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Vive La Résistance

In 1940 a movement was born. Nazi Germany had defeated France, flooding the country with 300,000 occupation troops. Overcome by the brutality occurring around them, most French citizens tried to mind their business and endure as best they could, while a significant number collaborated with the enemy. But other brave men and women organized into small cells, working underground to resist and eventually drive back their Nazi occupiers. We know them as the French Resistance.

The Resistance cells were severely outnumbered, and the consequences severe should their efforts be discovered. Over the course of World War II, Germany executed thirty thousand resistance fighters while deporting another 86,000 to death camps. Despite this, through their perseverance, Resistance forces played a crucial role in the Allied victory.

As I ponder the world in which we live today, I wonder if it's time for a new resistance. No, this isn't a call for social revolution, or for mass demonstrations where we insist on our right for this or that. But as a secular occupation sweeps North America, flooding communities with evangelists for humanist ideology, it's time for a new resistance.

The resistance I'm calling for is not about arms or national defense. It is a personal and corporate refusal to yield in the face of cultural change and, instead, hold true to the gospel. Refusing to collaborate with an increasingly pagan culture, we will "*contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints,*" (Jude 1:3). But we will not grow hostile. Rather, we will live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse us of doing wrong, they may see our good deeds and glorify God... (1 Peter 2:12).

The key to such resistance will be the same as before, small groups. The Resistance was not known by great crowds and eloquent speech (that was the other side). They met in small groups, carefully considering their mission and then moving from the background forward. We need the same today.

In other words, we need discipleship. Biblical disciple making is for the church what the small Resistance cells were to French Liberation. We've departed from it in recent years, looking more to worship and special events to grow believers. But developing men and women who faithfully serve Christ in an increasingly antagonistic society requires small groups through which believers hold one another accountable, learn and apply God's word, pray together, then launch back into the world on mission for the Savior.

So, are you ready? If you need help, give us a call. The BBA has access to several tools for helping you excel at disciple making. In any case, vive la résistance!

Closing thoughts:

I pray your celebration of the Lord's resurrection would refuel your love for Him and draw others to His Name! Happy Easter!

Pastors, staff, and even otherwise unattached preachers are encouraged to attend the Smaller Church and Bivocational Conference, April 7 at Trinity Baptist Church. Special guest Dr. Bob Uteley will bless you. Keep reading for more information.

Finally, may God bless and keep you!

Bro. Jim

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association news & prayer

2018 BBA Children's Camp



Cost: **\$150** - All churches!

For more information or to receive a registration pack, please call or email Valerie at 903-831-0194 receptionist@bowiebaptist.org or visit the BBA webpage at www.bowiebaptist.org.

Administrative Committee Meeting

The next Administrative Committee Meeting will be **April 10th**, 10:00 AM, at the BBA Office. Meetings are open to participation from interested persons within the association.

Executive Board Meeting

The next BBA Executive Board Meeting will be **April 17**, at **Hooks FBC, 6 pm**. To stay up to date on your association, please plan to attend. RSVP by calling Valerie at the BBA office at 903-831-0194 or by emailing receptionist@bowiebaptist.org.

BBA Pastor's Monthly Fellowship

The next monthly fellowship for the BBA pastors will be **April 2nd, 10 am, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**. This is a time for pastors of the Bowie Baptist Association to gather for coffee and fellowship.

Correctional and Law Enforcement Appreciation



BBA is partnering with Texas Baptist Men to host Correctional Officer / Law Enforcement Officer Appreciation Dinners at the Telford Prison unit, **May 9-10**.

TBM will provide a Disaster Relief feeding unit and cooks, with a minimum of 12 to 16 volunteers needed each meal to serve. Pastors and church staff are invited to come and visit with the officers. Meals will be served each day from 10:30 AM to 2 PM and from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. If you or a group from your church would like to volunteer, please contact [Bro. Jim](#).

Also, we need 800 letters from children and adults in the churches, thanking the officers for their service in keeping our community safe. Write letters on plain paper and put each into a separate envelop, leaving the envelope blank, except for any decorating you may wish to do.

2018 Navajo Nation Mission Trip

June 2-8, 2018

Window Rock, Arizona



Interested persons should contact Dr. Jim Turnbo by e-mail at jimturnbo@bowiebaptist.org.

