

Austin Baptist Association

ABA NEWS

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From My Laptop to Yours. . . .

ALL DAY WITH THE ABA

Where is God working in the Austin area? That's a question that each of us who have been called to live our lives and serve our God in this wonderful city should ask. On Tuesday, March 21st, our association will be hosting a vision tour of the Austin area. From a physical sense, a vision tour is a bus tour of the city designed to show us potential sites for future church plants. But, from a spiritual sense, it is much more. A vision tour is an opportunity to seek the heart of God and see our community as He sees it. Where is GOD WORKING and how can we WORK TOGETHER to expand His kingdom? Those are the questions that I challenge each of you to ask as we prepare for this exciting day of ministry. Leaders from the North American Mission Board and churches around the country are already praying for this event and planning to attend. I ask you to mark your calendar for March 21. If you desire to join us on the bus tour please sign up through the ABA office as quickly as possible (space is limited). The evening will end with a Church Planting Celebration/Semi-Annual Meeting at Crestview Baptist Church. I am praying that God will use this day to challenge us and move us forward as together we try to fulfill His vision for Austin.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

David

Kingdom Builders

Enlarging the Kingdom
As We Partner in
Church Planting



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING *Kingdom Builders Event*

Crestview Baptist Church
7600 Woodrow Avenue
Tuesday - MARCH 21
7:00 -8:30 P.M.

Kingdom Builders shows how every church, like the church at Antioch, can seek, send, and support church planting work. Kingdom Builders can be easily contextualized to meet the local sponsorship needs of each association. It's purpose is to motivate and train leaders to lead their church as a kingdom-building church.

See article: [10 Ways Your Church Can Be A Kingdom Builder](#) on the inside of this newsletter

WMU NEWS

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

To all young maidens in the land . . . You are invited to attend a Royal Princess Party on Saturday the 4th day of February from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Austin Baptist Association. For information contact Helen Pike 272-9203 or Betty Carter 308-1610.

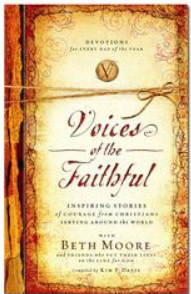
Annual Women's Conference - "Order My Steps"

Psalm 119-133

February 24-25 at Highland Lakes. Cost including lodging and meals \$60.00, or \$25.00 for conference only. Reservation deadline Monday, February 6. Make your reservation early.

Mother & Daughter Retreat - Mar. 17,18th.

Contact Judy at Highland Lakes Encampment for more information. 264-1777



"Lift Up Your Voice" Simulcast

With Beth Moore, Jerry Rankin, David Jeremiah and Carrie McDonald at Bannockburn Baptist Church, January 29, 2006 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. in the worship center. Everyone is invited. Admission is free.

Planning a Mission Trip?

Is your church planning a mission trip this summer? Would your group be willing to partner with mission-minded people from other churches? There are several smaller churches that have not planned a church trip because they don't have a large enough group to go by themselves, yet have people who want to participate. If so, let us know and we will network you with interested individuals. Contact Virginia Kreimeyer - WMU Director ABA ginialk@aol.com

Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church on April 9th. Call Vina Coleman, ABA Discipleship Training Director, 926-0364.



**SONPOWER AUSTIN
JUNE 26-30, 2006
THE OMNI HOTEL
SOUTHPARK
AUSTIN, TX
1-800-254-2022**

SonPower is an unforgettable week of music and missions for students. In five power-packed days, students learn dynamic songs from the upcoming SonPower collection, study God's Word under the direction of the coolest guys around, and serve the surrounding community through unique mission opportunities. The week will culminate in a live recording session, as students present the music they've learned. And as if it could get any better, this dynamic week is seriously fun!

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Pastorless Churches

Park Hills Baptist - Great Hills Baptist providing Interim Preaching and ministry support

Texas Oaks Baptist - No Interim named at this time

Highland Park Baptist - Dr. Ronald W. Higdon, recently retired pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, KY will begin as Interim Jan 28th

**Vacation Bible School Overview
Woodlawn Baptist Church
Saturday, Feb. 4th
9:00am - Noon
Contact Jerry Beth Johnson
442-7858**

From Around the Association:

Bill Bullock, **FBC Bastrop** is celebrating his 15th anniversary as Associate Pastor - Celebration scheduled for Feb. 12th

FBC Oak Hill will be starting a contemporary Worship Service on Saturday evenings beginning Feb. 18th - 6:30pm. The worship will be led by the praise band Progeny (Round Rock, TX).

Thursday Feb. 9th from 11am-2pm **Oak Meadow Baptist** will be hosting a "Friendship First" presentation and luncheon. This presentation will showcase an interactive/hands-on program with materials for children, youth and adults. For more information contact Caryl Ayala @ 888-632-7325, ext.1031 www.friendshipfirst.com

Any extra choir robes? **St. Olive Baptist** mission would like to have some. Contact Rosedale Baptist if you have some robes to donate. 453-1325

Skyview Baptist is looking for a couple adult size baptistmal robes. Praise the Lord they have 6 waiting to be baptized.

