

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

North America is changing! "The world as you know it no longer exists. The world you will know is unlike anything you've ever seen" (Eric Miller). We can see it by looking at the diversity of our cultural landscape. We can hear it by listening to the voices around us. We can taste it by eating in the restaurants opening around us. The nations are coming to North America. As they arrive, they become our neighbors, and the majority of our neighbors do not have hope and acceptance only found in Jesus Christ.



**On Mission Together: Planting New Congregations Sunday** (March 30) is about churches planting churches. It seeks to inspire and motivate individuals and churches to see their communities as mission fields and to be used by God to start new churches. Why? So every person in North America can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ in a culturally relevant way. Imagine a time when ordinary believers, led by God, were at the forefront of church planting, connecting lost people to a relationship with Jesus Christ, forming faith communities based on relationships, and multiplying themselves to reach those the farthest from God!

Like no other time in history, we have the opportunity to reach the world by reaching our neighbors. But Scripture tells us that night is coming when no man can work (John 9: 4-5). Will you look at the changing community around you and join others in engaging your community with the gospel of Jesus Christ? Will you seek out opportunities to start new small groups that may become churches in your community? Will you passionately pray for workers and lead them to make disciples?

Will you **Live With Urgency** and help turn imagination into reality?

For Christ and His Kingdom,

*Mission Churches & Church Plants*

- Bridgeway Christian Koinonia**  
*Curtis Carr, Sr., Pastor*
- Christian Love Center**  
*Jesus Sepada, 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*
- Gateway Hill Country Church**  
*Jeff Jackson, Pastor*
- Grace Fellowship Community Church**  
*Harold Hendricks, Pastor*
- Greater Parkway Baptist Church**  
*John Ford, Pastor*
- Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia**  
*Mario Alaniz, 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*
- Phoenix Church**  
*Charles Whitmire, Pastor*
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Pflugerville**  
*Jose Vasquez, Pastor*
- Restoration Bible Church**  
*Chris Wallace, Pastor*
- Romanian Baptist Church of Austin**  
*Samuel Clintoc, Pastor*
- South Austin Community Church**  
*Arthur Sneed, Pastor*
- Vietnamese United Baptist Church**  
*David Lee, 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.

# What's Up?

## Pastorless Churches

First Baptist, Manor  
Highland Park Baptist  
Onion Creek Baptist Church  
Westoak Woods Baptist

### Congress Avenue Baptist Church

Is seeking a secretary and a financial secretary. For more information, call the church at (512) 477-7781. Complete job descriptions are available on the ABA website under "Ministry Opportunities".

### Cornerstone Baptist Church, Hutto

Is seeking a part-time or bi-vocational youth minister to lead and disciple youth in all aspects of the Christian life. Send resume or letter of interest to: Pastor E.D. Threatt, 3000 Hanstrom Ct, Hutto TX 78634 or via e-mail to ed3t@yahoo.com.

### Friendship Baptist Church

Is seeking a nursery worker for approximately 5 hours a week at \$10 an hour. Send resume to TXKAYSA@aol.com or call 288-2009 and leave a message.

### Manchaca Baptist Church

"Vibrant 500+ and growing congregation in South Austin seeking enthusiastic, full-time minister of music to lead both traditional and blended services." For more information see [www.manchacabaptist.com](http://www.manchacabaptist.com). Resumes to [musicsearch@manchacabaptist.com](mailto:musicsearch@manchacabaptist.com)

### 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.

### Onion Creek Baptist Church

Will be accepting resumes for pastor through March 31, 2008. Interested parties should send resume to OCBC, PO Box 905, Del Valle TX 78617 or call church at (512) 385-3847.

### Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Needs a pianist for Sunday mornings & Evenings, Sunday evening choir practice and Wednesday evenings. If interested, please call Sandi Mercer at 444-2139, 370-2991, or email at Sandi624@sbcglobal.net

### Travis Oaks Baptist Church

Is seeking a part-time music director to direct the adult choir and lead the Sunday morning worship service. Call the church office at (512) 267-2196 or fax resume to (512) 267-6840.

