

From My Laptop to Yours.

Dear Friends,
 What a great time to be involved in the work of His Kingdom! I can't think of a better way to participate in the advancement of God's Kingdom than by working with other churches in a local Baptist Association. This month has been designated by the North American Mission Board as the month we highlight Associational Missions. In fact they have chosen the dates of May 18-24th as the focal week. This year's theme is The Baptist Association - Live with Urgency: Seize your Divine Moment. Having just celebrated the 300th anniversary of the Baptist Association and the 150th anniversary of our Austin Baptist Association, it is time to seize the moments in 2008. Let's not miss a single moment. It has been said that divine moments require urgency in action. John Stott rightly defines mission . . . when he says: "Mission is our human response to the divine Commission. It is a whole Christian lifestyle . . . dominated by the conviction that Christ sends us out into the world..." Our Austin Baptist Association has had one common thread throughout its history: Assisting the local church in its task to fulfill the Great Commission. "The Baptist Association stands now at a key moment in its history as it moves with urgency to assist local churches in fulfilling this great task." Dr. Harry Lewis, Senior Strategist, NAMB.

How are you and your church participating in what God is doing in the greater Austin area? Also, how can I help you or your church to join the "Jerusalem missions" that the Lord is doing in our city?

For Christ and His Kingdom,



Mission Churches & Church Plants

- Bridgeway Christian Koinonia**
Curtis Carr, Sr., Pastor
- Christian Love Center**
Jesus Sepada, Pastor
- Christian Worship & Family Learning Center**
Rudy Hardin, Pastor
- Cowboy Church of Travis County**
Barry Chinn, Pastor
- Cowboy Church of the Hill Country**
Jeff VanRyswyk, Pastor
- Gateway Hill Country Church**
Jeff Jackson, Pastor
- Grace Fellowship Community Church**
Harold Hendricks, Pastor
- Great Commission Christian Center**
Michael White, Pastor
- Greater Parkway Baptist Church**
John Ford, Pastor
- Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia**
Mario Alaniz, Pastor
- Iglesia Piedra Viva**
Saul Ramirez, Pastor
- Iglesia Rios de Agua Viva**
Javier Medina, 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
- Phoenix Church**
Charles Whitmire, Pastor
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Pflugerville**
Jose Vasquez, Pastor
- Restoration Bible Church**
Chris Wallace, Pastor
- Romanian Baptist Church of Austin**
Samuel Clintoc, Pastor
- South Austin Community Church**
Arthur Sneed, Pastor
- Vietnamese United Baptist Church**
David Lee, Pastor
- The Well**
Jason Jones, Pastor

Purpose Statement

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

Vision Statement

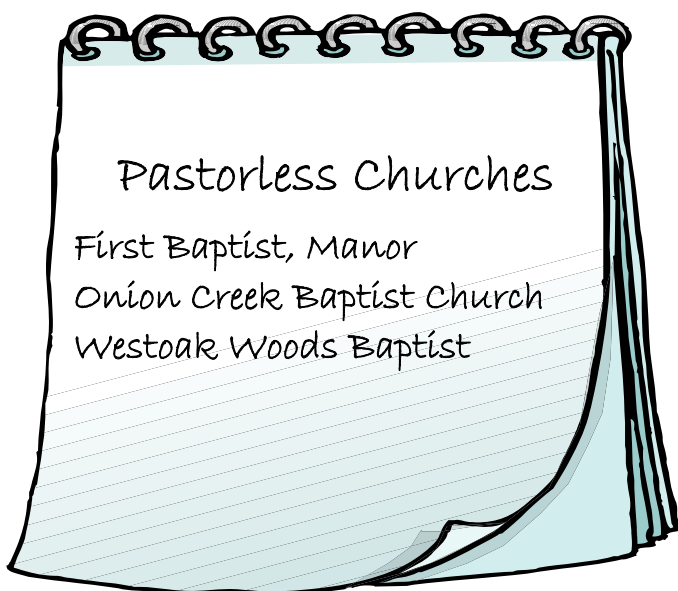
The Austin Baptist Association will be a catalyst alongside Great Commission churches to reach all people groups with the Gospel transforming our community and world through the power of God.



