

From My Laptop to Yours.

I am so excited about what is going on at the ABA. Our staff is working diligently on Kingdom Advancement as they seek to not only provide assistance and support to our current church starts, but also study the community for new possibilities. At our **March Regular Meeting**, which will be held on **Tuesday March 20th at Woodlawn Baptist Church at 6:30 PM**, I will be presenting five new church start possibilities.

Here is what I look forward to sharing with you:

- Five (5) areas in Austin that a possibilities for church starts
- Demographics of these 5 areas and what the church make up could look like
- The type of pastor that we will seek for these church starts
- Partnership opportunities from ABA churches

New church starts are a great opportunity for the Association to pull together through prayer, people, and provisions to see the Kingdom increase. Plan on joining us and seeing what we are so excited about!!!

Remember—that's Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 PM at Woodlawn Baptist Church! See you there!!!



Mission Churches & Church Plants

The Baptist Church of Driftwood

Terry Colley, Pastor

Cowboy Church of Travis County

Barry Chimm, 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

Luciano Castillo, 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.

CHURCH NEWS

Bannockburn Baptist Church

Will be hosting the Legacy Conference for Senior Adults on Thursday, October 11, 2007. This is an exciting day-long event featuring Dennis Swanberg as the speaker. Please mark your calendar and watch for more details.

Kinney Avenue Baptist Church

Wants to give away as many metal folding chairs as possible. If you have a need for chairs, please contact KABC. Also have hymnals available if you have a need. Contact KABC office at 442-6719.

Fellowship Baptist Church, Liberty Hill

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



Asociación Bautista Hispana de Austin

Abril 21
Sabado

Conferencia de Liderazgo

Lugar: Primera Iglesia Bautista de Austin
112 Medina St
Hora: 9 am - 2 pm

Comida: Primera Iglesia Bautista de Austin

Mayo 26
Sabado

Celebración Picnic

Lugar: El Quarries Pavilion, 11600 N. Mopac Expwy.
Hora: 10 am - 3 pm

Culto de Celebracion

Tiempo: 12 pm - 1 pm
Musica de Alabanza: La Primera Iglesia Bautista de Austin
Mensaje: **Rev. Robert M. Cuellar, BGCT Strategist**

Iglesia para los Niños

Ministerio para los Niños con énfasis para VBS

WMU News

- Let us know about your mission trip and we can share the information on the ABA web site. Send your info to ginialk@aol.com or to aba@austinbaptist.org.
- 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. Mark your calendar and plan to be there August 17 and 18!!
- Check out www.WMUtx.org for more information

Neil Cole, author of
Organic Church

March 27th - 12:30 PM

Cole will be at the ABA on March 27th to discuss planting seeds of the Kingdom of God in places where life happens and the culture is formed. Come hear him talk about outreach through coffee shops, parks and neighborhoods - copies of his book will be available to all those who attend! **Please RSVP to the ABA by March 21st.**



This Beth Moore Simulcast is airing at Greater **Mt. Zion Baptist Church** (contact Pam Thomas at 363-2323 or women@gmzaustin.org) and **Bethany United Methodist Church** (contact Shirley Davenport at 249-8282 or bethmooreaustin@austin.rr.com). These folks would love the opportunity to host you for this event—give them a call!

Experience

"Christ in the Passover"

On **April 2, 2007 at 7:00 PM** a representative from Jews for Jesus will be presenting a "Christ in the Passover" Seder at **Skyview Baptist Church** (211 W. Koenig Lane, Austin). Using a visual display of traditional Passover accouterments, the "Christ in the Passover" presentation enhances the Christian's understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption which Christ accomplished at Calvary. Skyview would like to extend a warm welcome to all Austin Area churches to attend this special event. For more information, please contact pastor Brian Devany at pastor@skyviewbc.org or by phone at 587-4101.



Please continue to pray
for our pastorless
churches and for our
mission churches.

2007 NATIONAL G.R.O.W. CONFERENCES

If your church members have given every reason in the book why they can't do evangelism and outreach, learn how to show them they can!

The National G.R.O.W. Conference is an evangelism training event that can help pastors and laypersons involve the greatest number of church members in reaching out to their community through G.R.O.W. (God Rewards Our Work).

This conference will be held April 15-17 at First Baptist Church, Forney TX. Email Tricia.Culver@lifeway.com for more information.

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
Texas Oaks Baptist
Travis Oaks Baptist
Woodlawn Baptist

HILL COUNTRY INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY

and
Concordia University at Austin
Present

Irrigating Deserts: C.S. Lewis on Education April 21, 2007

Concordia University at Austin

How do we teach (and learn) values and virtue? How do we encourage the learner--in a classroom and throughout the lifelong journey of education? And how do we have fun along the way?

Come enjoy a rich and rewarding time of reflection on the writing of C.S Lewis on education. Join us as we consider how his work applies to the challenges of education today, both in the classroom and as continuing education for each of us, personally and in our families.

Early bird registration during February is only \$45. On March 1, the price will increase to \$55 and will be \$60 at the door, if any space is available. You can register online by going to www.HillCountryInstitute.org The cost of registration includes the full day of the conference, coffee and treats during breaks and lunch.

LifeBox



Have you ever wondered how you could show your support for our troops in Iraq? Lifeway in conjunction with the Austin Baptist Association (ABA) has created LifeBox. The mission of LifeBox is to provide Lifeway's distinctly Christian Magazines along with comfort items and personal notes to the men and women serving in our Armed Forces in Iraq. These boxes will contain such items as chewing gum, tube/crew socks, small candies, stationary supplies, homemade goodies and wet wipes plus a Lifeway Magazine and "The Invitation" CD from Lifeway Christian Stores, as well as a personal note to the service member. LifeBox is a way that Lifeway, the ABA, and our local churches can make a positive contribution to our armed forces personnel. Hillcrest Baptist Church, 3838 Steck Ave, has volunteered as the collection point for these LifeBoxes. If you would like to participate in this incredible program, please drop your unsealed boxes by Hillcrest Baptist Church no later than Friday, March 16th. Boxes will be mailed by March 23rd in order to arrive by April 7th (Easter Weekend). If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile program in order to help pay for mailers and postage, please make checks payable to your church and write LifeBox in the Memo Section. Each church should combine contributions and send to the ABA, Attention: LifeBox. Bill and Susie Miller 835-1791 or 963-8281 are contact points for Hillcrest Baptist Church. If your church would like to participate in LifeBox, please provide Bill or Susie a point of contact for additional information and instructions.



North American Mission Board Emphasis Sunday

