

THE BEACON



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FREEDOM AND JUSTICE—FOR ALL?

July is usually the time when we focus on our Independence Day, July 4, and generally there are numerous celebrations, parades, fireworks, etc., to help us remember our heritage as a nation. However, in light of recent events in our nation, we might need to think about the title of this article—and ask: Is there really freedom and justice for all citizens? It's likely most of us have never had to worry about such issues because of who our parents were/are and our racial birthright. But not everyone is so fortunate. Many people in our nation have been considered second-class citizens at best and many have suffered indignities and other prejudicial mistreatments.

Have you considered the fact that the Bible speaks of the issue that *“God does not show favoritism”* as Peter learned and testified to while sharing the gospel with a Roman centurion in Acts 10:34? James also addressed the matter: *“My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism...if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as a lawbreaker”* (James 2:1, 9). It would seem then, that we who are “believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ” are to live by a higher standard than the world and a part of that is to respect and treat all fellow human beings as God's created beings, regardless of race, creed or color. The Lord had Moses write in Deuteronomy 10:17 -- *“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.”* 2 Chronicles 19:7-- *“Now let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Judge carefully, for with the LORD our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery.”* Paul wrote in Romans 2:11-- *“For God does not show favoritism.”*

The founding fathers of our nation saw fit to put these words in the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” It has been a conviction of mine for a long time that Christians should be the very best citizens and set the example of both a follower of Jesus Christ and the laws of the land (that do not violate or compromise God's laws).

May the Lord bless you all and give us the courage and strength to stand true to His way of loving our neighbors—regardless of their ethnicity—as we love ourselves! And Happy 4th of July!

I'm so glad to be your DOM,
Glenn

Future PBA Dates and Opportunities

Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants (TBMA) 2020 Conference

has been **POSTPONED** until September. Will still be held here in Granbury.



July Birthdays

- 1 John Turner - New Prospect
- 5 Shannon Quinn (Steve) - Lakeside
- 7 Carey Dryer - Lakeside
- 8 Misty Bernstein (Blaine) - Tolar
- 9 Kelly Randles - Lakeside
- 12 Scott Pace - Bluff Dale
- 12 Dena Dyer (Carey) - Lakeside
- 14 Melanie Athey (Scott) - Bear Creek
- 15 JJ Jennings - Happy Trails
- 17 Joe Phillips - Rainbow
- 18 Ryan Ivy - Bluff Dale
- 22 Beverly Lindsay (Jerry) - Thorp Spring
- 29 Chris Kitts - Rivers

July Anniversaries

- 8 Mark & Mona Dolan - Acton
- 8 Carey & Dena Dyer - Lakeside
- 14 Paul & Angela Duncan - Mambrino
- 15 Glenn & Carolyn Ward - PBA
- 16 Joe & Cindy Rodden - FBC Glen Rose
- 18 Mark & Chris Roath - Acton
- 18 Brandon & Caitlin Winkler - Lakeside
- 21 Ernesto & Jessica Jimenez - El Buen Pastor
- 22 Mark & Gina Forrest - Lakeside
- 24 Tan & Janet Flippin - Lakeside
- 27 Scott & Pam Eudaley - Acton
- 28 Blaine & Misty Bernstein - Tolar

Churches Needing Staff

Please pray for COTTONWOOD and BRAZOS RIVER CHURCH as their Search Committees seek new Pastors.

“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

1 Peter 4:8-10

Prayer Corner

Peace in Israel

Our Nation to Turn Back to God

Church Service Decisions

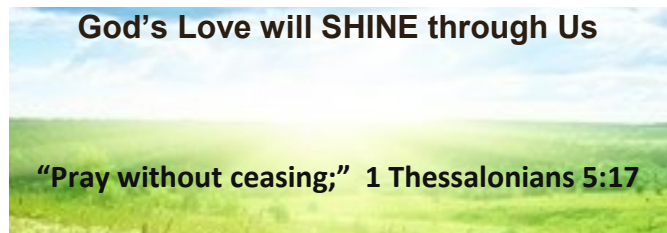
Cure for Covid 19

That We Trust God in every Circumstance

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

God's Love will SHINE through Us

“Pray without ceasing;” 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Announcements

FBC GLEN ROSE - VBS is scheduled for July 6-9, 9:30-11:00 am Registration opened June 1st. All summer camps for Children and Youth have been cancelled. Sunday services have resumed.

FBC THORP SPRING - VBS is cancelled for this summer. Sunday Morning Worship services are being held now, two services, 9:00 am or 10:45 am.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST - VBS is cancelled for the summer. Time for services at Lakeside - 9:00 or 11:00 am Celebration Worship; 1:00 pm Modern Worship; or 4:00 pm Chapel Worship.

TOLAR BAPTIST - is hosting MPACT mission trip for students July 25-31. Up to 250 students from around Texas will be completing service projects in Tolar and Bluff Dale.

Even though some of our PBA Churches are not meeting, at this time, in church buildings, you can watch or hear the preaching and teaching of God's Word on their various websites. Check it out!

Stay in God's Word and Pray Continually.

Call the PBA Office, 817-579-5111, if we can help.

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JULY 1 - Can begin ordering Mary Hill Davis Offering envelopes online or by phone.

"How To Study The Bible" Clinic

Are you intimidated by the Book of Romans and confused by the Book of Leviticus? Do you feel like you need a degree in theology before you can study the Bible on your own?

We have good news for you! Join us for the "How To Study The Bible" clinic and learn how to observe, understand, interpret and apply any passage of Scripture using the inductive study method. In just a few hours you'll be equipped with the tools needed to transform your own study of the Bible. There is no cost for the clinic and study materials but you **must** register to attend.

Where: First Baptist Church
201 W. Gibbs Blvd
Glen Rose, TX

When: 25 July 2020, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Instructor: Michele Holmes

Please note: there is no childcare provided for this event.



Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows

January 1 to May 31, 2020

	MAY	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 10,018.46	\$ 68,369.60	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Missions	\$ 1,678.00	\$ -	-	-
Other *	\$ 18,202.43	\$ 20,239.58	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 29,898.89	\$ 88,609.18	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$ 845.83	\$ 4,229.15	\$ 845.83	\$ 10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 20,400.00
Personnel	\$ 8,117.32	\$ 40,716.64	\$ 8,663.08	\$ 103,957.00
Office	\$ 716.89	\$ 5,593.83	\$ 1,741.67	\$ 20,900.00
Missions	\$ 1,440.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 11,120.04	\$ 50,539.62	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 18,778.85			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$ 205,376.01			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$ 224,154.86			
* Income from SBAD loan/grant, Amazon Smile, Bank Interest				

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!

Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2531016 and Amazon donates to Paluxy Baptist Assoc.

Join With Us
SUMMER OF PRAYER
 (Nondenominational)
 Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
 Memorial Lane at Jim Burks
 Firefighters Memorial Park
 550 North Travis Street, Granbury
 (Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.)

