

Austin Baptist Association

ABA NEWS

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From My Laptop to Yours. . . .

Here is an e-mail that I received from a pastor in the Austin area:

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 2:24 PM

To: David Smith

Subject: ABA Meeting

David,

I'm a new minister in the Austin area and was looking online for resources to help our church ... expand our vision for reaching out and winning NW Austinites to Jesus. I was so encouraged and excited about the vision video on the ABA website. Obviously, I am not Southern Baptist, but having graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, I have a deep love and appreciation for my Baptist brothers and sisters. Working so closely among Southern Baptists, I realize and rejoice that you are on the cutting edge of kingdom expansion and have been so integral in energizing the evangelical community to expand its vision for ministry. I was so moved that this vision seems to be moving beyond denominational lines. In this vein, I noticed that you are having some sort of bus tour of Austin tomorrow and an associational meeting from 7-9. Would it be okay for me to attend either of these two events if my schedule would permit, or are these only for ABA members? I would love to hear more about the vision that God has given you and to participate in praying that Christ will use all of Austin's Kingdom-focused, Great Commission churches to reach into every niche and crevice of this great [city] for the Glory of God.

WOW! What an exciting time to be a part of the Austin Baptist Association!

WMU NEWS

Texas WMU has changed the way they are doing training; that is, to conduct **Awakenings** (training sessions) in various areas of the state. The Awakenings are being planned for the end of summer and fall. More information on Awakenings will follow as it becomes available.

MetroAustin

Citywide Worship and Bible Study
for those 18-35...*come thirsty*

**Every Tuesday night starting
April 18 at 7:37 p.m.**

Bannockburn Baptist Church; 7100 Brodie Lane

www.metroaustin.com



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 have learned. And as if it could get any better, this dynamic week is seriously fun!

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: First Baptist Church of Oak Hill has begun a
: Saturday Night Service. We encourage all the
: young and young at heart to attend. We look
: forward to meeting you! For more info call
: 228-7570.
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Vacation Bible School

If you or your church is interested in VBS training, please contact Jerry Beth Johnson at (512) 442-7858 or fax her at (512) 442-5776.

CHURCH NEWS

The Baptist Church of Driftwood

Is in need of a volunteer music director for Sunday Mornings. Contact Dr. Terry Colley at 468-7787.

Crossroads House of Prayer

Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ - Easter Jamboree—Sat, April 8, 12 noon - 4 pm.

Calvary Baptist Church, Bastrop

Looking for an interim part-time youth director. For more information, contact Bruce Sanders at 303-1697 or bsanderscbc@yahoo.com.

David Chapel

Seeking a Minister of Education and Youth. Contact Jolene S. Hall for more information at 472-9748 or jshall@davidchapel.org.

FBC Pflugerville

Currently looking for one or two youth ministry interns (paid, part-time, year-round). Passion for Christ and students is more important than ministry experience.

Contact Tom Cottar 251-3052.

First Lockhart Baptist Church

Called Nic Burleson to be their new Youth Minister. Nic and his wife, Johanna, will join FLBC on Easter Sunday.

Fountaine Memorial Baptist Church

Currently seeking a piano player for Sunday morning worship. Must also attend Friday night choir practice. Contact Louise Bradshaw at 928-2200.

Hays Hills Baptist Church

Desire a good, working, used paper folder that would be donated or sold for a nominal price. Contact Bob Gardner at bob@hayhills.com.

Hays Hills Baptist Church

Has 13 ft. pews with matching Sedalia as well as light fixtures suitable for a sanctuary. If interested in either of these, contact Bob Gardner at bob@hayhills.com.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Has a 15 passenger van in great condition with new tires and good maintenance record. If you are looking, contact Gene Chappell at 345-3771.

Kinney Avenue Baptist

Need music director for Sunday Service and Wednesday Night. Volunteer Basis. 442-6719.

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River Road Baptist Church

Seeking to hire a part-time youth minister. If interested, contact Pastor Bruce Murray at 276-3824.

Wyldwood Baptist Church

Needs part-time youth director. For more info, call Anna at 303-3443. Fax resumes to the attention of Mike Schwartz at 308-0423.

Attention Christian Bands

FBC Driftwood invites you to participate in *Spirit of the Hills* - a grand music and food festival on May 27, 2006. If your praise band is interested in playing, contact Deborah Waterman at FBC Driftwood - henei_lord@yahoo.com

Avalon, April 9

7:30pm in Riverbend Centre; Cost is \$20 per person, \$17 per person for groups of 10 or more - Star Tickets, reserved seating by ticket. Tickets go on sale March 10 at all Albertson's locations or by calling 1-800-585-3737; or after March 10 you can link to the Star ticket web site from Riverbend.com.

