

From My Laptop to Yours.

School is back! Can you believe how quickly the summer flew.

Pastors, as you are planning for the fall—we have planned several great events just for you! We are excited about what we will be able to offer you and look forward to seeing you at each of these events!

- * September 2nd—Private Screening of FIREPROOF (see inside for details)
- * September 16th—Pastors Golf Scramble (rain date from August 19th)
- * November 18th—Video from Gary Haugen, founder and president of International Justice Mission (www.ijm.org)
- * December 16th—Christmas Luncheon (location TBD)
- * January 20th—Video of Craig Groeschel, pastor of LifeChurch.tv
- * February 17th—Sermon Development roundtable (led by our own ABA pastors)

Pastor, mark your calendar for a special event on May 1st & 2nd, 2009. The ABA will be hosting a marriage retreat for you and your spouse in Marble Falls. Space is limited, so plan to attend now and you'll get more information soon!

Looking forward to serving with you this year!

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
- 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 Le, 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.

Church News

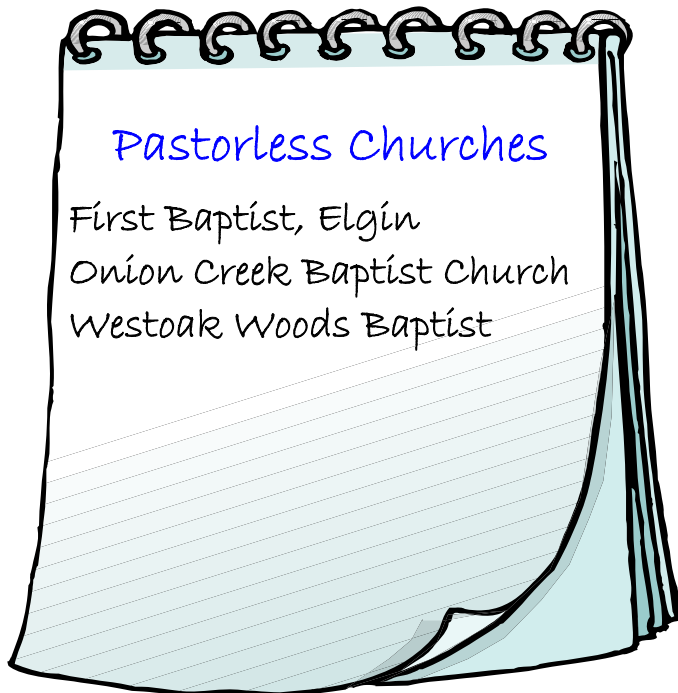


Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar!

September 7th—Screening of *Fireproof* the movie. See next page for more information.

**October Regular Meeting —
Oct. 7, 2008 at Hillcrest
Baptist Church 6:30 PM**



Pastorless Churches

First Baptist, Elgin
Onion Creek Baptist Church
Westoak Woods Baptist

THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION

Visit Our website at: www.bccmission.org

The BCCM would like to thank all those churches who helped with our Vacation Bible School. We had 200 Children enrolled and rejoiced in 9 professions of faith.

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.

Kinney Avenue Christian Fellowship

Is celebrating its 70th anniversary. All former members and friends are cordially invited to attend services on Sunday, September 14, 2008. Schedule: 9:30 am fellowship and remembrance; 11:00 am Worship; 12 Noon, Lunch. 1801 Kinney Avenue, 78704. Contact the church at (512) 442-6719; email kinneyavenue@kacfaustin.org or go to the website: kacfaustin@kacfaustin.org.

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

Oak Meadow Baptist Church

Is having a Youth Rally at their church on Saturday, September 20th from 6—9 PM. For more information, call Gilbert Chavez at (512) 444-1268 or (512) 517-0570

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 (512) 444-2139, (512) 370-2991, or email at sandi624@sbcglobal.net.

River Road Baptist Church

Is celebrating its 50th Homecoming on the weekend of September 13-14, 2008; for more information and to RSVP, call (512) 276-3824 or visit our website: www.riverroadbaptistchurch.org and click on information.

Rosedale Baptist Church

Is seeking a part-time Minister of Music. For information or referrals, please contact Jarred Parnell at the church office at (512) 453-1325.

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.

Wyldwood Baptist Church

Is looking for part-time youth minister; bi-vocational is also acceptable. Contact Mike Schwartz at (512) 303-3443



FIREPROOF is the third feature film from Sherwood Pictures—the creators of FACING THE GIANTS and FLYWHEEL. With hope-filled, heartfelt storytelling, the movie-making ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church continues to touch the world from Albany, Georgia. Here’s the storyline:

At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter’s adage: Never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules.