If you have a Large Print 1975 hymnal, **Rosedale** would very much like to have it. Contact the church at 453-1325

FBC Oak Hill has children's furniture & about 25 small children's chairs. They also have several metal skinned exterior doors. Call 288-7570.

Are you upgrading your copier? Would you like to donate it or sell it at a discount price to **Principe de Paz Church**? Please call 836-2160 and leave a message for Pastor Menjivar.

Texas Oaks Baptist is looking for a pianist for Sunday morning worship and Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Call Jon Matthews at 280-9500 or 740-7356.

Piano available at the **ABA office** for any church in need.

Invitation to Ladies retreat sponsored by **Woodlawn Baptist**. *Ultimate Make-over—becoming Spiritually beautiful in Christ*. Feb 17,18 at the Double Tree Hotel 6505 North IH 35. Cost is \$65. Speaker - Sharon Jaynes. Contact Carmen for more information 442-7858 ext. 17

10 Ways Your Church Can Be A Kingdom Builder

1. Engaging in Strategic Intercessory Prayer

Churches can pray for pockets of lostness, for church planting leaders, and for spiritual breakthroughs. Your entire church can be blessed by ongoing prayer and eventual visible results. Children, youth, and adults can pray in meaningful ways in existing small groups, in prayer gatherings, and in worship celebrations. Prayer walks on the church planting field can give church members memorable encounters that may quickly turn into significant ministry moments.

2. Adopting a Church Planter and His Family

You can provide encouragement to a church planter in dozens of ways. Be a friend by inviting a planter to lunch. Send him to a conference or retreat. Take interest in the progress of the new church. Provide childcare for a planter and his wife as they go on a date. Recognize the planter on holidays and Clergy Appreciation Month. Invite him to preach or to share testimonies.

3. Contributing to the New Church's Financial Needs

Often, church plants have significant start-up costs and ongoing expenses. Through monthly or one-time gifts, individuals and churches can provide valuable funding streams. Business leaders can help provide jobs for planters, their families, and team members. Churches can extend their liability insurance coverage to the new plant or provide medical insurance.

4. Providing Materials and Equipment

Many churches can assist new churches by providing quality equipment. Sound systems, chairs, computers, and office equipment are valuable assets for a new church. Get your entire church involved with a "baby shower" for the church nursery or the reuse of Vacation Bible School materials and props.

5. Sharing Your Campus Facilities

Provide worship or office space for a new church in your current facility. Open up homes for Bible studies and fellowship events. Businesses can provide space for meetings and offices.

6. Serving on a Church Planting Mission Trip

Youth groups, college students, and adults can assist the church planting team on a mission trip in a day, weekend, and weeklong setting. Community surveys, block parties, Backyard Bible Clubs, and neighborhood canvassing are events that benefit the church plant and the sponsoring church.

7. Discovering Unreached/Under-Reached People in Your Community

Your church can identify population groups who are not being reached by evangelical ministries. Often churches notice that certain segments of the community do not assimilate into their church after evangelistic events or are desperately in need of ministry. Churches engage these groups with ministries meeting community needs, gospel seed-sowing, and leadership development of leaders from the harvest.

8. Starting an Outreach Bible Study to Become a New Church

Bible studies are effective ways to lead people to Christ and to lead them to form a new church. Starting evangelistic Bible Studies in homes, apartment clubhouses, workplace break rooms, civic buildings, and churches can assist in gathering people who may form a leadership team for a new church. A Bible study unit can grow into a core leadership team for a new church.

9. Sending People and Families to Help

Encourage members to prayerfully consider serving with a new church for indefinite or fixed time periods. Leaders of children, youth, and music programs can seed new churches with experienced leadership, while influencing the development of new leaders. As churches release their people for church planting, they demonstrate their confidence in God's plan to provide for all of their leadership needs.

10. Mentoring Church Planting Leaders

Pastors can expand their influence by mentoring church planters in pastoral, leadership, and preaching skills. Staff and program leaders can reproduce themselves by sharing their insights with members of the church planting team.

DAVID GARRISON IN AUSTIN - APRIL 9-11

Church Planting Movements: How God is Redeeming a Lost World

"Look to the nations! Watch and be utterly amazed!"

Today this ancient prophecy is being fulfilled in ways never before dreamed possible. This book reveals how God is turning millions to new life in Jesus Christ through the miracle of Church Planting Movements.

In this book you will discover:

How 4,000 churches were planted in northern India in just 10 years.

How 150,000 gypsies in Western Europe turned from paganism to faith in Jesus Christ.

How 160,000 Chinese were baptized in a single year.

How 150,000 Muslims turned from Muhammad to Jesus.

How 15,000 new churches were started in a single year.

How God is using a new kind of missionary and church planter to turn the world upside down for Jesus Christ.

How the first-century explosion of Christianity has been reborn in the 21st century.

How you can join God in bringing a Church Planting Movement to your community.

Written by David Garrison.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE BOOK CALL DAVID SMITH 454-2558. Cost \$15.00