Welcome to our new Pastors!

Dr. Marcus W. McFaul has accepted the call to pastor Highland Park Baptist Church. He will begin in May.

James Torrey has accepted the call to pastor Texas Oaks Baptist Church. He began earlier this month.



Pastorless Churches

First Baptist, Manor

Onion Creek Baptist Church

Westoak Woods Baptist

CWJC

Heart to Heart Luncheon

Monday, April 28, 2008

11:30—1 PM

Great Hills Baptist Church

Great Hall

There is a registration cost

For more info, contact 964-1898 or
chrisrowley@sbcglobal.net

Karen Harrell is a retired church records secretary who is willing to help churches in need of temporary office help. She is proficient in Microsoft Office, Shelby Systems, WordPerfect, Lotus1-2-3, Calendar Creator Plus, Aldus PageMaker, PC Anywhere and other office equipment. If you wish to visit with her, please contact Ms. Harrell directly at 928-0076 or kmharrell@sbcglobal.net.

What's Up?

Congress Avenue Baptist Church

Is seeking a secretary and a financial secretary. For more information, call the church at (512) 447-7781. Complete job descriptions are available on the ABA website under "Ministry Opportunities".

Cornerstone Baptist Church, Hutto

Is seeking a part-time or bi-vocational youth minister to lead and disciple youth in all aspects of the Christian life. Send resume or letter of interest to: Pastor E.D. Threath, 3000 Hanstrom Ct, Hutto TX 78634 or via e-mail to ed3t@yahoo.com.

Friendship Baptist Church

Is seeking a nursery worker for approximately 5 hours a week. Send resume to TXKAYSA@aol.com or call 288-2009 and leave a message.

Iglesia Bautista Emanuel

Is looking for a portable collapsible projection screen. If you have one that you are willing to donate or sell, please contact (512) 321-3246.

Manchaca Baptist Church

"Vibrant 500+ and growing congregation in South Austin seeking enthusiastic, full-time minister of music to lead both traditional and blended services." For more information see www.manchacabaptist.com. Resumes to musicsearch@manchacabaptist.com

New Life Baptist Church

Is looking for a youth minister/worship pastor; part time position with potential of full time. Contact Pastor Marc Hegedus at (512) 803-7158.

Onion Creek Baptist Church

Will be accepting resumes for pastor through May 4, 2008. Interested parties should send resume to OCBC, PO Box 18148, Austin TX 78760 or call church at (512) 385-3847.

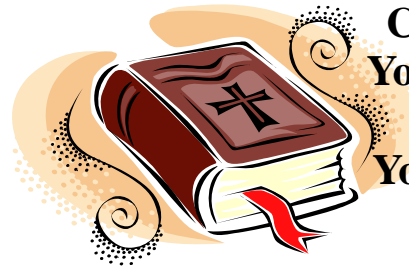
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Needs a pianist for Sunday mornings & Evenings, Sunday evening choir practice and Wednesday evenings. If interested, please call Sandi Mercer at 444-2139, 370-2991, or email at Sandi624@sbcglobal.net

Travis Oaks Baptist Church

Is seeking a part-time music director to direct the adult choir and lead the Sunday morning worship service. Call the church office at (512) 267-2196 or fax resume to (512) 267-6840.

**Main Street Baptist Church in Georgetown is seeking a part-time music minister to lead blended Sunday service. For more information, please call (512) 869-7854*



Children's and Youth Bible Drill and Youth Speaker's Tournament

The following children advanced to the State Bible Drill competitions during the Associational Bible Drill on Saturday, April 12th.

