,697.74	212,885.81			
S	Bank Balance Ending	\$186,035.23	186,035.23			

PALUXY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION