

THE BEACON



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Serving Erath, Hood, Parker & Somervell Counties

May 2020

INTERESTING TIMES INDEED!

Who would have ever imagined that in May we would be wondering about whether or not, or when, we should open our church facilities for public worship gatherings after about six weeks of services online, Facebook, Zoom, etc.? But that's where we are!

It is also interesting to hear and observe various views on the subject of reopening church facilities. Some remind me of those Texans at Gonzales just prior to the war for independence with Mexico, and they still fly the flag (at least in their minds) with the cannon and the words: "Come And Take It!" On the other extreme some are so gripped in fear of the COVID-19 virus they can't begin to think of attending what would be a public gathering even in their own church house.

Surely our God is fully aware of all that's going on and He has promised to give wisdom to those who ask Him. Think about one thing as you deliberate the pros and cons of reopening: While something is our right to do, does that mean in certain conditions it is the wisest thing to do?

We can walk by faith as we've been called to do while also using the minds and common sense that the same God—who is the object of our faith—gave us!

May the Lord bless you and your ministry staff and lead you all with the wisdom He gives so that we are all good witnesses to our communities as well as demonstrating what it means to be good Christian citizens of our state and nation.

Recently I wrote to our pastors to say that I have always sought to show that I am 110% for the autonomy of the local church. That just means that each church is accountable to God alone for the choices and decisions you make and as your Director of Missions, I will support you completely as you seek to follow the Lord into the next part of the journey with Him.

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.
Call the PBA Office.

Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants (TBMA) 2020 Conference scheduled for April 23-25 has been **POSTPONED** until September

Churches Needing Staff

BLUFF DALE—Sunday morning Nursery worker. If interested email morphewtrio@gmail.com.

FAIRVIEW - Childcare/Nursery help. email: jesse76049@yahoo.com

ALSO, please pray for COTTONWOOD and BRAZOS RIVER CHURCH as their Search Committees seek new Pastors.



May Birthdays

- 2 Jerry Hibbs - Southside
- 7 Gary Leonard - Triple Cross
- 16 Daniel Marino - Granbury Baptist
- 18 Jan Harris (DeWayne) - Triple Cross
- 19 Shawn Lutgen - Granbury Baptist
- 21 Justin Burton - Rivers
- 23 Roxie Turner (John) - New Prospect

May Anniversaries

- 9 Scott & Cindi Pace - Bluff Dale
- 14 Kent & Gail Barnes - FBC Glen Rose
- 19 Lindsay & Cindy Luedeker - Waples
- 21 Barry & Betty Baldwin - FBC Lipan
- 23 Joe & Audrey Phillips - Rainbow

BIBLE READING MARATHON

Reading will begin at 7AM on Friday, May 1 and conclude at noon on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

SIGN UP TO READ

Mike and Sandee McMahon
Coordinators

Prayer Corner

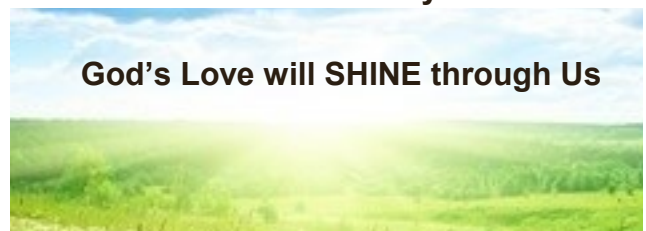
Peace in Israel

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

Paluxy Baptist Association Statement of Cash Flows

January 1 to March 31, 2020

	MARCH	Year to Date	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:				
From Churches	\$ 8,315.72	\$ 42,682.73	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Missions	\$ 4,285.87	\$ -	-	-
Other	\$ 6.08	\$ 33.79	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 12,607.67	\$ 42,716.52	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Expenses:				
Partnership Ministries	\$ 845.83	\$ 2,537.49	\$ 845.83	\$ 10,150.00
Support Ministries	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 20,400.00
Personnel	\$ 8,143.99	\$ 24,627.08	\$ 8,663.08	\$ 103,957.00
Office	\$ 1,020.54	\$ 3,929.67	\$ 1,741.67	\$ 20,900.00
Missions	\$ 5,888.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 14,898.43	\$ 31,094.24	\$ 12,950.58	\$ 155,407.00
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (2,290.76)			
Bank Balance -- Beginning	\$ 200,080.64			
Bank Balance -- Ending	\$ 197,789.88			

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.

Even though 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 your church leaders as they make decisions of when church buildings will reopen.

Stay in God's Word and Pray continually.

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

...“The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea”— Habakkuk 2:14

2020 National Day of Prayer

Worship & Prayer Gathering

His Kingdom Come... His Will Be Done

Thursday May 7th 2020

7:00PM to 8:15PM

**at the
Granbury High School
Parking Lot**

(behind the school, off Howard Clemmons Road)

**Social Distancing:
Park in every other space
checkerboard style
Stay in or with your car
Questions: Call (817) 771-6988**