



**MAY 2025**

“Take care to live in me, and let me live in you. For a branch can’t produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me. Yes, I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit. For apart from me you can’t do a thing.”

John 15:4-5

## **Imagine Church** (By Guest Author)

A new church has been planted in Cresson, Texas. Imagine Church.

This church is based off of the passage, “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV

What is “it” that God can do more than we can think? It is the salvation experience of saving Jews and Gentiles (Eph.1-3). It is the fact that God in Christ can and will save anyone who places faith in Him.

That is our mission. We want to see people come to the Lord in Cresson, Godley, and Granbury. “Our passion is to glorify God by making disciples of all nations.”

We are excited to build on the legacy and work of other churches before us. FBC Cresson, Red Door Church, Crossroads Community Church, and now Imagine Church have occupied the building at 200 South Crook Street. That building in part goes back to the 1890s /1910.

We have already baptized two people. We had a Resurrection Sunday attendance of 75 people. We had 40 last Sunday. God is on the move. He is doing a new work, a new thing, in Cresson.

Can anything good come from Cresson? Of course, yes. The Brazos BBQ is a not so hidden gem. The Race Track is another excellent thing in Cresson. Cresson has often been known for the “Cresson train.” Now we are known for the bypass. People are moving into Cresson. The word on the street is housing is booming in Cresson.

Can anything good come from Cresson? Yes, for sure, but one thing is our passion. We want to make Jesus' name known in Cresson. I know some will say, “churches move in and move out.” That may well be true, but the Church never dies. It is never about the building but is about people.

We are excited to partner with Boots Hubbard and PBA. He has been a brother beloved to us. We hope we can be a blessing within the association as we partner to bring people to Christ and make disciples.

Alan Stoddard - Imagine Church

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
May 5 CARTER BLOOD DRIVE at Acton Baptist Church, 9 AM - 3 PM  
May 2-8 OPERATION ANDREW MISSIONARIES will be here for participating PBA Churches  
May 11 MOTHER'S DAY  
May 17 PBA SECRETARY/MINISTRY ASSISTANTS WORKSHOP, PBA Conference Room  
May 17 ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH Women's "She & Me Tea" 2-4 PM in Fellowship Hall  
May 26 MEMORIAL DAY - PBA Office Closed  
June 8 SBC Pastor's Conference and Annual Meeting in Dallas  
June 15 FATHER'S DAY

# Church Secretary's Workshop

*Sponsored by Paluxy Baptist Association*



*Saturday, May 17  
9AM - Noon  
at  
PBA Conference Rm*

*Led By  
Kristen Ray  
of Texas Baptists*




Please Register TODAY by  
calling Darlene at PBA Office  
817-579-5111

<b>DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS</b>	<b>TAX LAWS &amp; OTHER IRS MATTERS</b>	<b>PAYROLL</b>	
<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>GIVING</b>	<b>BGCT INSURANCE</b>	<b>WHAT IS NEW AND UPCOMING</b>


National Day  
of Prayer


MAY 1, 2025



 **Carter BloodCare**

# BLOOD Drive

 **ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3500 FALL CREEK HWY  
**9:00AM - 3:00PM**  
**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY**



# She & Me Tea

Saturday | May 17  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

*Ladies, It's Tea Time!*  
Come enjoy tea, finger foods, and  
fellowship.

Girls 5 yrs and up are welcome to join.  
Childcare provided. Must RSVP.

 Sign Up: [ActonBaptist.com/Events](https://www.actonbaptist.com/events)



# VBS SUMMER SCHEDULE

**ACTON BAPTIST** - June 2-6, 8:30am-Noon      “Magnified” Theme      Register online at [actonbaptist.com/events](http://actonbaptist.com/events)

**BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY** - “Magnified” Theme  
 July 12-13 (for ages 1-4), 5-7 PM  
 July 14-18 (for completed Kinder-4th grades), 6-8:30PM  
 Register online at [bearcreekcc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/946707](http://bearcreekcc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/946707)



**FBC GLEN ROSE** - June 16-19, 9am-2pm      “Magnified” Theme      Register by text BLAST to 254-897-2351

**GRANBURY BAPTIST** - June 9-12, 6-8pm      “SUBMERGED”      Register online [granburybaptistchurch.org](http://granburybaptistchurch.org)

**LAKESIDE BAPTIST** - June 23-26, 9am-Noon      “True North” Theme      Register online at [lbcgranbury.com/lbcevents](http://lbcgranbury.com/lbcevents)



(One of Paluxy Baptist Association’s missions)  
**LATHAM SPRINGS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**  
 134 Private Road 223, Aguilla, TX 76622

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 1-5	WILD WEEK 1	CONTACT Paul@wildweek.com	855-616-0116
June 5-9	WIRED YOUTH	CONTACT Jeremy Lewis	979-229-2876
June 9-13	CAMP REFUGE	CONTACT Brent Lightsey	817-246-6646
June 17-21	AIM PRETEEN	CONTACT Sheri Knowlton	254-697-6505
June 23-27	RESCUE YOUTH	CONTACT Brenda Miranda	254-694-3689
June 27-30	GA/RA CAMP	CONTACT Brad Blanchard	254-640-0219
July 6-10	WILD WEEK 2	CONTACT Paul @wildweek.com	855-616-0116
July 10-14	NEXT LEVEL KIDZ	CONTACT Janet Wilson	254-694-3689
July 14-18	BREAKTHROUGH	CONTACT Angela Dodd	402-514-7228



