

From My Laptop to Yours.

The March Regular Meeting is quickly approaching and the office is busy preparing for the **March 24th** meeting at **11:30 AM**.

It is encouraged that every church be represented at this meeting. This will be a time to review the budget and present new business—including voting on churches that would like to become a part of the ABA. We will hear from Leon McCowan (featured in last month’s newsletter) on the progress of his work here and we will hear testimonies from a couple of our churches.

There are several great events going on in the coming weeks—including a forum to discuss legal issues facing the church and a Marriage Mentoring Workshop. More information can be found inside.

Looking forward to seeing you in the coming weeks!

For Christ and His Kingdom,



We would truly appreciate your response for the March Regular Meeting—please call 454-2558 and let us know you are coming!

- Mission Churches & Church Plants*
- Abundant LIFE Community Baptist Church
 - Austin City Life
 - Austin New Church
 - Capital City Fellowship
 - Christian Love Center
 - Christian Worship & Family Learning Center
 - Cowboy Church of Travis County
 - Cowboy Church of the Hill Country
 - Gateway Hill Country Church
 - Grace Fellowship Community Church
 - Gracepoint Community Church
 - Greater Parkway Baptist Church
 - Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia
 - Iglesia Bautista High Pointe
 - Iglesia Bautista Oak Hill
 - Iglesia Piedra Viva
 - Iglesia Rios de Agua Viva
 - Iranian Baptist Church
 - Manor Fellowship
 - Neighborhood Baptist Church
 - New Life Baptist Church
 - North Austin Korean Baptist Church
 - Northwest Chinese Church
 - Primera Iglesia Bautista Buda
 - Primera Iglesia Bautista Pflugerville
 - Restoration Bible Church
 - Romanian Baptist Church of Austin
 - South Austin Community Church
 - Vietnamese United Baptist Church
 - The Church at Bee Cave
 - The Well

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

First Baptist Church, Elgin

Is seeking a part-time youth director. Must be a member of a SBC church and exhibit strong Christian character. For applications contact church (512) 285-4161 or Cindy Roberts at rob78621@yahoo.com. www.fbcElgin.org

Northwest Baptist Church

Is seeking a full-time church secretary/bookkeeper. Proficiency needed in MS Office (i.e. Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, Power Point), Media Shout 3 & church related software such as servant keeper and others. Accounting a plus. Resumes only. No emails or phone calls, please. Send resume to Administrative Team, Attn: David Mitchell, Northwest Baptist Church, 6301 Woodrow Ave., Austin, TX. 78757

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Needs a pianist for Sunday mornings & evenings, Sunday evening choir practice. If interested, please call Sandi Mercer at (512) 444-2139, (512) 499-3617, or email at sandi624@yahoo.com.

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.



The ABA has several hundred Kruger stackable chairs much like the one pictured to the left. Several colors available at a nominal price. Please contact Bruce Murray at 512-454-2558 if you are interested in these chairs.

WMU Regular Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 2009

9:30 AM

Location to be determined

Look for more information in the March Newsletter!

THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION

Serving The Needy of Austin
Sharing the Gospel With East Austin
by Caring for People

www.bccmission.org

It is with a heavy heart that the WMU Leadership Team recently accepted the resignation of the current Associational Director, Maria Hutton. Maria has faithfully led the WMU for almost 2 years and has been instrumental in several new initiatives. She will be greatly missed. The Leadership Team has begun seeking a new Associational Director; please contact Betty Arrell at BettyArrell@aol.com if you are interested or have a nomination.

Marriage Mentoring Workshop March 28 9 AM- 12 noon

When young couples can learn from healthy marriage mentors, everyone wins!

Marriage Mentoring is a low-cost and effective way to touch the lives of people in your church and in your community in ways that will transform the next generation.

Every congregation is blessed with couples who want to reach out to other couples to make a difference. This short workshop will get them on the right track with practical tools and resources for life-changing ministry to couples.

Please pass this information along right now to anyone who might be excited about the chance to make a lasting impact in the lives of families in your congregation and in your community.



Brett and Kellie Hurst are creative and effective marriage educators from Houston, TX. They will be our trainers for the morning, helping us imagine how marriage mentoring can change how we do family ministry. Check out their blog: www.homeencouragement.blogspot.com.

