

From My Laptop to Yours.

What an amazing season of the year is Spring! By the time you get this you will be just days away from your church's expressions of celebrating the Resurrection. Know that I am joining you in prayer for God's abundant provision and a great harvest. Please let me know how I can pray for you. My only regret is that I can't take part in every musical, drama, event and worship service. With Easter so close, summer is just around the corner.

A couple of things to keep in mind as we look forward to the summer and fall. First, the Willowcreek Leadership Summit is August 11-12. The Leadership Team has chosen to have this event take the place of our August gathering. If you have been to a Summit, I don't need to sell it to you – it is packed with great leadership morsels. If you have not attended, let me encourage you to attend and maybe even bring a leader from your church with you. It is well worth the time and money. If finances are an issue, give me a call and let me see what I can do to help. If you are planning on attending please let me know. We are planning to gather at the lunch breaks as a group. We will be ordering lunch and reserving a space to meet together, but we need to know you are coming for a correct count.

Second, we had a great meeting with our friends from Lifeway a couple of weeks back. They are looking to partner with us to be a part of Austin City Limits Festival in September. We had a dozen or more pastors, staff and leaders from a variety of churches join us to brainstorm how to be a witness for Christ during this huge musical event. The dialog was great and we are doing the most important thing, praying for God's leadership in how to proceed. If you missed the meeting and are interested in being a part, let me know.

Third, we have some youth groups coming from around Texas and the US to serve this summer. If you have a need let us know and we can put you in touch with the groups and when they are coming.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to Paul and Joy Stephens for their amazing faithfulness to the work of the Father at Cedar Valley Baptist. At the young age of 85, Paul has decided to retire. Please keep them in your prayers as May 22nd will be Paul's final Sunday. But with that said, he is open to pulpit supplies. Sounds like another 80-year-old I read about in scripture who said "Lord give me that mountain."

For Christ and His Kingdom,



Supported Church Plants

Abundant LIFE Community Baptist Church

Austin Burmese Christian Fellowship

Austin City Life

Austin Karen Baptist Church

Gateway Hill Country Church

Iglesia Bautista High Pointe

Iglesia Bautista Oak Hill

Iglesia Piedra Viva

Iglesia Rios de Agua Viva Life Church, Austin

Lost Pines Cowboy Church

The Church at Bee Cave

Vietnamese United Baptist Church

Zion Indian Christian Center

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.

Church News

Bee Cave Baptist Church

Is looking for a part-time minister to children (all ages). For more information, call Pastor Jim Roquemore at (512) 789-6893.

Bethel Baptist Church

Is in need of a volunteer drummer for 2 Sundays a month. To find out more about this opportunity, please call the church at (512) 346-4770. To learn more about the church, visit www.bethelbaptistchurch.net.

Crestview Baptist Church

Is seeking a new part-time minister of music. For more information, call the church office at (512) 454-6641.

Hill Country Baptist Church of Oak Hill

Is in need of someone to lead music on Sunday mornings. Experienced accompaniment provided. This person would select music each week. For more information, contact church at (512) 288-1372.

New Life Baptist Church

Is looking for a Minister for Worship & Youth. For more information, please contact Pastor Marc Hegedus at marc.newlifebaptist_1@juno.com.

Oak Meadow Baptist Church

Is accepting resumes for part time church secretary and part-time custodian. For more information including complete job descriptions, visit the "Ministry Opportunities" section of the ABA website.

Parmer Lane Baptist Church

Is seeking a child care worker for Sunday mornings and evenings (5 hours). For more information, please contact Linda Wilcox at pville685-info@yahoo.com or (512) 251-5885.

The Church at Bee Cave

Is seeking a part-time Youth Pastor. The church is 2 years old and has a heart to reach students in their community. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Pastor Matt Peacock at matt@churchatbeecave.com.

Westoak Woods Baptist Church

Is accepting resumes for Church Ministry Secretary. To see a complete job description, visit www.austinbaptist.org and click on the Ministry Opportunities page.



Upcoming Events

April 19th - April Monthly Meeting led by Jonathan Dodson; ABA Office

May 17th - May Monthly Meeting (topic TBD); ABA Office



Pray for these churches

Austin Burmese Christian Fellowship

First Baptist Oak Hill

First Baptist, Buda



The staff and volunteers wish you a glorious Easter!

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19

Please note that the ABA will be closed on Friday, April 22nd in observance of Good Friday.



Helping Your Ministry

April is often a time to clean out church/business records. As you may be looking to do some "Spring Cleaning", take a look at the information below from the Denton Baptist Association.

