

From My Laptop to Yours.

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to a close! As we approach the end of the year, I encourage you to take time to truly remember and appreciate the gift of Christ that you have received. To step away from what Christmas has become and remember what Christmas **is** will allow you to celebrate truly this year.

I am looking forward to what 2011 holds for the Austin Baptist Association! Tom Goodman and Arthur Sneed did an outstanding job with our November monthly meeting leading a discussion about sermon preparation. I have received a lot of great feedback and look forward to members of the Leadership Team hosting similar event in the upcoming months. Our meeting with Police Chief Art Acevado and APD Chaplain Rick Randal regarding the chaplain opportunities with the Austin Police Department was well attended! I believe many of you will be looking into serving the city through this ministry and I am looking forward to hearing from you about your experiences!

Coming up in January, the Leadership Team and I invite you to join us for the Pastors Prayer Gathering hosted at Camp Buckner by the Austin Bridge Builders Alliance (ABBA). This is an annual overnight retreat for Central Texas pastors to corporately seek God on behalf of the region and each other. ABBA reminds us of "our calling to further the Kingdom in our communities and [this gathering] provides a chance to get away from the day-to-day activities in order to gain new perspectives on how we individually contribute to the bigger picture. It is a time of aligning out hearts with God's heart, encouraging one another, growing in fellowship and gaining understanding of what God is doing in our midst." This event will be held January 24th and 25th.

We would like to make a concerted effort to increase the number of Austin Baptist Association pastors that attend this event. We have typically had about 12 pastors attend and those men will testify that it is time well spent. *We will attend this retreat in lieu of having a monthly meeting in January.* You may share a room with another pastor who is attending and there are a limited

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Supported Church Plants

Abundant LIFE Community Baptist Church

Austin Burmese Christian Fellowship

Austin City Life

Austin Karen Baptist Church

Austin Hope Church

Gateway Hill Country Church

Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia

Iglesia Bautista High Pointe

Iglesia Bautista Oak Hill

Iglesia Piedra Viva

Iglesia Rios de Agua Viva

Life Church, Austin

Lost Pines Cowboy Church

Restoration Bible 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.

Crestview Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church, Buda

Is welcoming resumes from perspective pastors. For more information, please email psc-fbcb@austin.rr.com or send resumes to Pastor Search Committee, 207 S Cedar St, Buda TX 78610

Friendship CreekSide Fellowship

Is seeking a paid part time worship leader with preferably guitar/keyboard experience to lead a progressive blended service. Send resume to pastor@friendshipchurchsw.org or contact Pastor Marvin Petzolt at (512) 288-2009.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Is looking for a full-time Minister to Students. The job description, qualifications and instructions for submitting resume can be viewed [here](#).

Manchaca Baptist Church

Is seeking a part time Music Director. Please call (512) 282-0875 for more information.

New Life Baptist Church

Is looking for a Minister for Worship & Youth. To see a complete listing for the position and contact information, please visit www.austinbaptist.org and click on the Ministry Opportunities page.

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.

Rosedale Baptist Church

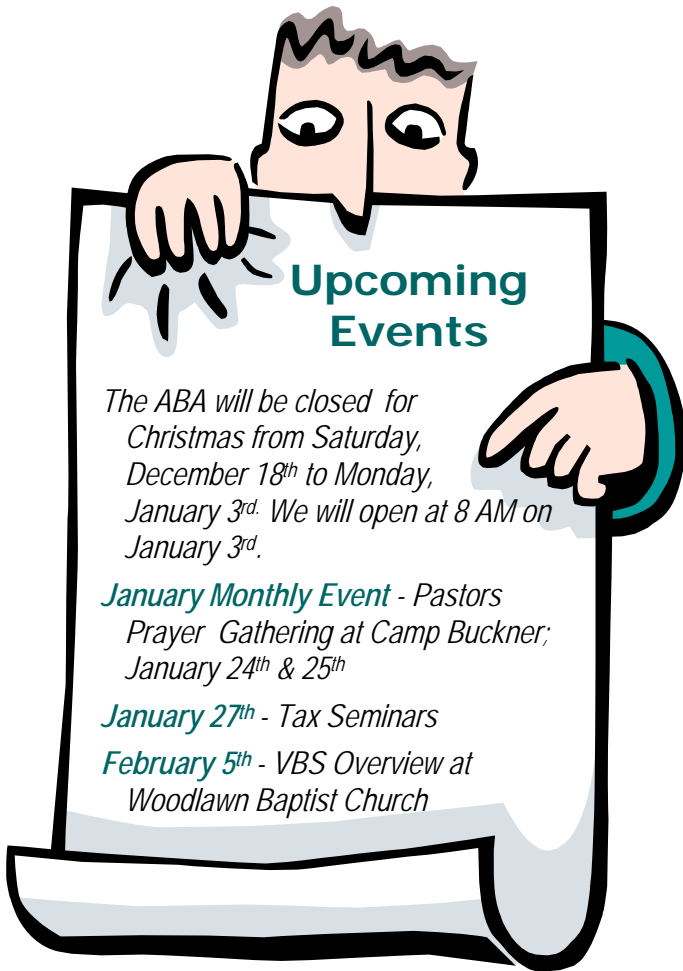
Is looking for a part-time minister of music. For more information, please contact the church office at (512) 453-1325.

