

From My Laptop to Yours.

How do you feel about your church's influence and impact on Austin? Here is what Janet Burton had to say, via email, in response to an 80-page insert in the *Austin American Statesman* entitled "This is Austin".

To: editors@Statesman.com
Subject: This Is Austin insert

This Is Austin was a delightful keeper, and we thank you for the good job and helpful information, BUT...

...did I miss the Religion Page?

Surely in a city with hundreds of churches and thousands of church-goers, there could have been at least a full page given to churches. Advertisements, if nothing else.

We love Austin--have lived here almost 34 years. The live music scene is interesting, but we have no personal interest in it. Recreation is abundant and wonderful, and we enjoy some of it. Restaurants are outstanding, and we eat out often. UT and sports are exciting, and we watch them on TV and occasionally attend. But--like probably 200,000 other Austinites--our main center of life beyond work is our church. An outsider reading *This Is Austin* might think religion is not important to us at all.

Churches contribute heavily to the community. It is possible to include that in many ways without being sectarian, or violating the "separation of church and state" mentality. I found a few oblique mentions in the volunteerism section. Churches give rent-free housing to countless child care centers and teen functions. Churches nurture our babies, marry our youth, and bury our dead. Churches support most of the homes and services for neglected children and single moms. Churches feed the homeless and hungry without tax money. Churches moderate the morality of our day. Churches provide physical beauty and playgrounds to neighborhoods. Churches support overseas mission causes which help promote a positive view of America in developing countries. Churches pray for and support the troops. Churches are **IMPORTANT** in the warp and woof of our city and nation's landscape.

I hope next time the *Austin American Statesman* puts out a piece that describes the life of our community in a comprehensive way you will find it important to include this undergirding network which is *the very most important part of life* to many thousands of us. If nothing else, offer us the opportunity to pay for a listing.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Janet F. Burton

How is your church contributing to life in Austin?

For Christ and His Kingdom,



Mission Churches & Church Plants

- All Nations Baptist Church**
Kook Jin Nan, Pastor
- Austin Romanian Baptist Church**
Samuel Clintoc, Pastor
- Baptist Community Center Mission**
Chris Wallace, Pastor
- Bridgeway Christian Koinonia**
Curtis Carr, Sr., 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
- First Filipino Christian Fellowship**
Noel Vinzon, Pastor
- Gateway Hill Country Church**
Jeff Jackson, Pastor
- Grace Fellowship Community Church**
Harold Hendricks, Pastor
- Great Commission Christian Center**
Michael White, Pastor
- Greater Parkway Baptist Church**
John Ford, Pastor
- Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia**
Mario Alaniz, Pastor
- Iglesia Bautista River Road**
Jose Chavez, 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
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Pflugerville**
Jose Vasquez, Pastor
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Dripping Springs**
Jesus Sepada, 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

Bridgeway Christian Koinonia

Is looking for a spiritually guided clerical/admin person that is computer savvy in all programs to promote church growth by emails, mail outs, website design and maintenance, maintaining general ledgers/bookkeeping and church organization. Contact Sister Doris Carr at dcarr131@austin.rr.com for more information.

Fontaine Memorial Baptist Church

Is seeking a portable building for classroom and alternate Food Distribution Center to needy. Also seeking a storage building for on-hand clothing for needy. Church located in East Austin. If you can assist, please contact Deborah Jackson at 512-228-6912 or 512-928-2200.

Iglesia Bautista Rios de Agua Viva

Is in need of transportation. If you know of a new or used van that is reasonably priced, please call Pastor Javier Medina at 964-3138

New Life Baptist Church

Is looking for a youth minister/worship pastor; part-time position with potential of full time. Contact Pastor Marc Hegedus at 512-803-7158.

Rosedale Baptist Church

Is looking for a part-time Minister of Music. If interested, please contact Jarred Parnell at 453-1325.

Texas Oaks Baptist Church

Is seeking a part-time, bi-vocational worship leader to lead blended style worship service and build worship ministry. Contact church office at 280-9500; email resume to tobcc-job@tobcc.org or fax resume to 280-5810.

Travis Oaks Baptist Church

Is in need of a part-time Minister of Music. Interested persons should contact the church office at (512) 267-2196

Trinity Baptist Church

Is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. For more information, contact the church via email at trinitybc123@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (512) 237-4532. Church is located at 607 Loop 230 W in Smithville.

Woodlawn Baptist Church

Will be hosting an arts festival on Saturday, October 13th. Mark your calendar to attend and if you wish to have a booth, please contact Jerry Beth Johnson at 442-7858 ext 26 or 327-5658.



Upcoming Meetings

August 21st - The Mercy Mountain Boys will perform and there will be a report on Link2Lead demographic information.

September 18th - Steven Smith will join us from SWBTS to share about their new Doctorate of Ministry degree. There will also be reports on ABA's current church planting efforts.

