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Just a Thought!

Of all the characters we meet in the story of Jesus' birth, I think I relate most with the shepherds. Near the bottom of the social ladder next to tax collectors and dung sweepers, they were not the popular choice for announcing a king's arrival. But they were God's choice, for after a visit by the angelic choir and their own journey to the manger, they became the first New Testament witnesses. *"And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them,"* (Luke 2:17-18).

Two thousand years later, it's our turn, for we stand in direct succession to the simple herders of old. While some of us may rank higher in the world's eye and others lower, we are all broken by sin, certainly unfit to serve a king. And yet, just as God chose them, He chooses us as his heralds for this generation.

Your church, our association, and our convention partners share this calling. Having experienced the Savior for ourselves, it is now our task to share His story to all who will listen. There were many opportunities for doing so in 2017. I trust there will be many more in 2018.

And so, as we prepare to close out one year and begin another, my prayer is that, with one heart and mind, the churches of Bowie Baptist Association will, with boldness and compassion, share the Good News of Jesus Christ across our county and around the world, that disciples would grow and His name be praised. May we continue what the shepherds started.

On behalf of the staff and leadership of the Bowie Baptist Association, have a most wonderful Christmas celebration and happy New Year!

Bro. Jim

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association news & prayer

Bi-State School of Ministry



The Call: How God Shapes You for Ministry is the Spring Semester class for the Bi-State School of Ministry. Students will explore how God shapes

disciples ministry, including the spiritual and practical preparation essential for effective service. A core component of the Diploma in Christian Ministry, this class is appropriate for anyone seeking to grow as a servant of Christ and His church.

This class is offered Mondays, beginning January 22, 6 to 9 PM, at First Baptist Church, Wake Village, Texas. Dr. Jim Turnbo is the instructor. For information contact the association at 903-831-0194 or Bro. Jim by e-mail at jimturnbo@bowiebaptist.org.

Administrative Team Meeting

The next Administrative Committee Meeting will be **January 12th**, 10:00 AM, at the BBA Office. Meetings are open to participation from interested persons within the association.

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be **January 16th**, 12:00 PM at DeKalb FBC. Please RSVP with Valerie at the BBA Office by January 12 by calling 903-831-0194 or email receptionist@bowiebaptist.org.

2018 Meeting Locations

January 16, 2018 - 12 Noon, DeKalb FBC

April 17, 2018 - 6:00 pm, Hooks FBC

July 24, 2018 - 12 Noon, BBA Office

September 18, 2018 - 6:00 pm
Cross View Baptist Church

2018 Partnership Celebration & Annual Meeting

October 21, 2018 - Wake Village FBC

D-Life

dlife

D-Life is a relational disciple making approach where groups of 3 to 8 men or women commit together to do several things:

- Read a chapter of the Bible daily
- Meet for an hour once weekly for fellowship, accountability, prayer, and Bible study
- Complete a ministry project at least once every two months
- Multiply / form a new group at least once every year

If you are interested in joining a D-Life group, contact [Bro. Jim](#).

BBA Pastor's Monthly Fellowship

January 8th will be the next monthly fellowship for the BBA pastors. This is a time for pastors of the Bowie Baptist Association to gather for coffee and fellowship. The schedule is the 1st Monday of every month, **10 am, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**.

FOCUS on the ministry

Sanctity of Human Life



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, a day set aside to remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and acknowledge that all human life has value, is **Sunday, January 21st**. 1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center can provide bulletin inserts, speakers, and other materials for your use on that day. It is an excellent time to start a baby bottle campaign as well, and they would be happy to provide bottles for that purpose. Contact Kristie Wright at firstchoice@cablone.net; (903) 793-5735 (Center) or (903) 276-3392 (Cell) and let her know what supplies you need.

For the Sake of One Foster & Orphan Care Ministry

For the Sake of One is a local non-profit that advocates for the foster care community. There are numerous way in which you can help. For more information you may contact the director, Angela Coston. www.forthesakeofone.com
forthesakeofonetexarkana@gmail.com

2018 Mileage Rate

54.5 cents per mile driven for business

18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes

14 cents per mile driven for charitable organizations

Churches Seeking Staff

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

Pastor:

Victory City Midway FBC
Old Salem

Worship Leader:

Hooks FBC

Pianist:

Pleasant Grove (903-838-5558)

Youth Leader:

- Flower Acres (903-824-8412)
- Korean Mission
- New Boston FBC
- Cross View
- Midway FBC

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

(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.

SBTC Empower Conference



February 26-27, 2018
Irving Convention Center at
Las Colinas, Irving, TX
For more information:

[Click here](#)

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st

The BBA Office will be closed.



"Praisercise"

A free Health & Fitness Ministry for
Pastors & their wives



"Having the Strength to Feed the
Sheep - Spiritually, Emotionally,
& Physically"

Legends Gym (3315 N Stateline Ave.,
Texarkana, TX) is offering a free pre
or post lunch workout for pastors
and their wives. This is a great
opportunity that will allow local
pastors to work on a balance of
being a healthy example to both
their flock and the community.
This service is available on Mon-
days, Wednesdays and Fridays,
10 am - 12 pm or 1 pm - 3 pm.
For more information call Cody
Dailey (owner of Legends Gym)
at 903-792-2639 or check out
their website [here](#).

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JANUARY 2018

- 1** New Years Day
- 8** Pastor's Monthly Fellowship
Pleasant Grove, 10 am
- 9** Administrative Team Meeting
BBA Office, 10 am
- 15** Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 16** Executive Board Meeting
DeKalb FBC, 12 Noon

FEBRUARY 2018

- 5** Pastor's Monthly Fellowship
Pleasant Grove, 10 am
- 13** Administrative Team Meeting
BBA Office, 10 am
- 26-27** SBTC Empower Conference
Las Colinas, Irving, TX

FRIENDSHIP CENTER JANUARY

620 W. Fourth
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- Avery FBC
- GraceWay
- Liberty Hill
- Malta
- New Boston FBC
- Oak Terrace
- New Oak Grove
- Simms FBC
- Regions Christian Center

RUNNIN' WJ RANCH
4802 S. Kings Hwy
Texarkana, TX 75501
903-838-3223

These churches have been asked by the Friendship Center 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 the Friendship Center will be appreciated. Some churches have chosen to include the Friendship Center in their annual budget and send a monthly check for support. Runnin' WJ Ranch needs financial support, volunteers, and supplies as well.