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HAVE WE TURNED A CORNER?

There is no question that the last couple of months have been the most unusual I can remember. Even though I've read about the Spanish flu epidemic of about 100 years ago, all the tremendous strains of the Great Depression, World War II, etc., etc., for me personally, I have never had to deal with anything quite like the coronavirus pandemic.

However, it has been interesting to see how our churches in particular have become so creative in using technology, the internet and other media outlets to continue providing online worship experiences and Bible studies. Even though the personal interaction by being physically present with each other is missing, one of the blessings is that I keep hearing about people who had never entered the church house, were joining different church's online services and some have expressed interest in learning more about the Lord. In other words, the Lord has used even these difficult times to keep spreading His Word—and that's a good thing!

Now, as many churches are beginning to reopen, even with some guidelines for being cautious and careful, could we say we have "turned a corner" and are moving toward a new normal? I know that most of us are looking forward to gathering together again for fellowship and worship, there are some things we should consider. Please pray for your pastor and leaders who are seeking to know the Lord's will regarding these issues. Some think they should have opened already, while others are not ready to reopen yet. Let's be quick to show grace to everyone, regardless of how they view this question of reopening our churches.

If you reopen expecting things to be as they were before the pandemic closings, and someone contracts the COVID-19 virus and dies because they attended your service, what kind of witness do you suppose your church will have in the community? Just something to think about.

May the Lord bless you and your congregation in following His wisdom through it all.

I'm so glad to be your DOM,

Glenn

Future PBA Dates and Opportunities

FREE! - Sunday School & Youth Literature in the PBA Resource Room. We also have some VBS materials, "Giddyup Junction" and "Game On" available, if anyone would like to have it.

Also, if you would like to reserve the PBA Conference room,

just call the PBA Office @ 817-579-5111.

Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants (TBMA) 2020 Conference

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

Thank You

To the leaders of Waples Church for interviewing our wonderful DOM, Bro. Glenn,

on a YouTube link <https://youtu.be/e67xNWQLyo4>. Great job!

June Birthdays

- 3 Don Anderson - FB Granbury
- 5 Daniel McKay - FB Granbury
- 9 Stephanie Anderson (Bryan) - FBC Glen Rose
- 16 Claudia Guia (Angel) - Cristo Roca Viva
- 17 Cindy Rodden - FBC Glen Rose
- 22 Wayne Ford - Allison (Pastor emeritus)
- 24 Raul Sandoval - Vino Nuevo
- 26 Sherman Aten - Acton
- 27 Mark Roath - Acton
- 28 Erin Howard (Justin) - Granbury Baptist
- 30 Kent Barnes - FBC Glen Rose
- 30 Audrey Phillips (Joe) - Rainbow

June Anniversaries

- 10 Dan & Kelly Jones - Triple Cross
- 13 Bryan & Stephanie Anderson - FBC Glen Rose
- 20 Jason & Susan Turbeville - Southside
- 24 Kevin & Angela Brown - FBC Thorp Spring
- 25 Jeff & Kristi Bise - Paluxy Baptist

Churches Needing Staff

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

Prayer Corner

Peace in Israel

Our Nation to Turn Back to God

Church Service Decisions

**Leaders making Decisions
for Citizens' Health and Safety**

That We Trust God in every Circumstance



"Pray without ceasing;" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Announcements

ACTON BAPTIST - VBS is cancelled for June 1-5. There is no re-schedule date.

FBC GLEN ROSE - VBS has been rescheduled for July 6-9, 9:30-11:00 am Registration opens on 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 Moring Worship services are being held now, two services, 9:00 am or 10:45 am.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST - VBS is cancelled for the summer. Sunday, May 31st Worship Service will be held at THE PROMISE in Glen Rose. That afternoon, 4:00 pm will be Chapel Service at Lakeside Church. Then June 7th, services will be held at Lakeside - 9:00 or 11:00 am Celebration Worship; 1:00 pm Modern Worship; 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! Also pray for our church leaders as decisions are made concerning public gatherings.

Stay in God's Word and Pray Continually.

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

"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 April 30, 2020

	APRIL	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 15,668.41	\$ 58,351.14	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Missions	\$ 2,301.95	\$ -	-	-
Other *	\$ 2,003.36	\$ 2,037.15	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 19,973.72	\$ 60,388.29	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$ 845.83	\$ 3,383.32	\$ 845.83	\$ 10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 20,400.00
Personnel	\$ 7,972.24	\$ 32,599.32	\$ 8,663.08	\$ 103,957.00
Office	\$ 947.27	\$ 4,876.94	\$ 1,741.67	\$ 20,900.00
Missions	\$ 2,622.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 12,387.59	\$ 40,859.58	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 7,586.13			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$ 197,789.88			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$ 205,376.01			
* \$2000.00 income from SBA loan/grant				

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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“Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,
for my soul takes refuge in Thee;
and in the shadow of Thy wings I will take refuge,
until destruction passes by.”

Psalm 57:1