How Long to Keep Church Records

There are many reasons to keep church records. These include legal requirements, potential relevance in future litigation, the needs of the church and historical importance. Each church should develop a records retention policy. Listed below are records that a church should retain for **six years**:

- Payroll records and time cards
- Employment tax forms, 941, W-2, 1099
- Acknowledgements of donations
- Contribution envelopes
- Property tax receipts
- Annual housing allowance authorization documentation
- Reimbursement records and receipts for business expenses
- Donor contribution records
- Bank statements, canceled checks and deposit slips
- Count sheets used by the counters

Although this list is a good start, it is not necessarily exhaustive. To find further information, please visit www.irs.gov and search "recordkeeping"

Welcome

Beacon Ridge Baptist Church has called Brother Jimmy Hill from Olathe, Kansas, to be their new Associate Pastor. Bro. Jimmy was formerly the youth pastor of Vista Baptist Church in Olathe, Kansas. Please join us to welcome Jimmy and his wife, Tonya, and their three daughters as they join the fellowship at Beacon Ridge Baptist!

Old Fashioned Fifth Sunday Singing



May 29, 2011
6 PM
Rosedale Baptist Church
4400 Maybelle Avenue

For more information please call Rosedale Baptist at 512-453-1325 or email info@rosedalebaptistaustin.com

Central Texas National Day of Prayer Events

Ladies NDP Luncheon	Monday, May 2, 2011 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Austin Baptist Church Featured Speaker: Patsy Clairmont
Texas State Prayer Breakfast	Tuesday, May 3, 2011 6:30 AM - 8:45 AM Austin Doubletree Hotel (6505 IH 35 N) Featured Speaker: Patsy Clairmont
Texas State Capitol Event	Thursday, May 5, 2011 12:00 PM Capital South Steps

For more information regarding these events, please visit www.ndpaustin.org or call (512) 249-6535 or (512) 250-8196

Reach Austin

In late March, LifeWay representatives came to Austin to dream about an evangelism event during Austin City Limits Festival. The ABA hosted a lunch with a dozen people representing seven churches who spend over two hours dreaming and discussing what this could look like.

It was a fun and encouraging two days of meetings as the LifeWay representatives connected with churches, ministries and others in Austin who are excited about this event.

Thank you to The Well, Bannockburn, Park Hills, Milwood, Anderson Mill, Austin Baptist and Hyde Park for showing interest and support in this event. If you or your church is interested in hearing more, please email David to be connected to those planning the event.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings help more than 5,000 North American Mission Board missionaries reach and estimated 258 million lost people in the United States and Canada with the Gospel. In 2009, 100% of the \$56 million raise through the Annie Armstrong Offering was used to support these missionaries and their work.

This year's goal is \$70 million. Although the Week of Prayer for this offering has past, you can still give to support the work of these missionaries. To find out more about the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, please visit this website:

www.anniearmstrong.com



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NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 MILLION
WWW.ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM



The Global Leadership Summit

August 11-12, 2011

Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church

The ABA Leadership Team invites you to join them for the 2011 Global Leadership Summit by Willowcreek. For over ten years, Willowcreek has brought together the best leaders in multiple arena (business, non-profit, ministry, etc) to speak and foster discussion. And this year will be no different! This year's faculty includes Billy Hybels, Howard Schultz, Erwin McManus, Michelle Rhee, Henry Cloud, Seth Godin, Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, Len Schlesinger, Steven Furtick, John Dickson, Mama Maggie Gobran.

It would quite possibly be the most challenging and encouraging two days of your year as these leaders share vision, insight and encouragement with you.

You will have the opportunity to fellowship and dream with pastors from across the city and join in discussion with pastors across the Association. For more information, email aba@austinbaptist.org or call the office.



Congratulations to the following students for advancing to the State semifinals and finals in Bible Drill and the Speakers' Tournament! Best of luck in the State Competition!

Children's Bible Drill: Reagan Lorfing (Woodlawn), Kenan Campbell (First Lockhart) and Connor Woytkewicz (First Lockhart)

Youth Bible Drill: Rachel Woytkewicz (First Lockhart)

High School Bible Drill: Victoria Espinoza (First Lockhart), Kelly Woytkewicz (First Lockhart), Kiowa Campbell (First Lockhart)

Speakers' Tournament: Jeanette Dilliard (Spring Branch), Kelly Woytkewicz (First Lockhart), Elizabeth Dilliard (Spring Branch), Kiowa Campbell (First Lockhart)



Mark your calendars for the next LifeLine Screening at the ABA on **Thursday, June 30, 2011**. Registration is required and can be made by calling (800) 324-1851.