



BEACON NEWS

Paluxy Baptist Association

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“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

Praying

Praising God for all He does

Repenting of our sins

Approaching the throne of grace

Yearning for His direction

Inspiring direction for your journey

Nearing His presence

Giving God the Glory

Psalm 46:10 (NKJV)... Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! As we enter prayer time, we should seek Him in various areas and the following the Scriptures can be prayed during your quiet time with the Lord. His words are encouraging and inspiring.

Praising God for all He does...Psalm 7:17 (NKJV)...I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

Repenting of our sins...James 4:8 (NKJV)... Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Approaching the throne of grace...Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)... Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Yearning for His direction...Psalm 119:93-94 (NKJV)...93 I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life. 94 I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.

Inspiring direction for your journey...Psalm 25:4-5 (NKJV)...4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

Nearing His presence...Psalm 73:28 (NKJV)...But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may declare all Your works.

Giving God the Glory...1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)...Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Come to the One Who has all the answers and yes, He loves to hear from us. Praying is a gift when we pray, listen, and obey, so pray throughout the day.

By Lindsay Luedeker, PBA Team Leader & Pastor of Waples Baptist Church

Healing for the Broken Hearted this Christmas

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

I read a story recently of a musician who was playing Christmas pop songs for a crowd inside Starbucks in Manhattan one December evening. During one of his songs, he noticed a woman swaying back and forth singing her heart out. After the song was finished, the musician felt compelled to ask her if she would sing the next song herself. She accepted the invitation and asked him - "Do you know any hymns?" 'Name one', the man said. She said, "no, you just pick one and I'll sing it." He said, "How about, 'His Eye is on a Sparrow?'" She got quiet, then said - "I would like that." The instrument began to play and she began to sing- "Why should I be discouraged? Why should the shadow come?"

The audience of coffee drinkers were in awe, the employees behind the coffee bar stopped working. She continued to sing, with tears running down her face, "I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on a sparrow. And I know He watches me." The coffee shop erupted in applause. The musician said, "the only thing I could do was just walk over and hug this precious woman."

With a soft voice, the woman wiped away her tears and told the coffee shop crowd - "That was my daughter's favorite song... She died of a brain tumor last week... She was only 16." There wasn't a dry eye in the room. People rushed to her side to console and encourage her. The musician said, "The Starbucks on 51st Street and Broadway in Manhattan became a place of comfort and healing that night- and I just kept playing hymns."

After reading that story I couldn't help but praise our great God. He knew this hurting woman needed encouragement.

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Let's not forget those who struggle with the loss of loved ones during the holiday season. Our ministries can be a healing place for those who are hurting.

By Scott Athey, PBA Moderator and Pastor of Bear Creek Community Church



JOB OPENINGS

PBA—DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS Ph. 817-579-5111 or upload resume to paluxybaptist.org

Acton Baptist Church—Minister of Music. Ph. 817-326-4693

Brazos River Church—Lead Pastor Ph. 817-776-4770

Happy Trails Cowboy Church—Bi-Vocational Youth Leader Ph 254-897-1217

Rainbow Baptist Church—Music Director, part-time Ph. 212-897-2121

Tolar Baptist Church—Lead Nursery Worker Ph. 682-500-0475

Lone Camp Baptist Church—Music Minister Ph. 432-254-1446

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 4-11, 2022—Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Imb.org

ACTON BAPTIST

Dec. 4 Congratulations and Thanks to Mickey Daniel for 37 years of faithful service as our Minister of Music. We will see him around Granbury playing Pickleball and continuing to worship with us!

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST -

Dec. 15 @ 6:00pm Christmas (Potluck meal - bring a dish)

Dec. 18 @ 5:00pm Holiday Dinner with Candlelight Service and Communion.