FOCUS on the ministry

Bi-vocational & Smaller Membership Conference

Saturday, April 7, 2018
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Trinity Baptist Church
Texarkana, Arkansas

Cost is \$10 per person
\$25 max per family
Lunch provided

Pastors/Staff Conference

- Sermon preparation, led by Dr. Bob Utley
- Getting things done in a smaller membership church
- Resources & strategies for bi-vocational/smaller membership churches

Minister's Wives' Conference

- Led by Tammy Albrecht - Pastor's Wife, FBC DeWitt, AR

Children's Activities

- Birth - 6th grade, hosted by SAU BCM

Registration options:

Online: www.absc.org/mcsouthwest,
Email: jimturnbo@bowiebaptist.org
or lriley@absc.org

Phone: 800-838-2272, ext. 5114
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Southwest Arkansas Baptist Association,
Arkansas Baptist State Convention &
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1st Choice Pregnancy Center Walk/Run for Life

Save the Date for First Choice Pregnancy Center's Walk/Run for Life, which will take place Saturday, May 5th, 2018. Registration is open if you would like to enter. You may do so on the website, www.firstchoiceprc.com. (under the donate button), or you may register through the Walk/Run [Facebook page](#). If you would like more information on sponsorships, pledge forms, posters, you can contact Kristie or Laura at the Center. (903) 792-5735

2018 NetXtreme "Above All Else" - Proverbs 4:23

Camp 1: June 4-8, 2018
Camp 2: June 8-12, 2018

Cost: \$190 per camper

Camp Pastor: Todd Reed,
FBC Redwater
Worship Leader: Abandon
Entertainment: Jared Hall

Registration for camp is now open! Reserve your spots by paying the \$50 deposit per camper. Final payments are due May 14, 2018.

The registration packet and more information can be found at www.netxtreme.org or by emailing info@netxtreme.org.

Lakeview Sr. Adult Rally

May 10, 2017

Registration: 9 AM
Program begins at 9:30 AM

Each church please call with number attending by Monday May 7th, 2018, 903-656-3871.
Cost: \$10/person. Includes lunch & 2 snacks.

Brazil Mission Trip 2018

The annual Brazil Mission trip, coordinated by Dr. Dwight Lowrie of Liberty-Eylau Baptist Church, will be July 6-19. This year's team will conduct a crusade in Belo Horizonte. Registration is open now, with all costs due by April 15th. For information or to register, please contact Bro. Lowrie at 903-244-4108.



April 1st
Easter Sunday

Churches Seeking Staff

Please continue to pray for the numerous churches in the Association that are seeking staff members.

Pastor:

Victory City Midway FBC

Worship Leader:

Hooks FBC

Pianist:

Pleasant Grove (903-838-5558)

Youth Leader:

- Flower Acres (903-824-8412)
- Korean Mission
- Cross View

(Send resume to 3268 North FM 2148, Texarkana, TX 75503, ATTN: Youth Search Committee)

- Midway FBC

(Send resume to 1415 FM 2148, Texarkana, TX 75501, ATTN: Youth Minister Search Committee)

For more information, you may contact the respective congregations with the information provided, or contact the BBA Office.

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APRIL 2018

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 2 Pastor's Monthly Fellowship
Pleasant Grove, 10 am
- 10 Administrative Team Meeting
BBA Office, 10 am
- 17 Executive Board Meeting
Hooks FBC, 6 pm

MAY 2018

- 2 Pastor's Monthly Fellowship
Pleasant Grove, 10 am
- 3 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Administrative Team Meeting
BBA Office, 10 am
- 10 Lakeview Senior Adult Rally
- 13 Mother's Day
- 28 Memorial Day (BBA Office Closed)

MISSION TEXARKANA APRIL

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903-792-1301

- Liberty Eylau
- Maud FBC
- Red Springs FBC
- Korean Baptist
- Cross Power
- Rock Creek
- Leary FBC
- Pleasant Grove
- Siloam

RUNNIN' WJ RANCH

4802 S. Kings Hwy
Texarkana, TX 75501
903-838-3223

These churches have been asked by Mission Texarkana to get involved in the food drive for this month. The Center needs all kinds of canned goods, flour, corn meal, dried beans, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, baby foods and formulas, and diapers. Any effort made for Mission Texarkana will be appreciated. Some churches have chosen to include Mission Texarkana in their annual budget and send a monthly check for support. Runnin' WJ Ranch needs financial support, volunteers, and supplies as well.