



For Such a Time as This

As I write to you, much of my home town is under water. I'm sure you've seen the news coverage. Trust me, it's that bad. While my friends and family are safe and (mostly) dry, many more are struggling with loss the likes of which they have never seen. Normalcy lies beyond sight of most.

But in the midst of this storm shines an amazing light, the light of the Lord as seen through His body at work. Since before most of us were even aware of hurricane Harvey, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief has been in position for a response that continues to unfold.

This includes the FBC Redwater / BBA Disaster Relief feeding unit. Our unit deployed Tuesday morning with a crew of five to serve first responders and volunteers in the Rockport and Arkansas Pass areas, ground zero for Harvey's landfall.

In addition, BBA volunteers are deploying for service with Recovery and Shower—Laundry units. And I depart Thursday for service with a Damage Assessment team. We join thousands of volunteers from across both Texas Baptist conventions and the entire Southern Baptist family of churches "sharing a cup of water in Jesus' name."



Add to this the many BBA congregations seeking to assist sister churches damaged by the storm and countless supplies donated for the response, and it is clear that God is at work through His church.

To those who may have questioned the BBA's emphasis on Disaster Relief, I remind you of Mordecai's words to his niece, Queen Esther, when she questioned the course of action he recommended for Israel's dilemma: "*And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this,*" (Esther 4:14).

To you who have prepared and are now engaged in what will be a vast missionary effort, thank you and may your numbers increase.

May Christ be exalted through the testimony of His church!

One More Thing

Though we are in full disaster response mode, I want to remind you of the upcoming **BBA Partnership Celebration and Annual Meeting**, Thursday, 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.

Sharing our message this year is an International Mission Board missionary with local roots, whose ministry requires a low on-line profile. As a result, I cannot post his name. But many of you know him as a former BBA pastor and staff member. Join us as we explore "the work of the church."

Blessings,

Bro. Jim

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association news & prayer

BBA Partnership Celebration & Annual Meeting

The BBA Partnership Celebration and Annual Meeting is **Sunday, October 15th**, Buchanan FBC, Texarkana, Tx.

The event will feature a Missions Celebration, a panel discussion, a meal, interest based breakout sessions, a brief business session and a Worship Service with a message from an International Mission Board missionary with local roots, whose ministry requires a low on-line profile. As a result, I cannot post his name. But many of you know him as a former BBA pastor and staff member.

Mission Fair opens at 3:30 pm, Panel Discussion at 4:15 pm, Meal at 5 pm, Business at 5:45, and Worship at 6 pm. If you would like to have a table for the mission fair, please let [Valerie](#) know.

We hope to see you there! And please ensure that your church elects messengers for the business sessions. All events are open to everyone.

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](#).

Administrative Team Meeting

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

Executive Board Meeting

Make plans to attend the next Executive Board Meeting. It will be at Eylau Hills Baptist Church, **September 19th**, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 15th to [Valerie](#) at the BBA Office.

Lakeview Senior Adult Rally



October 5, 2017

Speaker: Grant Sutton, Pastor, FBC Hooks

Music: Cedar Creek

Registration begins at 9 am

Program begins at 9:30 am

Cost: \$10.00, includes lunch & 2 snacks

All activities will be located in the Dining Hall.

If pastors help serve, they eat free! When registering mention you are helping serve the meal.

Please call with reservations needed by **Monday, October 2nd. 903-656-3871**

FOCUS on the ministry

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.

Save the Date

1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's annual fall fundraising dinner will be Tuesday, November 7th at the Texarkana Convention Center. Anyone interested in serving as a table host (no cost) or helping with underwriting expenses (minimum \$250) should contact Kristie Wright at (903) 792-5735 or firstchoice@cablone.net.

Labor Day

September 4, 2017

BBA Office Closed

ACP's



Church secretaries and clerks should have received the Annual Church Profile. The ACP is an annual report to our Baptist partners on your ministry this past year. Data is used by convention entities to plan support for local churches and assess SBC ministry priorities.

If you have questions or need help, please contact Valerie at the BBA Office by [email](#) or phone - 903-831-0194.

SBTC Reach Texas State Missions



The annual state mission offering of the SBTC will be **September 17-24, 2017**. 100% of the offering is used for Missions & Evangelism Ministries / Strategies (Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Evangelism & Missions). For more information & promotional materials for your church, click [here](#). The 2016 statewide Goal is 1.45 million dollars.

BGCT Week of Prayer & Mary Hill Davis Offering



Starting in 1910, the Mary Hill Davis Offering® was established to empower state missions efforts for Texas Baptists. Mark your calendars for **September 10-17** to recognize and promote the offering at your church. The State Goal this year is \$3,600,000 Million. Your giving mobilizes ministries and missionaries to go make disciples and multiply churches among all peoples for the glory of God. For more information & promotional materials for your church, click [here](#).

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SEPTEMBER 2017

- 4** Labor Day - BBA Office Closed
- 10-17** Week of Prayer - Texas Missions & Mary Hill Davis Offering
- 12** Administrative Team Meeting, 10 AM
- 17-24** Week of Prayer, SBTC
- 19** Executive Board Meeting, 6 PM
Eylau Hills Baptist Church

OCTOBER 2017

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

FRIENDSHIP CENTER SEPTEMBER

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- Downtown FBC
- Myrtle Springs
- Redwater FBC
- Faith Community
- Oak Street
- Crossview
- Fellowship
- Old Salem
- New Baptist Bible Fellowship

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.