

THE BEACON



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IS 2020 FINALLY GONE?

The title question is not merely my own sentiment. It seems everywhere I read or listen to thoughts from all people and situations, everyone is ready for 2020 to only be seen in our rearview mirrors! The reality is that there has been so much negativity over so many areas of life, from the pandemic, racial injustices, divisiveness in politics, etc., etc. You can surely name other issues that have impacted our lives, leaving questions and confusion.

However, as we step into 2021, let's stop to remember that we live in a fallen world that is plagued with so much more than issues like those named above. For instance, as has said by many people, "I've read the end of the Book and we are on the winning side!" We must not let all the negative, divisive and unjust attitudes rob us of the fact that Jesus Christ is still Lord of ALL and nothing happens in this world or in our lives that He is not fully aware of and capable of handling!

We've just recently celebrated the birth of Jesus. Let's remember that as John wrote: *"The Word* (the fullest expression of Almighty God) *became flesh and made His dwelling among us"* (John 1:14). He is Immanuel—"God with us"—and that should help us focus on what matters most, instead of getting bogged down in the worries and problems of this world. Like Peter wrote: *"Cast all your anxiety on Him for He cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:7). We can begin this new year with assurance that He's still on His throne and is still in control of what's happening in and around our lives. Therefore, as Paul wrote: *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us"* and he went on to say after naming several things that could oppose us, NOTHING *"will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:37-39).

It is a good time to also remember the Word of the Lord through Isaiah: *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* (Isaiah 43:18-19). May we hear and obey the Word of the Lord as we move into a new year, trusting Him to lead us and use us for His glory. May He bless you and make your light to shine brightly as you walk with Him into 2021 as you represent Him well!

I'm so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn

Future PBA Dates and Opportunities



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). We will add you to the list and keep you updated on upcoming projects. They have several projects coming up soon. The Lord will Bless You!

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.

HOOD COUNTY MONTHLY MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

2nd Saturday of each month—starting January 9th at 8:00 AM

SPEAKER—Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) and State Senator Brian Birdwell

Granbury Baptist Church Community Center, 1200 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury

January Birthdays

- 2 Camille Landis (Aaron) - Mambrino
- 4 Kelly Jones (Dan) - Triple Cross
- 6 Heather Lehrman (Lonnie) - Granbury Baptist
- 10 Mona Dolan (Mark) - Acton
- 14 Toya Davis (Clint) - Cottonwood
- 16 Rusty Addison—Lipan Cowboy
- 20 Troy Strickland—FB Lipan

January Anniversaries

- 11 Katy & Luke Dorr—FB Granbury
- 24 Josiah & Laura Thompson—Rivers

Prayer Corner

Those suffering with Covid
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

BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR



Tuesday Prayer

(Non-denominational)

La Bella Luna

**7700 Glen Rose Highway
Granbury**

**Every Tuesday
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows

January 1 to November 30, 2020

	NOVEMBER	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 11,540.76	\$ 139,757.19	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Missions	\$ 2,700.11	\$ -	-	-
Other	\$ 3.89	\$ 20,359.72	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 14,244.76	\$ 160,116.91	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$ 845.83	\$ 9,304.13	\$ 845.83	\$ 10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ 213.63	\$ 327.57	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 20,400.00
Personnel	\$ 10,437.17	\$ 93,009.31	\$ 8,663.08	\$ 103,957.00
Office	\$ 809.45	\$ 18,847.59	\$ 1,741.67	\$ 20,900.00
Missions	\$ 2,840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 15,146.08	\$ 121,488.60	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (901.32)			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$ 231,806.18			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$ 230,904.86			

PALUXY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION is now listed on AmazonSmile.org as a Non-profit Organization. Sign up for PBA to be your charity choice and Amazon will donate a portion to PBA Missions. Go to AmazonSmile.org to register. We appreciate you!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

Don't let the events and happenings of 2020 hold you back in 2021. It's so easy to get bogged down in chaos and bad decisions, but it is never too late to embrace a new self and push away the old self. Rather than dwelling on the past, solidify a new beginning by turning to scripture and prayer. Map out goals and pray that God guides you where He wants you in the new year.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