### UT BSM

Will be hosting the First Annual UTBSM Classic Golf Scramble on April 18, 2008 at The Golf Club at Star Ranch. Cost is \$75/player with a shotgun start is 1:30 PM; registration deadline is April 8. For more info, visit [www.utbsm.net](http://www.utbsm.net) or call 474-1429.

## CWJC EVENTS

### Organic Church Conference: "Doing Church Simply"

Saturday, March 29, 2008

8:30 AM—3 PM

Austin Baptist Association

\$20 Registration

For more info, contact 964-1898 or [chrisrowley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisrowley@sbcglobal.net)

### Heart to Heart Luncheon

Monday, April 28, 2008

11:30—1 PM

Great Hills Baptist Church

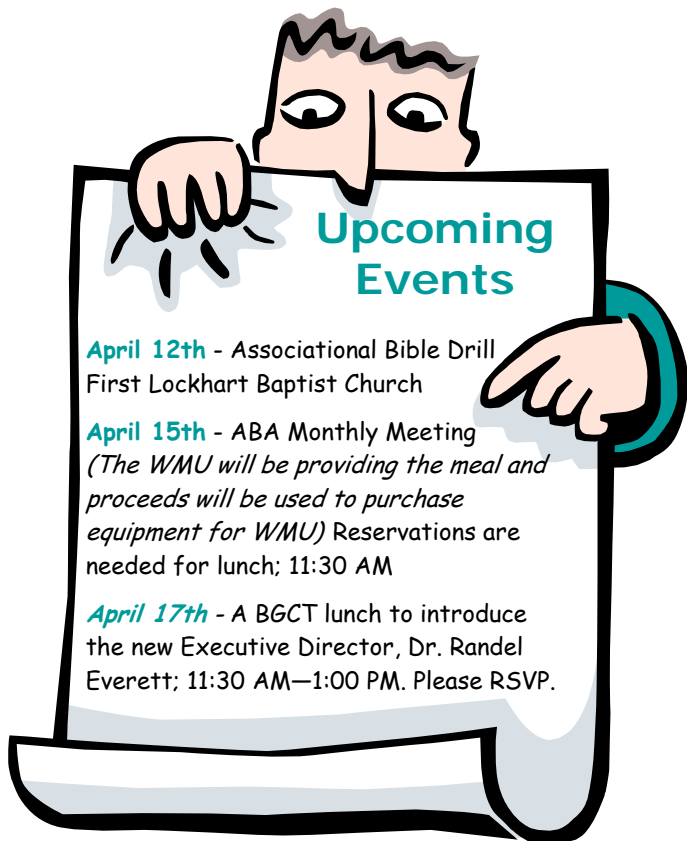
Great Hall

\$20 per plate

For more info, contact 964-1898 or [chrisrowley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisrowley@sbcglobal.net)



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Dear ABA,

Having had the privilege of serving as a member of the ABA Leadership team for the past few years, permit me to share a perspective I believe to be important to everyone in our Association:

David Smith has been our associational missionary for eight years now and, as such, has been our leader through difficult and treacherous waters. Everyone who has been even minimally involved with the changes understands that the focus of the Association has changed completely during these last years. It hasn't in any way been 'business as usual' under David's administration.

We have been, and are, in the process of adopting a 'church first' strategy, which is now being held up as a model for other associations all across the nation. The signage in the hallway at the ABA office indicates the large number of church plants that are resulting, as well as an indication of the amazing cooperation among the churches, both within the association and across denominational lines. Are you aware that the many, very difficult, certainly painful, yet necessary, changes that we have experienced are resulting Kingdom expansion, unprecedented in the history of our Association? It is also interesting that the major church planting efforts are not primarily with the larger churches, which is often the case, but from churches of moderate to small sizes that seem to be 'catching the vision.'