October 16th - October Regular Meeting at High Pointe Baptist Church



First Baptist Church, Georgetown

Friday, August 17th (6-9 PM) &
Saturday, August 18th (8:30 AM-4 PM)

www.AwakeningExperience.org

Registration and information available on website

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Looking for a Vacation Bible School in August? Check out these churches:

- Cedar Valley; July 29 - August 2
- River Road; August 5 - 8

Need VBS material for a mission trip or need to pass gently used material on for the next project? Contact Charlotte at the ABA office - 454-2558



FAITH Evangelism Equipper Training

**Champion Forest Baptist Church
Houston, TX**

August 20 & 21

www.lifeway.com/faith ~ 800.254.2002

Lifeway will conduct FAITH Evangelism Equipper Training designed to help equip FAITH churches to reach the goal of them becoming conductors of training events for other churches desiring to implement FAITH Evangelism

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THE
ABA OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING**



High Pointe Baptist Church
Tuesday, October 16, 2007
7:00 - 9:00 PM
More details in
September newsletter



Pastorless Churches

First Baptist, Elgin
First Baptist, Manor
Fitzhugh Baptist
Gateway Baptist
Highland Park Baptist
Misión Bautista Vista al Cielo
Onion Creek Baptist



South Austin Community Church
invites you to join them on **August 4th**
from **10 AM to 5 PM** at Texas Oaks
Baptist Church (9910 Bilbrook Place)
for



The Community Health Fair

(free immunizations, sports physicals, blood
pressure & diabetes screenings and an open
forum on HPV and much more)

&



The Community Carnival

(food, games, prizes, train rides, horse rides,
moonwalks, dunking booth, silent auction & door
prizes)



Toddler Run for ages 2-4 begins at 11 AM

More Info?

Sherry @ 623-0928 or Lenora @ 507-2913
www.saccfamily.org

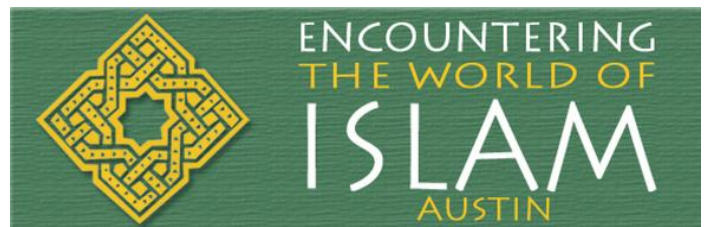
EQUIP 2007

*training conferences for
preschool, children, youth, special needs & adult workers*

Woodlawn Baptist Church, Austin

Saturday, August 11th • 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

*For more information: (512) 442-7858 Ext. 22,
bryan@woodlawnbc.org or www.woodlawnbc.org*



Free School Supplies

Open Door Bible Fellowship

is offering
free school supplies
first come, first serve - **child must be present**

Saturday, August 11th

10 AM - 2 PM

7709 Hidden Valley West

(inside Hidden Valley on Decker)

moonwalk, hot dogs, drinks, face-painting

*If you wish to donate to this effort - loose leaf paper and
folders are preferred. Contact Thaddeus Taylor at
933-1770 for more information.*

Would you like to understand Islam, learn about the Muslim world and how you and your church can be involved in reaching Muslims for Jesus while connecting with Christians from dozens of churches across denominations in Austin?! **Encountering the World of Islam Austin** is a 12 week long course patterned after **Perspectives on the World Christian Movement**. This course mobilizes and educates believers to understand and reach Muslim peoples with the love of Christ through interaction with people from the Muslim world, weekly lectures from world class experts and practitioners, reading, and field trips. The class will be held **Sept. 10 – Nov. 26, 2007**, at **Covenant Presbyterian Church** on **Monday nights**. For more information, or to register with an early registration discount (until August 1, 2007), visit www.EncounteringIslamAustin.com!!



Thank you,
Stephen!!!

Stephen Allen finishes his time this summer with us on July 31st. Stephen has been instrumental in the progress that has been made with church planting. He has also been providing supply for churches in the area. This

summer, Stephen has proven to be a "work horse" in terms of small projects around the Association office. He has been a tremendous blessing to the Association.

Please pray for Stephen as he returns to Waco for his senior year at Baylor University. He will be applying for seminary this spring.

Thanks for all your hard work this summer, Stephen!!!



"PowerPlant is a ministry of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) designed to engage students in church planting

and evangelism. The first PowerPlant project was in 2003, and it has been growing since then. PowerPlant participants will learn church planting principles and evangelism skills each morning, then have a chance to engage personally through assigned ministry team activities in the afternoon and evening. Students and adults will begin to see that the church is not about buildings...it's about people! And there are lots of people in North America who need Christ!" (courtesy of NAMB)

PowerPlant will be in Austin in the Summer of 2008! Plan to attend the October Regular Meeting to hear more about PowerPlant and how it will serve as a catalyst for our church planting movement! To learn more about PowerPlant, visit www.power-plant.net