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.

Wyldwood Baptist Church

Is seeking a piano player. For more information, please contact the church office at (512)303-3443.



Upcoming Events

The ABA will be closed for Christmas from Saturday, December 18th to Monday, January 3rd. We will open at 8 AM on January 3rd.

January Monthly Event - Pastors Prayer Gathering at Camp Buckner; January 24th & 25th

January 27th - Tax Seminars

February 5th - VBS Overview at Woodlawn Baptist Church



Help us be good Stewards!

If your address has changed or you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please notify the ABA office via email at charlotte@austinbaptist.org



Pray for these churches

Austin Burmese Christian Fellowship

First Baptist Oak Hill

First Baptist, Buda

Milwood Baptist Church



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number of scholarships available through the ABA for this event. Prayerfully consider attending and join this group of pastors as we seek together city-wide cooperation in reaching Austin for the Gospel.

Registration and information for the Pastors Prayer Gathering can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

I am really excited about the "new look" of our monthly gathering - from discussion on helpful topics to the presentation of opportunities to serve and further to the opportunities offered to join in prayer, to learn and to grow! I hope that you will be a part of this evolving plan by attending these events and offering feedback on them!

Have a very Merry Christmas and I'll see you in January!

For Christ and His Kingdom,



Looking for something?
Maybe we can help!

First Baptist Church, Bastrop has two upright pianos to give away - a Zellman and a Smith & Barnes. If you are interested in either of these, please call FBC Bastrop at (512) 303-3221.

Great Hills Baptist Church is offering various pieces of choral and orchestra music to interested churches - a list can be provided upon request to music@ghbc.org or calling (512) 343-7763 ext 342. GHBC also has 247 light blue choir robes in various sizes/lengths for sale at a minimal cost. Please contact them via the above means to inquire.

Calvary Baptist Church (Bastrop) has a wooden pulpit to give away. Measurements are 40" across by 20.5" front to back and it is 43" high. Call Calvary to photos or to "claim" at 512-303-1697.

Faith Baptist Church (Austin) has a small organ to give away. For more information, please call Helen Harris at 512-921-9721

TAX SEMINARS

Each year, the ABA invited Gene Hill to the ABA office for Tax Seminars. Two seminars are held, one specifically for ministers and one specifically for churches. **Both of these seminars will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011** with the minister seminar at 10:00 AM and the church seminar at 1:30 PM. If you have any questions about handling taxes related to ministers or churches, please mark your calendar for these events.

Mr. Hill is retiring soon, so this will be the last seminar he will facilitate.

Texas Oaks Baptist Church Proudly Presents

The Trail of Life

December 19th through the 22nd
Beginning every 10 minutes between
6:30 PM and 8:00 PM

All are invited to join us for a very special celebration of the true meaning of Christmas through three dramatic representations from the life of Christ, including a live nativity. You'll be treated to a 20-minute guided tour of these scenes staged on the wooded grounds of TOBC. Come dressed appropriately for the weather and be ready to enjoy drama, singing, lights and refreshments.

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For information about Mania Marathon, please visit
www.woodlawn youth.org