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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

As the title reminds us—as difficult to believe as it is—we are now passed Thanksgiving and moving quickly toward Christmas! That means that it is time for the PBA Staff Appreciation Christmas dinner and this year it will be at Waples Baptist Church. We are so pleased to have Dr. Dennis Swanberg as our speaker/entertainer/encourager again. Brock's will cater the meal and it promises to be very tasty! With sincere regrets, due to my ongoing chemotherapy, I will have to miss it. Just as sincerely, I do encourage our pastors, staff members and spouses to join the festivities and let the Association express our appreciation for your faithful participation and support of the ministries and mission work of PBA.

Please know how very much I appreciate your prayers and kindnesses as I have begun a new formula of chemo, once a week for three weeks, then a week off. There will be four cycles, with the last treatment scheduled for February 22. After gaining some strength I will meet with the surgeon and supposedly schedule surgery. During this process I will continue working as much as possible and be available for contacts by phone, text, email, so please feel free to let me now if I can be of assistance.

As you prepare for your Christmas celebrations, may the Lord bless you with some very special family time and rejoicing over the birth of our Savior with many festive events and music with the congregation where you serve or fellowship! Merry Christmas and blessings!

I'm so glad to be your DOM,

Glenn





PBA NEWS

THE MENU IS SET for the PBA Christmas Party, Dec. 6 at 6:30 pm for all Pastors, Church Staff members and Spouses. It will be held at Waples Baptist Church with FREE catered meal and entertainment. Please plan to attend and enjoy the fun! RSVP to 817-579-5111 PBA Office.

CHURCH EVENTS

FBC Thorp Spring —Sunday, Dec. 19th, 10:45AM the Choir invites everyone to their Christmas Program.

Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. All ladies welcome!

Tuesday afternoons 1-4pm FREE Food Drive-Thru for those who have need.

Living Christmas Cards—Lakeside Baptist Church wants to invite everyone to The Granbury Living Christmas Cards held Fri. & Sat. (Dec. 10-11) on the square. The larger-than-life Christmas cards "come to life" with singers, dancers, and actors at 6:30 PM both nights—but come early on Saturday (11am—5pm) for some family holiday activities (including a Nativity Petting Zoo, a Kids Christmas Crafts area, and an art walk featuring local artists). Everything is FREE! For more info go to www.granburychristmas.com.

Tolar Baptist—"Journey to Bethlehem" Friday & Saturday, December 17th & 18th, 6:30 - 8PM. Take a hayride journey through the Old Testament and into Bethlehem to witness the Birth of Jesus. Refreshments, live animals, everyone is invited.

CHURCHES NEEDING STAFF

Please pray for ALLISON, BRAZOS RIVER and FBC THORP SPRING, as they seek Pastors.

Waples Baptist Church has an immediate opening for a part-time Nursery Worker. Those interested are required to submit to a background check and child safety training. Inquire at waplesbaptistchurch@gmail.com or (817) 579-0509.

Tolar Baptist is seeking a part time custodian, 20 hrs/wk flexible. Pay range is \$9 - \$17 / hr. Phone 682-500-0475.

Southside Baptist Church is seeking the following:

Position: IT - Media Director

Part - Time (12 Hours per week)

Duties: Worship Sound, Streaming, PowerPoint, On Screen Lyrics, and Website Administration.

Experience: Excellent Computer Skills, Website Design, Sound Board, PowerPoint and Pro Presenter.

Qualifications: Committed Christian, Creative, High Energy, (college degree preferred but not required), Teachable, Team Player, and Good Social Skills.

Stage One: Send Resume to Southside Baptist church (910 Paluxy Rd. Granbury Tx 76048)

Stage Two: The In Person Interviews Are Saturdays -Tuesdays if the Candidate Meets Minimum Qualifications.

