

From My Laptop to Yours.



My staff and I attended **The Leadership Summit** for the first time last year and it was a truly moving experience. The Willow Creek Association faithfully brings together leaders from every aspect of society to discuss the dynamics and importance of leadership. This year, they have another incredible faculty including pastors Bill Hybels, John Ortberg and Floyd H. Flake as well as former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Harvard business professor Michael E. Porter, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Southern Cal business professor Warren Bennis, screenwriter and producer Richard Curtis, and former President Jimmy Carter. Don't miss out on the opportunity!

The WCA has extended a special opportunity to the ABA. We can invite churches to participate in this year's Leadership Summit for the WCA membership price (\$175 vs \$225 per person). This is for churches who have never participated in a Leadership Summit before and you have to register on or before April 30th. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Charlotte at 454-2558.

There are several ways to get involved in the **2007 Global Day of Prayer** on May 27, 2007. Plan to attend the services at the Delco Center that day or participate in the prayer team surrounding the event. Go to www.gdopaustin.com for more information.



For Christ and His Kingdom,

- Mission Churches & Church Plants*
- The Baptist Church of Driftwood**
Terry Colley, Pastor
- Cowboy Church of Travis County**
Barry Chinn, Pastor
- Cowboy Church of the Hill Country**
Jeff VanRyswyk, Pastor
- Discovery Christian Fellowship**
Ken Baldwin, Pastor
- First Filipino Christian Fellowship**
Noel Vinzon, Pastor
- Grace Fellowship Community Church**
Harold Hendricks, Pastor
- Great Commission Christian Center**
Michael White, Pastor
- Greater Parkway Baptist Church**
John Ford, Pastor
- Iglesia Bautista River Road**
Jose Chavez, Pastor
- Neighborhood Baptist Church**
Lee Yarbrough, Pastor
- New Life Baptist Church**
Marc Hegedus, Pastor
- North Austin Korean Baptist Church**
Lak Kyan Back, Pastor
- Northwest Chinese Church**
Cheng-Chi "Fish" Yu, Pastor
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Manor**
Hector Bahr, Pastor
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Pflugerville**
Jose Vasquez, Pastor
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Dripping Springs**
Manuel Casso, Acting Pastor
- Seongwha Central Church**
(at Friendship Baptist Church)
- Shooter's Fellowship**
Joe Schram, Pastor
- South Austin Community Church**
Arthur Sneed, Pastor
- Vietnamese Unity Baptist Church**
Minh Van Lam, Pastor
- The Well**
Jason Jones, Pastor

Purpose Statement

The Austin Baptist Association is an alliance of participating churches fulfilling the Great Commission.

Vision Statement

The Austin Baptist Association will be a catalyst alongside Great Commission churches to reach all people groups with the Gospel transforming our community and world through the power of God.



ABA Events

Mark your calendars!

April:

27-28 State Bible Drill at
Woodlawn Baptist Church

May:

1 Pastors/Wives Luncheon with
Bobby Welch

13 Mother's Day

15 ABA Monthly Meeting
Please RSVP if enjoying lunch

WMU News

- The National WMU Annual Meeting in San Antonio is just around the corner—June 10 & 11!
- Awakening 2007 will be held at First Baptist Church in Georgetown on August 17 & 18!!
- Check out www.WMUtx.org for more information
- The WMU is working to create a comprehensive list of mission opportunities for the ABA Website; help them by letting them know what mission opportunities are available at your church!!!



Child Evangelism Fellowship will be providing training this fall at the ABA office.

Teaching Children Effectively™ is a 30-hour course taught in four sessions from August 18—September 15. It is designed to offer a fresh approach to evangelizing and teaching children.

This training cost \$75 per person and includes all materials and hospitality. Registration and a deposit is required.

For more information on this program, surf the internet to www.cefonline.com or contact Ken Strom at 512-360-4028 or strom_ken@sbcglobal.net. You may also register through Ken.

Bannockburn Baptist Church

Will be hosting The Song of Solomon Conference for adults and students on May 4 & 5, 2007. Check out www.tommynelsononline.com for more information.

Fellowship Baptist Church, Liberty Hill

Has a 2000 Ford E450 with a Goshen bus body and wheel chairlift they would like to sell. Photos available upon request. If your congregation is in need of such vehicle, please contact John Dantin at (512) 653-7437 or johnmdantin@aol.com

First Baptist Church, Elgin

Is looking for a summer youth and children's minister to work with us for 10 weeks this summer. Start date negotiable. Church will provide room and board and a \$5,000 stipend. Contact the church office at (512) 281-2838 or Pastor Joe Caldwell at JCMC38@aol.com to apply.