Advancing to the Children's Bible Drill Finals (4th-6th):

- * **Cameron Hite**, Woodlawn Baptist Church
- * **Ben Rosbury**, Woodlawn Baptist Church
- * **Joel Teal**, Northwest Baptist Church
- * **Alana Benner**, Northwest Baptist Church
- * **Rachel Woytkewicz**, First Lockhart Baptist Church
- * **Nathan Woytkewicz**, First Lockhart Baptist Church

Advancing to the Youth Bible Drill State Semi-Finals (7th-9th):

- * **Calez Peters**, First Lockhart Baptist Church
- * **Kelly Woytkewicz**, First Lockhart Baptist Church
- * **Kiowa Campbell**, First Lockhart Baptist Church

Advancing to the Youth Bible Drill State Semi-Finals (10th-12th):

- * **Sarah Taylor**, First Lockhart Baptist Church
- * **Ty Hanna**, First Lockhart Baptist Church
- * **Samantha Burkland**, First Lockhart Baptist Church

Advancing to the Youth Speakers' Tournament State Semi-Finals is **Samantha Burkland** of First Lockhart Baptist Church.

Many thanks to **First Lockhart Baptist Church** for hosting the Associational Drill this year! Your hospitality is greatly appreciated!

And many thanks to **Ms. Vina Coleman** of Ebenezer Baptist Church who always does a fantastic job with our Bible Drill and this year was not different.

Thank you, Vina, for all your hard work and

Requested canned / dry food items for the BCCM:

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| <i>Chili</i> | <i>Spam</i> |
| <i>Tuna</i> | <i>Spaghetti & Noodles (dry)</i> |
| <i>Peanut Butter</i> | <i>Instant potatoes</i> |
| <i>Jelly</i> | <i>Canned Fruit</i> |
| <i>Pancake Mix & Syrup</i> | <i>Ravioli</i> |
| <i>Flour</i> | <i>Beef Stew</i> |
| <i>Sugar</i> | <i>Canned Yams</i> |
| <i>Canned Tomatoes</i> | <i>Cereal</i> |
| <i>Soup (Vegetable & Chicken)</i> | <i>Rice</i> |
| <i>Tomato Sauce/Soup</i> | <i>Dry Pinto Beans</i> |
| <i>Macaroni & Cheese Dinners</i> | <i>Juices</i> |
| <i>Mixed Vegetables</i> | <i>Canned Chicken</i> |
| <i>Vegetable Oil</i> | <i>Jiffy Cornbread Mix</i> |

High Pointe Baptist Church invites you to join with us as we take part in the VOM "Action Pack" ministry.

Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a ministry devoted to helping the persecuted church all over the world. This ministry was founded on Hebrews 13:3. One of the ways Voice of the Martyrs ministers to the persecuted church is through action packs. These are bags filled with basic necessities persecuted Christians need to survive. The problem that many people face when doing the action pack bags is the high cost of shipping the filled bags back to Oklahoma.

Together we can do more! If you desire to support the persecuted church by putting together action packs, we would like to offer to take your bags to Oklahoma. Some families from HPBC are going to the VOM conference in June and have offered to personally deliver your bags to avoid shipping costs.

What a great joy it will be to see the Body of Christ in Central Texas work together and live out Romans 12:10-13, Hebrews 13:3, and Hebrews 13:15,16.

To find out more about the action packs please contact Suzanne Greene 512-525-1023. Or visit our website at www.jesusbymyside.com.

The Baptist Community Center Mission is holding its Spring Food Drive May 18 & 25

His Word for Leaders:

MEN'S RETREAT

May 2-3

(dinner & breakfast provided)

Friday 7- 9pm

Saturday 8:30am - 12:00 noon

His Word for our Lives:

May 4-7

Sunday Morning 10:30 am

with Gospel Saxophonist John Frazier

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Monday—Wednesday Evening

(Meal: 5:30 pm / Service: 7:00 pm)

His Word for Ladies:

LADIES LUNCHEON

Tues. 12-1:00 pm

Hosted by:

Congress Avenue Baptist Church
1511 S Congress Ave * 447-7781

The Leader's Journey

Accepting the Call to Personal and Congregational Transformation

A day with Jim Herrington and Trisha Taylor

**Designed uniquely for pastors, staff,
and ministry leaders**

May 6, 2008

9:00-3:00

Austin Baptist Association

3811 Harmon Ave

Austin, TX 78751

Registration includes hardback copy of
The Leader's Journey
and lunch from Pokey Joe's

For information or to register, e-mail

trishataylor@austin.rr.com

or call 922-4000



The Baptist Association

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Seize Your Divine Moment