**Royal Ambassador Camp**

Dates: June 28-30, 2025  
 Contact : Brad Blanchard

Email: [Brad.Blanchard76@yahoo.com](mailto:Brad.Blanchard76@yahoo.com)  
 Cell: 254-640-0219

**Girls in Action Camp**

Dates: June 28-30, 2025  
 Contact : Cheryl Ely

Email: [gamissioncamp@gmail.com](mailto:gamissioncamp@gmail.com)  
 Cell: 254-541-9160



## TEXANS ON MISSION PROJECT

Would you like a project for VBS, a Sunday School Class, or Youth Group? Texans on Mission has an ongoing project that anyone can help with - A First Step Kit. "You can help people take their first step by putting together First Step Kits - Hygiene Bags that meet basic needs for struggling people who have lost everything in the wake of a tornado, hurricane or one of life's other disasters." You can receive more information by contacting [texansonmission.org/firststep](http://texansonmission.org/firststep) and learn how to proceed putting together the First Step Kits. Quoted from their website "Every Journey Begins With A First Step." A great way to teach new members or young people how to help others, and as Jesus tells us in His Word, to love others and do good. Read James 2:15-17.



### PBA Youth Camp Scholarship Fund

At the PBA Annual meeting, funds were approved in the 2025 budget for PBA churches that need financial help sending students to church camp. Requirements are that the Pastor or Youth Pastor write a letter, requesting that money is needed and information regarding the attendees and the church camp they will be attending. If approved, the money will be sent directly to the church. If questions, contact the PBA office. Address letter to: PBA Director of Missions, 1844 Acton Hwy, Granbury TX 76049.

## PBA RESOURCES

If any of our PBA churches need to borrow an enclosed trailer to haul luggage or supplies to camps or on a mission trip, please notify us to make your reservation. Call Darlene at 817-579-5111.

CHURCH SECRETARIES are invited to the Workshop on May 17th. It will be a great training and a time for asking questions. Please reserve your spot by calling the PBA Office. We look forward to seeing you! It starts at 9:00 AM and should be over before noon.

Also, if you need Sunday School literature, we have an abundance in our Resource Room, FREE. Children's programs and books are FREE. Other Books and Adult Bible Studies are here to check-out. Come and see!

## NEW STUDENT PASTOR

Tolar Baptist Church is excited to announce their new Student Youth Pastor, Doug Rethwisch. Born and raised in a small town in Nebraska, Doug grew up playing every sport that was available to him. He wasn't raised in a Christian home, but after attending church with his wife's family, gave his life to Christ at age 22. He and his wife, Bree, have four children, Lillian, Cora, Cyprus, and Ruby. Pastor Doug has a passion for students and loves doing life with them in the highs and lows. We are happy to add Doug and family to our PBA Church families. Let's make them feel welcome!

## JOB OPENINGS



### Brazos River Baptist

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

### First Baptist Church Thorp Spring - 817-573-3339, [fbchurch@thorpspring.com](mailto:fbchurch@thorpspring.com)

Ministry Assistant, part-time

### Southside Baptist Church - 827-674-2563, [admin@southsidegranbury.com](mailto:admin@southsidegranbury.com)

Music Director, part-time

IT/Media Director - part-time

For more info, [paluxybaptist.org/resources/church-openings](http://paluxybaptist.org/resources/church-openings)

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Gary Leonard - Triple Cross Cowboy
- 18 Jan Harris (Dwayne) - Triple Cross
- 19 Shawn Lutgen - Granbury Baptist
- 23 Roxie Turner (John) - New Prospect
- 28 Andrew Merquiz - FB Lipan



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Scott & Cindi Pace - Bluff Dale
- 11 Jaron & Vicki Barrington - FB Granbury
- 19 Lindsay & Cindy Luedeker - Waples
- 20 David & Katherine McClure - Acton
- 21 Barry & Betty Baldwin - FB Lipan

## MISSION TRIPS -



### Acton Baptist -

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

### Lakeside Baptist -

May 28-June 2 Chiapas, Mexico  
 June 1-14 Eastern Europe  
 June 8-20 Zimbabwe  
 June 26-July 2 Brazil  
 June 27-July 2 Youth to New York City  
 July 4-7 Juarez, Mexico

## PRAYER REQUESTS -



Operation Andrew participating Churches  
 and safe travel for Missionary volunteers  
 New "Imagine" Church Start in Cresson  
 Church Evangelism in our communities  
 EXCITEMENT to Share God's Word  
 Peace for Israel

## BLESSINGS -

Easter Resurrection Services  
 Teachings from God's Holy Word  
 New Church Leaders

		3/31/2025 Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
<b>F I N A N C I A L S</b>	Receipts:			
	From Churches	\$8,831.44	\$37,437.84	\$12,286.33
	Missions	\$1,938.45	\$5,671.59 -	-
	Other	<u>\$316.42</u>	<u>\$347.31</u>	-
	Total Receipts	\$11,086.31	\$43,456.74	\$12,286.33
	Expenses:			
	Partnership Ministries	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$400.00
	Support Ministries	(\$178.57)	\$1,369.64	\$2,125.00
	Personnel	\$7,033.22	\$21,141.62	\$7,628.30
	Office	\$1,044.67	\$2,976.05	\$2,133.33
Missions	<u>\$1,430.73</u>	<u>\$10,598.81</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$9,730.05	\$37,286.12	\$12,286.63	
	Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$1,356.26		
	Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$191,078.97		
	Bank Balance -- Ending	\$192,435.23		

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