Solid Rock Baptist Church

Will be celebrating Pastor & Mrs. Sneed's 26th Anniversary on April 22, 2007 at 11 am. Feel free to join us at 1014 Gardner Road or contact us at 512-385-7552.

Texas Oaks Baptist Church

Has extra Sunday School curriculum for April, May & June 2007 (complete children's and some adult). If you are interested in this curriculum, contact Bev Jones through the church at 512-280-9500.

Fontaine Memorial Baptist Church

Is seeking a portable building for classroom and alternate Food Distribution Center to needy. Also seeking a storage building for on-hand clothing for needy. Church located in East Austin. If you can assist, please contact Deborah Jackson at 512-228-6912 or 512-928-2200.

Happy, happy

Mother's Day

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all"

Proverbs 31:28-29

Sunday, May 13 2007

Church Librarians

The Austin-TACMO will offer Library Training

"CONCOURSE AUTOMATION...
WHAT IT DOES FOR YOUR LIBRARY"

presented by Gloria Hoover

Thursday, June 28, 2007

9:30 to 12:00 noon

PARK HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

The church is located on the corner of Mo Pac (Loop 1) and Bee Caves Road, just west of Zilker Park.

Please bring your library team to this training opportunity. Training is open to anyone interested in Libraries or their ministry. There will be a covered dish lunch following the meeting, so bring your favorite dish to share as we fellowship together. Please remember to bring any media (books, tapes, kits, processing supplies, etc.) which you have weeded from your library or no longer need and share with others for a "Media Swap". For more information please call Gloria 512-327-2524 or Ruth Ruiz 512-477-5467.

Hispanic Baptist Fellowship of Austin

President: Rev. José Leos

The pastors and officers of the Hispanic Baptist Fellowship of Austin met in a regular planning meeting on April 14, 2007 to plan for the upcoming General Meeting on May 20 and to discuss other matters concerning the Fellowship.

The Women Missionary, Baptist Men, Youth and Children organizations will meet at 3:15 PM. The General Assembly will meet from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:15 PM. The Fellowship will meet at Iglesia Bautista Betania, 1117 Tillery St., Austin, Texas.

The General Assembly will be directed by the Women's organization. The theme of the meeting is "The Family".

We, the president and officers, cordially invite all who would like to come to this upcoming meeting. Please come and have a good fellowship with brethren.

Secretary,
Elizabeth G. Garcia

Pastorless Churches

Eternal Faith Baptist
Fitzhugh Baptist
Highland Park Baptist
Kinney Avenue Baptist
Milwood Baptist
Mision Bautista Vista al Cielo
Onion Creek Baptist
Park Hills Baptist
Ridgeway Baptist, Paige
River Road Baptist

B The following children advanced to the State Bible Drill competitions during the Associational Bible Drill on Sunday, April 1st.

I Advancing to the Children's Bible Drill Finals (4th-6th): Alexis Denn from Spring Branch Baptist Church, **Rachel Waytkewicz** from First Lockhart Baptist Church, **Alana M. Benner** from Northwest Baptist Church, **David Money** from Northwest Baptist Church, **Joel Teal** from Northwest Baptist Church, and **Cameron Hite** from Woodlawn Baptist Church

B Advancing to the Youth Bible Drill State Semi-Finals (7th-9th): **Jeanette Dillard** from Spring Branch Baptist Church, **Elizabeth Dillard** from Spring Branch Baptist Church, **Kelly Waytkewicz** from First Lockhart Baptist Church, **Kiowa Campbell** from First Lockhart Baptist Church, **Caleb Peters** of First Lockhart Baptist Church, and **Samantha Burkland** of First Lockhart Baptist Church.

I Advancing to the Youth Bible Drill State Semi-Finals (10th-12th): **Sarah Paylor** of First Lockhart Baptist Church and **Ty Hanna** of First Lockhart Baptist Church.

D Advancing to the Youth Speakers' Tournament State Semi-Finals is **Katie Dillard** of Spring Branch Baptist Church.

R **Ms. Vina Coleman** of Ebenezer Baptist Church always does a superb job with our Bible Drill and this year was fabulous as well. Thank you, Vina, for all your hard work and dedication to this program and the children!!!

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WELCOMING OUR
NEWEST PASTORS!

DAVID RITSEMA
AT WOODLAWN BAPTIST

MARK MARKHAM
AT TRAVIS OAKS BAPTIST
(BEGINS MAY 1ST)



The ABA is looking for volunteers
to help on Tuesday mornings,
Wednesday afternoons and
Thursday mornings. Please
consider helping us with
answering the phone, simple
office assignments and
brightening the day of everyone
we meet!
Call 454-2558 and let us know
you are coming!