

**From My Laptop to Yours. . . . .**

Leon McCowan is working on his Ph.D. in leadership at Dallas Baptist University and has partnered with the ABA for the semester to help connect churches and discover what areas of leadership we can best serve you. Leon has been active at St. James Missionary Baptist Church for several years working in ministries pertaining to youth, marriage, education, leadership development and newcomer connections.



We are looking forward to having Leon as an ambassador to a specific demographic of churches and we seek to better connect and serve our congregations. Leon will be a much needed connection and resource in the coming months for our African American churches and we look forward to sharing with all of you what he finds while studying leadership development.

If you have a moment, check out Jack Burton's new book, *Prayers God Always Answers*, at [www.burtonministries.org](http://www.burtonministries.org). Jack will be with us at our monthly meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> and we would love to have a full house in support of Jack and his lifelong ministry in Austin! We will also hear from the Texas Alliance for life regarding their upcoming Walk for Life as well as Chris Sorrell. Call the office if you can make it—it will be a great day!

For Christ and His Kingdom,

**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.

*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
- 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

# 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](mailto:rob78621@yahoo.com). [www.fbcelgin.org](http://www.fbcelgin.org)

## Northwest Baptist Church

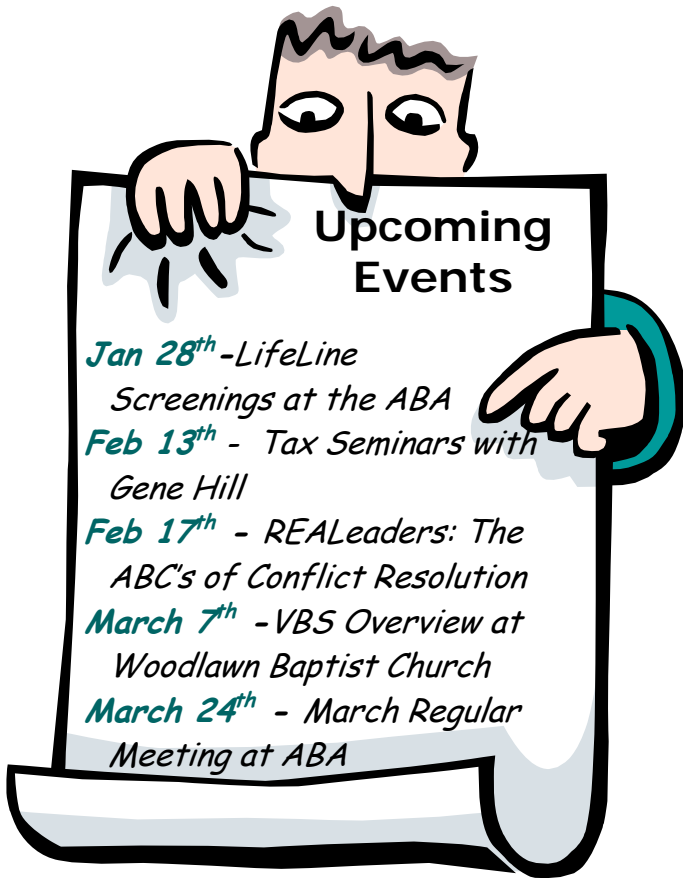
Is seeking a full-time church secretary/bookkeeper. Proficiency needed in MS Office (i.e. Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, Power Point), Media Shout 3 & church related software such as servant keeper and others. Accounting a plus. Resumes only. No emails or phone calls, please. Send resume to Administrative 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](mailto: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.



## Tax Seminar in February!

**Gene R. Hill** will be at the ABA for the tax updates for 2008 returns on **February 13, 2009.**

**10 AM—12 PM**

**Update for Ministers**

**1:30—4 PM**

**Update for Churches**

If you handle the tax returns for either of these groups—please make plans to attend. If you have any questions, please call Charlotte at the ABA office.

## 2009 Annual Women's Conference February 27 & 28

Nelda Taylor will be speaking and Two Days Later will be leading worship.

For more information, visit [www.highlandlakescamp.org](http://www.highlandlakescamp.org) or call 888-222-3482

Wanted by God . . .

To Serve Others ---Gal. 5:13

## THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION

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

[www.bccmission.org](http://www.bccmission.org)



The Austin Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC) has a very exciting announcement to make. We have the awesome privilege of bringing on our staff, Johnny Sorrell.

Johnny is a man of many gifts and talents with excellence in all he does. He comes to us after having been reared in Lake Jackson, Texas, and graduated from Brazosport High School. He was President of the Study Body at Brazosport College. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music from Stephen F. Austin University.

While at the University he received a full scholarship in Vocal Performance. He was the finalist for the National Association Teachers of Singing Competition.