Growing up, Catherine Holt always dreamed of marrying a loving, brave firefighter...just like her daddy. Now, after seven years of marriage, Catherine wonders when she stopped being "good enough" for her husband.

Regular arguments over jobs, finances, housework, and outside interests have readied them both to move on to something with more sparks. As the couple prepares to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's father challenges his son to commit to a 40-day experiment: "The Love Dare." Wondering if it's even worth the effort, Caleb agrees-for his father's sake more than for his marriage.

When Caleb discovers the book's daily challenges are tied into his parents' newfound faith, his already limited interest is further dampened. While trying to stay true to his promise, Caleb becomes frustrated time and again. He finally asks his father, "How am I supposed to show love to somebody who constantly rejects me?" When his father explains that this is the love Christ shows to us, Caleb makes a life-changing commitment to love God. And "with God’s help" he begins to understand what it means to truly love his wife.

But is it too late to fireproof his marriage? His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb Holt is ready to face his toughest job ever ... rescuing his wife's heart.

SPECIAL OFFER!!

The Austin Baptist Association has been granted the unique opportunity to screen FIREPROOF on **Tuesday, September 2nd**. We will be doing **two screenings** that day—one at **11 AM** and one at **7 PM**—for pastors and their spouses. If you would like to attend one of these screenings, please email David at david@austinbaptist.org.

Please make plans to see FIREPROOF when it opens on September 26th. It will be showing at Regal Gateway 16 (9700 Stonelake Blvd., 78759) beginning on September 26th. Advance tickets may be purchased online through Fandango.

“The story of the Baptist movement in Austin, Texas is at times stark, exciting, glorious and frustrating. One cannot cover in detail the many heroes, events and works of these persistent people over one hundred years in space available.

The trials and efforts of our forefathers, who toiled and rejoiced in sacred places here before we came along, should give us challenge to match the faith of these persistent people known as Austin Baptists since the mid-eighteen hundreds.”

*Excerpt from the Preface
A Persistent People
By James M. Sapp (1982)*

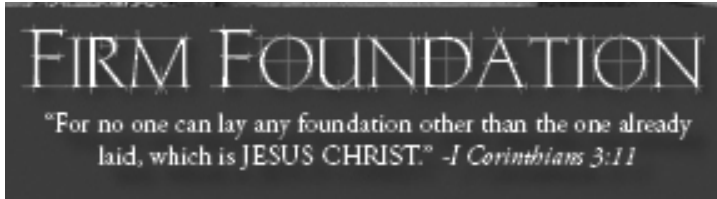
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• This year, 2008, marks one hundred and fifty •
• years that the Austin Baptist Association and •
• its churches have been ministering to the •
• Capital City Area. Join us for a special •
• celebration during our October Regular •
• Meeting. •
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The Austin Baptist Association
will hold its
October Regular Meeting
on
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
at
Hillcrest Baptist Church
3838 Steck Ave, Austin 78759

Dinner begins at 6:30 PM
Program begins at 7:00 PM

A limited number of tickets will be sold for dinner. Please contact the ABA for information regarding dinner tickets. Tickets will be required for dinner.

Mary Hill Davis Offering



*BGCT Week of Prayer for Texas Missions
September 14-21, 2008*

Your State Missions Offering

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2007-2008 **TEXAS**

*SBTC Week of Prayer and Emphasis
September 23-30, 2008*



Mark Your Calendar

Southern Gospel Night

September 27, 2008

FEATURING: LULU ROMAN (formerly star of Hee Haw)
in Concert benefitting the

Austin Pregnancy Resource Center

at

Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500 Jollyville Road, Austin, TX 78759

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

with famous Manchaca Fire Hall Fish Fry Dinner

Other special Features:

Pastor Dr. Michael Lewis of Great Hills Baptist Church
and Pastor Ryan Rush of Bannockburn Baptist Church
will be sharing along with the Middle and High School Youth Choirs

Come for a great time of food, fellowship, entertainment, door prizes and giveaways in support of a vital community outreach in the Central Texas area with America's Favorite Lulu!

Listen to The River 102.3 for ticket giveaways ~ Tickets and Sponsorships are available

**For more information and sponsor information contact the
APRC at 512-476-7774 or info@austinprc.org**

Help us be good Stewards!

If your address has changed, please notify the ABA office as soon as you can so that we may correct our database—this will help your newsletter be delivered more quickly and we won't give the postman all our change!

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