December Birthdays

- 1 Dennis Burdick
- 1 Chad Bixler—Bear Creek
- 6 Mickey Daniel—Acton
- 9 Dave Samples—Tolar
- 10 Jerry Lindsey—Thorp Spring
- 15 Kristi Bise (Jeff) - Paluxy Baptist
- 27 Heather Corb (Mike) - FB Granbury
- 28 Jim Horn—Lakeside
- 31 Lonnie Lehrman—Granbury Baptist

Anniversaries

- 9 Mike & Jennifer Mitchell—Bear Creek
- 11 Chris & Kelly Kitts—Rivers Baptist
- 19 Jerry & Jennifer Hibbs—Southside
- 28 James & Melani Young—FB Granbury



Prayer Corner

Bro. Glenn and his Doctors
America to Turn Back to God
Upcoming Church Events

To follow Bro. Glenn's progress go to:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/glennward>

or to send a card:



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Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows

	10/31/2021	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 16,995.90	\$ 120,694.53	\$ 13,265.63	\$ 159,187.60
Missions	\$ 1,833.41	\$ -	-	-
Other	\$ 2.28	\$ 1,026.22	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 18,831.59	\$ 121,720.75	\$ 13,265.63	\$ 159,187.60
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$ 845.83	\$ 8,458.30	\$ 845.83	\$ 10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,911.54	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 20,400.00
Personnel	\$ 8,599.01	\$ 85,046.37	\$ 8,836.47	\$ 106,037.60
Office	\$ 1,018.89	\$ 16,377.99	\$ 1,883.33	\$ 22,600.00
Missions	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 14,263.73	\$ 114,794.20	\$ 13,265.63	\$ 159,187.60
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 4,567.86			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$ 262,438.21			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$ 267,006.07			

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For the last several years words as: revitalization, renewal, restart have been used to describe what we should be doing in our churches. In my humble opinion, we've been looking for a catchy phrase to incorporate in our church talk that expresses the concept of doing something different.

In the late 70's I served on the staff of a rather large church. I was directed by the Pastor to come up with a new and exciting program that would draw the Membership into doing church. Even though I had been taught that "we" are the church, and it's not a physical institution where we gather on Sundays, and Wednesday nights; the Pastor wanted something different. I gave it my best effort to begin a "new program". After six months of failure, after failure, I approached the Pastor and the Leadership of the church with a new, and at the time revolutionary idea. I suggested that we see what the Bible had to say about ministry. He wanted me to pull the rabbit out of my hat, but my hat was void of rabbits.

After studying all of my notes from the classes I had taken at the Seminary, I kept coming up with a blank on this assignment from the Pastor. I even attempted to put the Flake Formula to work. After several weeks of failed efforts to put in place a "new and exciting" program, I picked up the Bible, and opened it to the Book of Acts. Therein, I found the formula for our new ministry effort. For several months we prayed for Leaders who might step up and step out for the Lord. We were to lead Men and Women who had never before been used to carry on the "programs" of the Church. With remarkable results GOD placed exactly the people that He wanted to use, not in another program of the Church, but rather in ministry. For another period of six or seven months we met and simply prayed.

