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Thank you!

Every so often I receive one of those calls from someone asking what the Bowie Baptist Association is about, and why their church should support us. My answer is always the same: We're here for *you*. The association exists to encourage, serve, help, equip your church and to foster connections with sister congregations, that Christ would receive glory. We are stronger together.

Particularly the work of BBA falls into one of two categories. One is church health and support. This includes my personal ministry with pastors and congregational leaders, but extends to our effort to help one another in the areas of evangelism and making disciples. Perhaps your church has used the Evangelistic Event Trailer. That's the association. Or maybe you are part of a D-Life group in your church. That too was influenced by the association (BTW, if you don't know about D-Life, ask me). Need a coach, consultant, or even a referee (never)? Again, that's the association.

The other area of associational work is cooperative ministry. This occurs when two or more congregations partner for a given ministry. Baptist Student Ministry is part of this, as is the Bi-State School of Ministry. Add to these IGNITE children's camp, our Navajo Nation Missions partnership, Disaster Relief, and our participation with the Texarkana Friendship Center, Telford Prison Ministry, Runnin' WJ Ranch, and Lakeview Camp, and you will see that there are many ways our churches stand together to share Christ.

So, who determines what we do in each of these areas? The needs and ministry calling of our member churches are expressed through the Executive Board – made up of pastors and other ministry leaders. I'll cast a vision. But ultimately the ministry of the Bowie Baptist Association is determined by those of you who engage.

That said, to you who have engaged with us, let me say how grateful we are for your effort. And to you who have yet to do so, please join us. As do individual Christians, I believe our congregations grow stronger as we stand together.

Think about it, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Bro. Jim

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association news & prayer

Administrative Team Meeting

The next Administrative Committee Meeting will be **November 14th**, 10:00 AM, at the BBA Office. Meetings are open to participation from interested persons within the association.

2018 Executive Board 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

D-Life

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](#).

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



December 3rd - December 10th.

Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The National Goal this year is \$160 Million. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

For more information about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and promotional materials for your church, click [here](#).

2017 Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 3rd - December 10th

- Day 1** - Bagby Family, Nepal
- Day 2** - Muslims of Russia
- Day 3** - Jones Family, Japan
- Day 4** - Mexico City Team
- Day 5** - The Forgotten Refugee
- Day 6** - Mikeska Family, London
- Day 7** - What God Has Done - World Wide
- Day 8** - Why Prayer Matters - World Wide

For more information about these missionaries and their story, click [here](#).

FOCUS on the ministry

ACP's

Church secretaries and clerks should have received the Annual Church Profile. If you have yet to receive any information, or you need help, please contact Valerie at the BBA Office by [email](#) or phone 903-831-0194.

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:

- Highland Park (903-792-6996)
- Flower Acres (903-824-8412)
- Korean Mission
- Myrtle Springs
- New Boston FBC
- 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.

Daylight Savings Time

ends November 5th
Remember to "Fall Back"

Thanksgiving Day

November 23, 2017

BBA Office Closed

1st Choice Pregnancy Center Annual Fundraiser

1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's annual fall fundraising dinner will be Tuesday, **November 7th** at the Texarkana Convention Center. Speaker is Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor. Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner & Program 6:30-8:30 pm. Dinner is complimentary (dress is business attire). An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. Please RSVP to Kristie Wright at firstchoice@cablone.net or 903-792-6535. Adults only please as seating is limited.

SBTC Annual Meeting



November 13-14, 2017
Criswell College
Dallas, TX

<http://sbtexas.com/2017-annual-meeting/>

BGCT Annual Meeting



November 12-14, 2017
Waco Convention Center
Waco, TX

<https://texasbaptists.org/annual-meeting>

Redwater FBC Senior Adult Winter Festival

FBC Redwater will be having the Senior Adult Winter Festival on **December 2nd**. The "Rejoice" themed night will feature entertainment from The Hartley Family at 4:30 and a meal to follow. If your church group or individuals would like to attend, please mail payment to FBC Redwater or stop by the church office to purchase tickets. Please RSVP for meal tickets by Monday, **November 20th**. Entertainment only tickets will be available at the door. For groups of 10 or more riding together, the bus driver will get free admission!

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NOVEMBER 2017

- 12-14** BGCT Annual Meeting
- 12-15** SBTC Annual Meeting
- 14** Administrative Team Meeting, 10 AM
- 23-24** Thanksgiving Holiday, BBA Office Closed

DECEMBER 2017

- 3-10** Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 10** Pastor's Monthly Fellowship
Pleasant Grove, 10 am
- 12** Administrative Team Meeting
BBA Office, 10 am
- 25** Christmas Day
- 25 - Jan 1** BBA Office closed

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

620 W. Fourth
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NOVEMBER

- College Hill
- Friendship
- Texarkana FBC
- DeKalb FBC
- Sand Hill
- Village Community
- Primera
- Spring Hill

RUNNIN' WJ RANCH

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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.