Johnny has served as a minister for 38 years in Texas, South Carolina, Arkansas and Georgia. He has served in home missions as Minister of Music and Youth with the First Southern Baptist Church, Casper, Wyoming. He has also served for five years in International Missions serving in the United States, Scotland, England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Former Soviet Union and Australia.

He has served as the featured speaker on Spiritual Warfare for International Mission Board missionaries in Quito, Ecuador.

Among the many responsibilities as Senior Associate Pastor for Worship at Great Hills Baptist Church, Johnny has been a published writer and composer, including the writer and director of The Austin Christmas Pageant. The Austin Christmas Pageant was the largest Christmas event in the Austin area for several years.

Johnny currently serves as Chaplain/Field Representative for the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center in Austin, Texas.

Johnny is married to his beautiful wife, Debbie, of 36 years. They have three children: Heather, John Ryan and Tamara and three wonderful grandchildren: Wyatt, Seth and Reece.

Johnny is available to serve the churches through speaking. He is available to speak on behalf of the APRC for Sanctity of Life presentations and we are excited to serve you in this capacity or any other. He loves speaking in the churches and bringing God's message to the many different congregations. Johnny is also available to serve through specific and vital trainings on spiritual warfare.

For more information on Johnny you may check out his website at [www.revjohnsorrell.org](http://www.revjohnsorrell.org).

We look forward to hearing from you on how we may best serve you. May God bless you for all you do. Lori DeVillez, Executive Director, APRC, [jsorrell@austinprc.org](mailto:jsorrell@austinprc.org) or 512-476-7774.

**You Are Invited . . . .**  
**To an informational meeting regarding a  
 Pregnancy Resource Center in South Austin**  
**February 3, 2009 6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**First Baptist Oak Hill**  
**6907 Convict Hill Road, 78749**  
 For more information please call 512-971-7999  
 or the church office at 288-7570



# Helping Your Ministry Grow

On **Tuesday, February 17th**, Karl Fickling will be at the ABA to present a seminar on conflict resolution. This seminar will be the monthly meeting in February. This workshop will offer some very helpful tools to recognize and deal with conflict in an effective, biblical fashion.

On **Thursday, February 19th**, Bob Ed Shotwell and Larry Riley will host a fellowship for Ministers of Education and Education staff members at First Baptist Church, Georgetown. This fellowship is designed to get to know others in similar positions in the area and to share ideas for ministry. This opportunity will begin at 10:00 AM and will finish about 11:30 AM.



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.

## Looking to Improve Your Health and Fitness?

St. James Baptist Church is sponsoring its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Missions 5K and 1K Run/Walk** on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

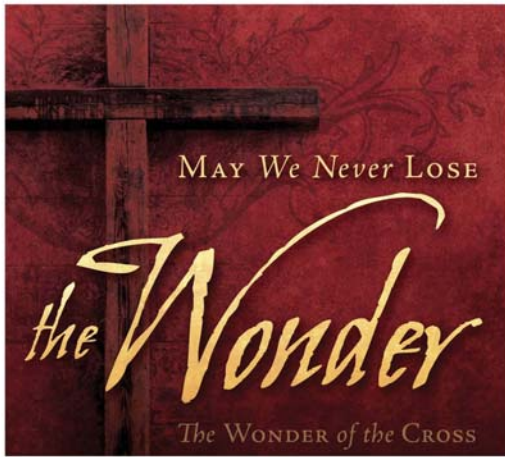
## ON YOUR MARK! GET SET!! RUN/WALK!!!

**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](http://www.runtex.com)

**Additional Information:**  
[www.stjamescmhc.org](http://www.stjamescmhc.org)

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



Are you looking for an incredible ministry opportunity for the Easter season? If so, look no further. On Palm Sunday, April 5, make plans to be a part of a mass choir singing of an Easter musical entitled, *May We Never Lose the Wonder*. If your church choir would like to participate, please call Phillip Smith as soon as possible. Randy Vader, one of the composers of the musical, will be

the narrator for the presentation. We are hoping to have 300 or more in this choir presentation. It will be held at the Burger Center at 7:00 PM on April 5. Everyone will be encouraged to come and listen to this choir and celebrate the Easter season. For more information, please call Phillip Smith (Westoak Woods Baptist Church) at 292-6800 or 825-8904.

**ABA March Regular Meeting**  
**March 24, 2009**  
**11:30 AM**

Austin Baptist Association  
3811 Harmon Ave

[More details in following newsletters](#)

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**Help us be good Stewards!**

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

If you are interested in receiving this newsletter via e-mail, please let us know by email at [charlotte@austinbaptist.org](mailto:charlotte@austinbaptist.org)