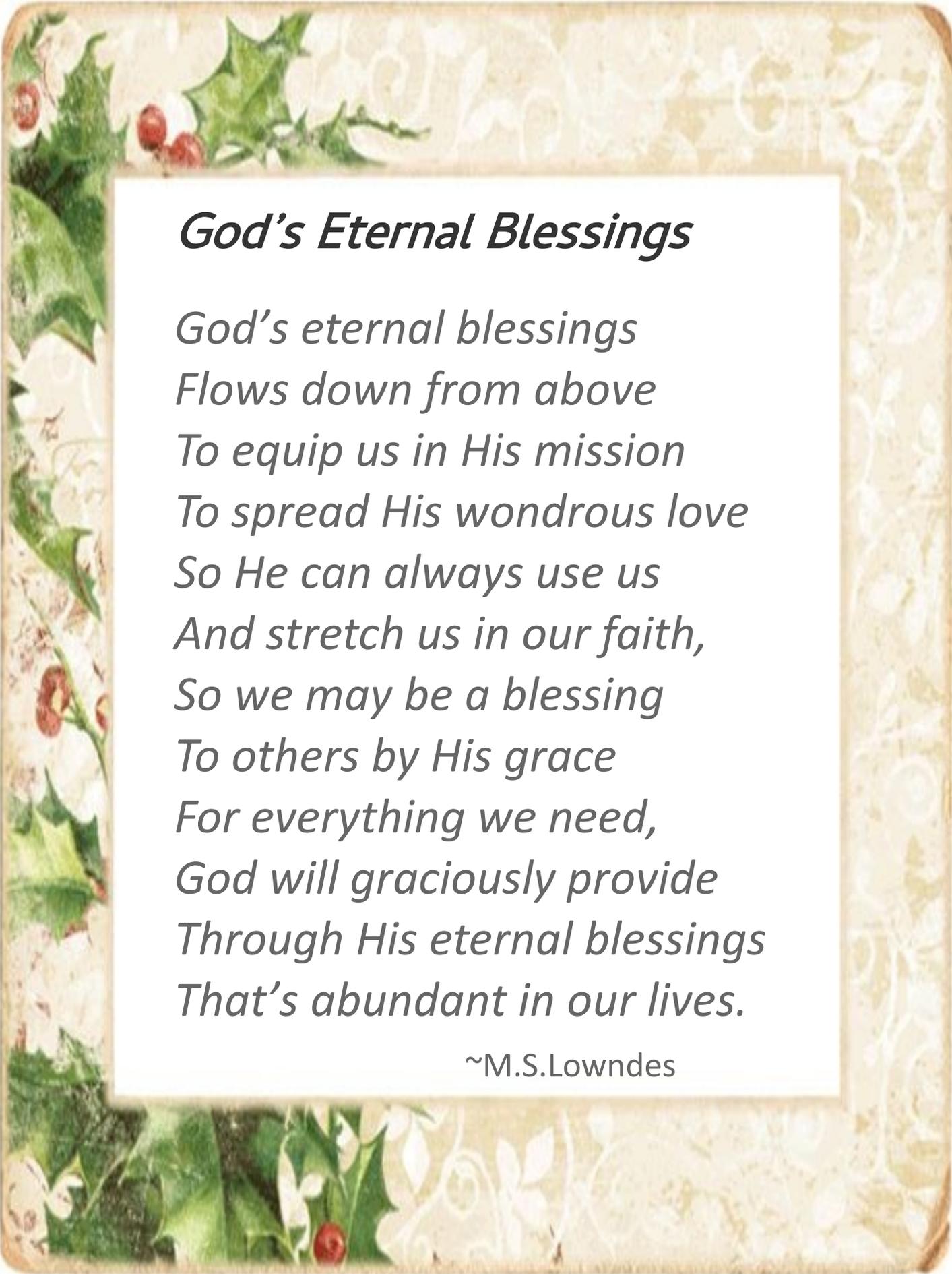
We looked at the times that working people could gather and study God's Word. We never expected that that time was at 6:30 AM on week days, and 7:30 AM on Saturdays. We found out that working people did not mind waking up an hour or two early in order to assemble, pray, and fellowship with one another. The Pastor began a study that lasted for three years called "The Bible from A to Z", I lead a bi weekly training session called: "back to the basics"....with about 45 people attending. The Minister of Music lead classes in: "How to play any musical instrument", and "Make a joyful noise", those sessions were held throughout the week day and up into the early evening hours....over 80 people attended and were blessed to receive training in the ministry of music.

All in all, it was a "think out of the box" ministry. Discipleship happened without us having a set class time or class room. It was amazing and refreshing. The Church changed, and to this day has never been the same. Those leaders whom we prayed for have now mentored other new leaders by their examples.

I am suggesting that we might want to get back to the basics of Church and focus on the actual ministries, not mere programs. In this period of time following the "shutting down" of our churches, it might be time to focus on the two pillars of the church: "prayer" and "Bible study". As a matter of fact I am not sure that church will ever look like what it used to look like before the pandemic. One of the most effective groups that I have been observing meets weekly for their fellowship church service on Saturdays. In this first year of their ministry, thirteen folks were introduced to Jesus Christ and followed Him in believers' baptism. This little church is moving forward in a mighty big way due in large part to the fact that they think outside the box, and they follow the example of the early church found in the Book of Acts. My simple question is: "could we advance the kingdom of God more effectively, if we got "back to the basics"?"

May God bless your ministry.

Boots Hubbard, P.B.A. Church Health Team.



God's Eternal Blessings

*God's eternal blessings
Flows down from above
To equip us in His mission
To spread His wondrous love
So He can always use us
And stretch us in our faith,
So we may be a blessing
To others by His grace
For everything we need,
God will graciously provide
Through His eternal blessings
That's abundant in our lives.*

~M.S.Lowndes

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Christmas

