

# The FOCUS

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## The Work of the Church

Again I write you from the field, deployed with Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief to Vidor, Texas. Hurricane Harvey cut a broad path across the Texas Gulf Coast, leaving great damage in its wake. Numerous teams will come in and out through the end of the year, helping the people return to some sense of normalcy.

I have met some wonderful volunteers in my two Harvey deployments. In addition to the teams from Texas, I've worked with men and women from Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and New Mexico. At any given time as many as 80 people are on site, living at the church as they perform mudout operations for families whose homes were flooded by the storms.

What do these people have in common? They share a couple of traits. First and foremost, they share a love for Jesus Christ. As have you and I, they turned from sin to trust Him as Lord. They are our brothers and sisters in faith.

But the other trait they share is that they are putting their faith into action. Not content with sitting in the sight of such great need, they answered God's call. Some are trained. Others are not. Some are highly skilled, with others less so. But they left their own sense of normal behind in order to serve the people hurt by recent storms, all in Christ's name. And because they've done so, broken lives are mended with many persons joining us in Christ's family through their efforts.

This is the work of the church. Don't get me wrong, what we do on Sunday, and any other time in our church facilities, is important. It's through these things that God shapes His children for ministry in the world. But if Christians are not leaving their normal to influence a broken world for Christ, something is amiss in our activity.

My encouragement to you, be Christians who engage. Don't just drink in the faith. Live it. May the Bowie Association be a family of churches that raises up disciples that serve in the spirit of Romans 12:1.

Please remember the upcoming **BBA Partnership Celebration and Annual Meeting**, Sunday, October 15, at Buchanan First Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas. The mission fair will open at 3:30 PM, with a panel discussion at 4:15, meal at 5:00, brief business session at 5:45, and worship at 6:00. A special training for Disaster Relief will run from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. RSVP by calling or emailing the BBA Office.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Bro. Heath Coston as our new Campus Missionary / BSM Director for Texarkana College and Texas A&M Texarkana. Please pray for Heath as he begins his service in collegiate ministry.

Blessings,

Bro. Jim

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**2017 Bowie Baptist Association  
Partnership Celebration  
& Annual Meeting**

***The Work of the Church:  
Growing Disciples***

**Missions Expo - Discover opportunities to serve locally and across the globe.**

**How to Effectively Do the Work of the Church - Panel discussion with church leaders and open Q&A.**

**Meal**

**Brief Business Session**

**Worship Service, with a message from an IMB Missionary (Many of you know him).**

**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

**Buchanan First Baptist Church  
3635 Buchanan Loop Road  
Texarkana, TX 75501**

**Mission Fair Opens @ 3:30 PM - Panel Discussion @ 4:15 PM  
Meal @ 5:00 PM - Business @ 5:45 PM - Worship @ 6:00 PM  
Special Disaster Relief Training - 3 PM - 5 PM**

**To RSVP call Valerie at (903) 831-0194 or  
email her at [receptionist@bowiebaptist.org](mailto:receptionist@bowiebaptist.org)**

# FOCUS on the ministry

## 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 by October 23rd to Kristie Wright at [firstchoice@cableone.net](mailto:firstchoice@cableone.net) or 903-792-6535. Adults only please as seating is limited.

### 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.

### Administrative Team Meeting

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

## Lakeview Senior Adult Rally

**October 5, 2017**

Speaker: Grant Sutton,  
FBC Hooks

Music: Gospel Bluegrass  
Band

Registration begins at 9 AM, Program begins at 9:30 AM. Cost is \$10.00, includes lunch & 2 snacks. Please call by Monday, October 2nd with reservations. 903-656-3871

### 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>

### Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Be sure to show your appreciation for the service that your pastor provides for your church and the community. For some ideas from Focus on the Family, click this link.

[http://media.focusonthefamily.com/pastoral/pdf/CAM\\_Guide\\_2012.pdf](http://media.focusonthefamily.com/pastoral/pdf/CAM_Guide_2012.pdf),

Or for ideas from LifeWay, click this link.

<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/pastor-Ideas-for-Pastor-Appreciation-Month-in-October>

## 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

### **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.

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## OCTOBER 2017

- 5** Lakeview Senior Adult Rally
- 10** Administrative Team Meeting, 10 AM
- 15** Partnership Celebration & Annual Meeting  
Buchanan FBC, Texarkana, 3:30 PM

## 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

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## FRIENDSHIP CENTER

620 W. Fourth  
Texarkana, TX 75505  
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## OCTOBER

- 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 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.