

THE BEACON



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THANKSGIVING DURING A PANDEMIC?

A friend sent an email regarding just how to celebrate Thanksgiving this year. It said: We've been told that only 6 people are allowed to meet for Thanksgiving Day, but 30 people are allowed for a funeral. Then he said: We will be holding a funeral for our pet Turkey named "Butterball," who will pass away on November 26, 2020. Refreshments provided. In lieu of flowers, please bring a side dish.

Sometimes a little humor eases the stress brought on by the pandemic and so many uncertainties. However, as followers of Jesus, it's really not that difficult to find plenty of reasons to express gratitude to our gracious Lord. Who in all the world has the blessing of eternal life and the forgiveness of sins—only those who are trusting in Jesus. Who has greater assurance that we can live by faith, knowing that whatever the world throws at us, our Lord is still in control? Even with the cases of the coronavirus increasing once again, we can say with the apostle Paul, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). And in Romans 14:8--"So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." That is not to say that any of us are anxious to die, it just encourages us to remember that this world is not our home and a better place is waiting in the presence of the Lord.

Regardless of how many may gather with you for your Thanksgiving celebration, may the Lord make it a very special and meaningful time for everyone. Let's focus on the blessings of the Lord and remember His goodness and grace, especially in the midst of these very unusual times. Let's keep on singing that chorus: "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. Every day with Jesus I love Him more and more. Jesus saves and keeps me and He's the One I'm living for. Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before."

I'm so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn



Future PBA Dates and Opportunities

CANCELLED—The Christmas Staff Party has been cancelled due to the increase in Covid-19 cases.



Join the “KINGDOM BUILDERS” to do volunteer work for the area churches. If you have carpentry, electrical, drywall, or other skills and would like to help, please contact the PBA Office (office@paluxybaptist.org) or (gwarddom.pba@gmail.com) and we will add you to the list and keep you updated on upcoming projects. The Lord will Bless You!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



December Birthdays

- 1 Justin Howard—Granbury Baptist
- 1 Dennis Burdick—Triple Cross
- 1 Chad Bixler—Bear Creek
- 3 Luke Dorr (Katy) - FB Granbury
- 5 Buck Buchanan—Triple Cross
- 6 Mickey Daniel—Acton
- 9 Dave Samples—Tolar
- 10 Jerry Lindsey—Thorp Spring
- 15 Kristi Bise (Jeff) - Paluxy Baptist
- 20 Anna McKay (Daniel) - FB Granbury
- 27 Heather Corb (Mike) - FB Granbury
- 28 Jim Horn—Lakeside
- 28 Darissa Michels (Ryan) - Cleburne Community
- 31 Lonnie Lehrman—Granbury Baptist

December Anniversaries

- 9 Mike & Jennifer Mitchell—Bear Creek Community
- 11 Chris & Kelly Kitts—Rivers Baptist
- 18 Daniel & Anna McKay—FB Granbury
- 19 Jerry & Jennifer Hibbs—Southside

Churches Needing Staff

Please pray for ALLISON, BRAZOS RIVER, and SOUTHSIDE, as their Search Committees seek new Pastors.

FBC Glen Rose is seeking a Music Minister. The Associate Pastor of Music will be responsible for developing and leading the music ministry of the church as he endeavors to cultivate spiritual growth through biblical worship. Applicants may send a resume and/or video to Jennifer@fbcglenrose.org or call 254-897-2351.

Prayer Corner

Those suffering with Covid and that a cure will be found soon

Peace and Love in America

Remember the Homeless, especially on cold nights

School Students and Teachers staying Healthy

Pastors and Leadership in making decisions for their congregations

Remember God Is Still In Control



“And the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”

Luke 2:9-14

Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows

January 1 to October 30, 2020

	OCTOBER	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 12,370.56	\$ 128,216.43	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Missions	\$ 2,791.86	\$ -	-	-
Other	\$ 3.97	\$ 20,355.83	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 15,166.39	\$ 148,572.26	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$ 845.83	\$ 8,458.30	\$ 845.83	\$ 10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ (372.70)	\$ 113.94	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 20,400.00
Personnel	\$ 8,213.88	\$ 82,572.14	\$ 8,663.08	\$ 103,957.00
Office	\$ 828.18	\$ 18,038.14	\$ 1,741.67	\$ 20,900.00
Missions	\$ 1,440.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 10,955.19	\$ 109,182.52	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 4,211.20			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$ 227,594.98			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$ 231,806.18			

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