FIRST BAPTIST THORP SPRING -

Dec. 18 @ 10:45am Choir Cantata "Holding On To Christmas"

GRANBURY BAPTIST -

Dec. 11 @ 4:00-7:00pm Christmas Carnival at 1200 Weatherford Hwy, FREE event for the whole family. Inflatables, Photo Booths, Crafts, Cookie decorating, Petting zoo, S'mores, Food & Drinks.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST -

Dec. 4 @ 6:00-7:30pm "Carol and The Belles" presented by the Kidz Choir

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST -

Dec. 24 @ 5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

LEADERSHIP FORUM

Tuesday December 6th @ 8am



Who? Pastors / Associate Pastors

What? This gathering aims to encourage you, inspire you and ignite a fire under you... For God's glory!

When? Tuesday, December 6th @ 8am-9:30am

Where? Paluxy Baptist Association office
1844 Acton Hwy, Granbury, TX 76049

***** Catered breakfast**

Topic of discussion:
How to fix broken things.

PALUXY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Paluxy Baptist Association will sponsor a **Youth Director/Youth Leadership Workshop** on Saturday, March 18th. The event will be hosted by Tolar Baptist Church; and is scheduled to include Experts in the field of Youth Work. The intent of the event is to inform, educate, and motivate all of our partner Churches to engage their Youth groups in discipleship, training, and service. The Workshop is intended for all Church Volunteers, Youth Directors, (Paid as well as Volunteer), and Youth Pastors. A light noon meal will be served, so r.s.v.p. the PBA office, 817-579-5111.





THE LADIES "GATHERING"

WILL BE FEBRUARY 25TH AT GRANBURY BAPTIST CHURCH. MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND! MORE INFO TO TOLLOW...



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dennis Burdick - Triple Cross
- 1 Chad Bixler - Bear Creek
- 6 Mickey Daniel - Acton
- 9 Dave Samples - Tolar
- 10 Jerry Lindsey - Thorp Spring
- 11 Chris "Boots" Hubbard - PBA
- 15 Kristi Bise (Jeff) - Paluxy Baptist
- 25 Josh Comer - Acton

DECEMBER



- 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
- 28 James & Melani Young - FB Granbury

PRAYER TIME

Blessings of God's goodness to all—Thank you Lord!

Praises for Bro. Glenn and Carolyn Ward, that they have found a home close to their daughter. Also, Glenn's leg has healed and is walking without assistance. Thank you, Lord!

Upcoming Church holiday events

Search for the PBA Director of Missions leader

Church Pastors and Leadership

New Church Starts—Simple Home Church and Lighthouse of Tin Top

Area Food Pantries and answer to prayers for the Lost and Hungry

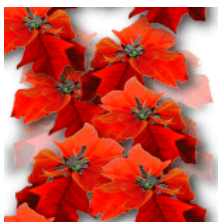
Closeness of our PBA Churches as we grow in His Love and are bold in Community Outreach

The New Year 2023 to be fruitful for the Lord



Glenn & Carolyn Ward (NEW ADDRESS)

1422 Broadmoor Dr, Richardson TX 75082



HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Paluxy Baptist Association Office will be closed for the Christmas holidays Dec. 21st—Jan. 2nd. If anyone needs anything, feel free to call Darlene's cell phone, 812-276-6916.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows

	10/31/2022	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 5,724.30	\$ 115,044.30	\$ 15,046.74	\$ 180,560.86
Missions	\$ 780.45	\$ -	-	-
Other	\$ 14.61	\$ 79.23	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 6,519.36	\$ 115,123.53	\$ 15,046.74	\$ 180,560.86
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$ 845.83	\$ 8,458.30	\$ 845.83	\$ 10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ 1,779.45	\$ 19,554.24	\$ 2,408.33	\$ 28,900.00
Personnel	\$ 8,696.70	\$ 88,337.04	\$ 9,434.24	\$ 113,210.86
Office	\$ 749.63	\$ 15,048.20	\$ 2,358.33	\$ 28,300.00
Missions	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 14,271.61	\$ 131,397.78	\$ 15,046.73	\$ 180,560.86
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (7,752.25)			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$ 246,230.90			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$ 238,478.65			

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