For more information on the Marriage Mentoring Workshop, please contact Trisha Taylor at 922-4000 or trishataylor@austin.rr.com



The Austin Baptist Association currently has nine ministry sites in the metro area. These ministries received support through their host churches, and individual contributions as well as some support through the Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger (TBOWH).

These ministries served over 15,000 households and provided hot meals to 175, 000 individuals in 2008. When we look at the city of Austin, this ministry is actively and tangibly touching “the least of these”.

Your donation to the TBOWH not only helps to support the efforts in Austin, but also worldwide. TBOWH supports ministries in about 31 countries on 6 continents.

Have you considered supporting the TBOWH? Feeding the hungry across the globe may seem like an overwhelming task, but did you know that if only one out of every twenty Texas Baptists gave just \$10 a month to the TBOWH, over \$12 million would be raised, which is over 15 times the current giving? For the cost of ordering pizza for your family one night a month, you could be the part of reaching “the least of these” worldwide for the Kingdom. Can you make that sacrifice? **Will** you make that sacrifice?

For more information about the TBOWH, check our the website at www.bgct.org/worldhunger.

Looking to Improve Your Health and Fitness?

St. James Baptist Church is sponsoring its 2nd Annual **Missions 5K and 1K Run/Walk** on **Saturday, March 28th at 8:00a.m.** You don't want to miss the fun at this community event where you can run or walk this **challenging course** in East Austin. Chip timing will be available! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Foundation and further efforts to serve our community by supporting outreach, educational, financial, physical, and spiritual needs provided by St. James Missions.

ON YOUR MARK! GET SET!! RUN/WALK!!!

Race Location: St. James Baptist Church
3417 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Austin, TX 78721
Dr. B.W. McClendon, Sr., Pastor
Office: (512) 928-2753

Online Registration: www.runtex.com

Additional Information:
www.stjamescmhc.org

Bodily exercise profits...! Timothy 4:8 NKJV



Law for the Clergy: Legal Issues facing the 21st Century Church

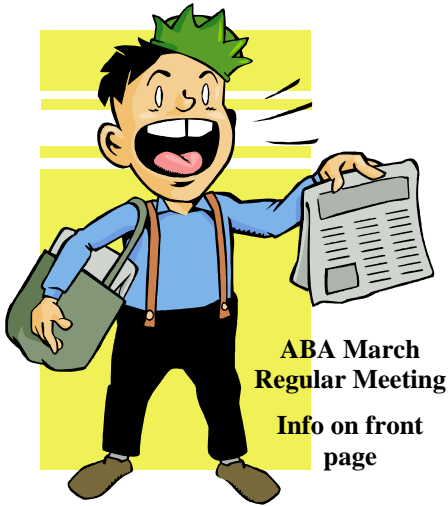
Speakers: Attorneys with expertise in legal issues affecting your church

Topics: Employment and volunteer issues; counseling; confidentiality; charitable planning; building; zoning; criminal laws affecting the church; religious freedom; tax matters; insurance & liability issues.

Location: Great Hills Baptist Church
10500 Jollyville Road, Austin 78759

For more information including pricing and registration, please visit www.HillCountryInstitute.org or call Larry Linsenschmidt at 512-680-7993.

**February 27, 2009
9:00 AM—3:00 PM**



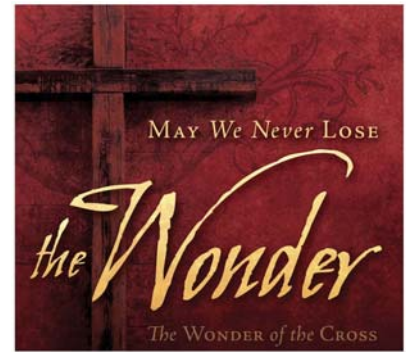
Next Screening on May 4th—
stay tuned for more information

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 1-8, 2009

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April 5th, 2009 7:00 PM

Burger Center

For more information, call Philip Smith
292-6800 or 825-8904

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If your address has changed, please notify the
ABA office as soon as you can so that we
may correct our database.

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email at charlotte@austinbaptist.org