ASSOCIATIONAL DRILLS

April 9, 2006 Ebenezer Baptist Church
Begin at 2:00 PM 1010 East 10th Street

ATTENTION LEADERS! You will need to have your list of participants available to leave with the registrar upon arrival. The grades listed for participants in children, youth drill, and youth speaker's tournament makes them eligible to participate. For more information, call Vina Coleman, ABA Discipleship Training Director, 926-0364.

Children, grades 4-6

Youth, grades 7-12

Youth Speakers, grades 10-12

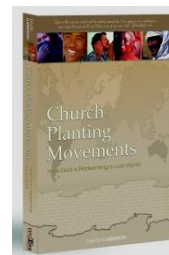
Events for Spanish Speaking Churches

Calendario de actividades para el año 2006 de la Asociación Bautista de Austin

13-15 de abril: Hispanic Youth and Singles Congreso @ Reliant Arena, Houston. Wes Hamilton, Julio Guarneri—Adoracion: Smith Band, Nueva Canzion

22 de abril: 6:30-8:30 pm Reunión de pastores @ ABA

**Author and IMB Missionary
DAVID GARRISON in Austin
April 9-11**



Church Planting Movements: How God is Redeeming a Lost World

David Garrison will be guiding discussion over breakfast at the ABA office on April 12, 2006, at 8:30 AM. For more information on this breakfast, contact Charlotte at the ABA office (454-2558) or e-mail her at aba@austinbaptist.org.

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

We also have free copies of the 48 page abridged version.

Pastorless Churches

Eternal Faith Baptist

John Lawrence has accepted a call to a church in the Waco area. His last Sunday will be April 30th.

FBC Elgin

No Interim named at this time

FBC Manor

G.I. Norris has been named Interim

Highland Park Baptist

Ron Higdon, Interim Pastor

Milwood Baptist

Dr. Lashley Banks has been named Director of Mission of the Grayson Baptist Association in Sherman. His last Sunday will be April 23rd.

Park Hills Baptist

Great Hills Baptist providing Interim Preaching and ministry support

Pleasant Hill Baptist

No Interim named at this time

Ridgetop Baptist

No Interim named at this time

Texas Oaks Baptist

Rick Spencer has been named Interim

Woodlawn Baptist

No Interim named at this time; Barry Chinn leaving to pastor Cowboy church. His last Sunday will be April 16th.

KINGDOM BUILDING STORIES

Testimony by Michael White of Great Commission Christian Center Baptist Church at the Semi Annual Meeting of the Austin Baptist Association, March 21, 2006:

"I am the pastor of the newly planted Great Commission Christian Center Baptist Church and we are loving it. We have a philosophy there when it comes to church planting and it is rooted in the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 'Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.' And we approach church planting like this: church planting is people planting. When we plant churches, we are planting people in Christ. That is why we are called Christians; because it is supposed to be Christ in us. I have three people stories to share with you.

"The first is about a young Caucasian lady who came seemingly from nowhere to the Austin area and she was coming to attend college. She was away from home, away from her parents, very scared and afraid. She ended up getting into a situation where she was looking for love in all the wrong places. Her path crossed our path and we introduced her to the love of Christ and she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and she understand now instead of looking for love, she has found love in Jesus.

"The second story I have to share with you is about a young Hispanic lady. She came to our fellowship broken. She had been sexually abused by her family members for a long period of time.

She went through foster care. She was very bitter about it; she was hurt. She was very promiscuous as a result. We, like the woman at the well, gave her a drink of the living water. As a result, she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and now she is in a long-term committed relationship, not with a man but with the Lord.

"One more story I'll share with you about a young African-American man that came to our church. He had gotten into the wrong crowd and as a result he found himself in a situation where he was facing federal charges and federal prison time for being an accomplice to a robbery. We worked with him, we worked with his probation officer, and we got some of the charges dropped and we told them we would introduce him to Christ. We did introduce him to Christ. This young man now has a job where he goes around the AISD district and talks to at-risk children about how not to end up where he ended up. Praise God for change! Amen!

"So when we talk about church planting, understand this, is not just erecting building. We are not just putting together budgets and funding things. We are changing people's lives and planting them firmly in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and if we continue to do that we can literally change our communities, we can change society, and we can change the world."