Yes, everything is new. Certainly the jury is out as to whether these efforts will result in solid, established churches. Yes, change is always uncomfortable, but isn't this truly what we are supposed to be about given our commission to "go." I would add that all of this positive change has been taking place while the 'usual' associational business of ministering to existing churches has seemingly not suffered in the least. This has required a Herculean effort.

I have personally watched David take spear after spear, placing his job, his reputation, even, at times, his own family and friendships on the line to lead us in pursuing this vision - a vision that seems to be coming to fruition. Many of us have stood on the sidelines and watched. Some of us have been content to be behind and supportive as long as we were safe. Others of us have taken positions in the way of these changes as we have disagreed, but not one of us has laid our occupational lives and reputations on the line as has our Associational Missionary.

I would like to publicly thank David for his sacrifice, vision, tenacity, and patience as he has almost single-handedly begun to turn this ship we call the ABA in a direction that is certainly pleasing to our Captain. It is a Christian 'profile in courage' that I have found to be personally inspirational.

Thank you David and Julie Smith.

Kim Edlund, Marshall Ford Fellowship

**High Pointe Baptist Church** invites you to join with us as we take part in the VOM "Action Pack" ministry.

Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a ministry devoted to helping the persecuted church all over the world. This ministry was founded on Hebrews 13:3. One of the ways Voice of the Martyrs ministers to the persecuted church is through action packs. These are bags filled with basic necessities persecuted Christians need to survive. The problem that many people face when doing the action pack bags is the high cost of shipping the filled bags back to Oklahoma.

Together we can do more! If you desire to support the persecuted church by putting together action packs, we would like to offer to take your bags to Oklahoma. Some families from HPBC are going to the VOM conference in June and have offered to personally deliver your bags to avoid shipping costs.

What a great joy it will be to see the Body of Christ in Central Texas work together and live out Romans 12:10-13, Hebrews 13:3, and Hebrews 13:15,16.

To find out more about the action packs please contact Suzanne Greene 512-525-1023. Or visit our website at [www.jesusbymyside.com](http://www.jesusbymyside.com)

**THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION**

Serving The Needy of Austin

Sharing the Gospel With East Austin

by Caring for People

Visit Our website at: [www.bccmission.org](http://www.bccmission.org)

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Austin, TX 78702

## Austin Church Leaders Family Summit

hosted by  
Bannockburn Baptist Church

April 8, 2008

9 AM - 3 PM

featuring **Dr. John Trent**



No one needs to be convinced that American families are in crisis. Never before has our country seen the decline in so many areas related to the home. Even in the midst of the disturbing cultural landscape, God offers a solution that has the power to truly stem the tide. The local church is better equipped, more strategically placed, and more efficiently enabled to save the family than any other entity on earth.

The time has come for churches everywhere to gather and form a strategic plan for the coming decade. The tide can still be turned, but it won't happen by accident. Will you be a part of the solution?

The Austin Church Summit on Marriage will bring together church leaders who are on the cutting edge of generational ministry, para-church leaders who are serving families and desire to connect with local churches on a deeper level, and pastors who want to know more.

### **Purpose:**

To Discuss and Discover Strategies That Make a Positive Impact on the Marriages of Central Texas

### **Objectives:**

- \* Hear from Experts and Authorities
  - ◆ On the Culture
  - ◆ On the Church
  - ◆ On the History of Family Breakdown
  - ◆ On What is *Working* for Families
- \* Hear Success Stories
  - ◆ Communities Where Family Trends Are Reversing
  - ◆ Healing of Broken Homes
  - ◆ Outreach and Ministry Strategies
- \* Establish a Mutual Declaration on the Preservation of Marriage
- \* Assist Para-Church Organizations in Implementing Their Resources into the Local Church
- \* Equip Pastors and Church Leaders with Practical Tools for Strengthening Families

**REGISTER AT [WWW.BBCFAMILY.COM](http://WWW.BBCFAMILY.COM)**