

From My Laptop to Yours.

The end of March will be busy with several things you will want to know about. We are looking forward to your involvement in these events!

The North American Mission Board encouraged you to celebrate "Start a Church Sunday". I hope that you will take any Sunday sometime soon to explore the idea of starting a new congregation. NAMB and the ABA have plenty of resources for you—so let us know how we can help you!

Our **March Regular Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, March 24th** at 11:30 AM at the ABA office. It would be great to see at least one representative from each church. We will be serving lunch and would appreciate an RSVP from you—so call the office (454-2558) and let us know you are coming!

On Saturday, **March 28th**, Trisha Taylor will be hosting a **Marriage Mentoring workshop**. I believe the most effective ways to strengthen marriage is through the local church and Trisha along with Kellie & Brett Hurst will walk you through the basics of starting (or strengthening) this ministry at your church.

In light of the events at FBC, Maryville, Illinois on March 8th, we will be hosting a discussion for pastors and church staff members about **security**. I have talked with several of our churches to find that many have extensive security measures and many are just starting. I hope that you will make it a point to be at the ABA at **7 PM on Tuesday, March 31st** to participate in an open discussion about this topic. Steve Washburn (FBC Pflugerville) and Tom Goodman (Hillcrest) will be facilitating this event.

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
 - Gracepoint 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. 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.

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.



Bible Drill & Speakers' Tournament

The Association Bible Drill & Speakers' Tournament will be held on Sunday, April 5th at 2:00 PM at Northwest Baptist Church (6301 Woodrow Ave, Austin 78757). The **red cycle** will be used for this drill - supplies can be purchased at Lifeway Christian Stores.

THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION

Serving The Needy of Austin
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www.bccmission.org

WMU Regular Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 2009
9:30 AM

Skyview Ministry Center
211 W. Rognig Lane (78751)

First Baptist Church of Oak Hill

6907 Convict Hill Rd ~ Austin, Texas 78749
512-288-7570 www.fbcoakhill.org

Dear Pastor,

We are in the process of organizing the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center - South. We have had several meetings and are excited about the participation. As you are probably aware, there is a central location at 28th and Rio Grande. We have utilized their expertise in our moving forward. We have also had great support from the San Marcos chapter. It is important that each location be autonomous, because of the various distinct needs of the clientele. Our first challenge in organization is to obtain a non-profit status with the I.R.S. This is in process. We also have a team looking for God's location to serve the community.

I have said all this to invite you to a pastors Luncheon at our church. It will be on March 26th from 11:30am until 1:00pm. As a pastor, I understand the need for services such as these for our society. We are bombarded by choices for every reason without the responsibility. If our churches band together to support this Faith Based Christian alternative to abortion, we can all rest assured God's people are doing their part to sustain life in this world.

This ministry to both women and men is intended to meet the need and share "The Way" through Christ as their Lord. I have never seen a more rewarding response from those in need, which these pregnancy centers provide. Of all their clients, many (some 20 to 30%) receive Christ and their lives are changed forever. I wish our churches had that kind of growth, we would all be having extended services.

So, this invitation is personally directed to you because I know your support will lead to the accomplishment of all the goals for this center in our demographic area. Come expecting a blessing as we share the excitement and anticipation of following our Lord and the great commission.

In Christ's Love,
Bro. Ray Knowles - Pastor

P.S. - Please make every effort to attend this informational meeting. If you are unable to come, you may appoint an associate or representative to attend. Also, please RSVP, so we may know approximately how many to plan for.



Helping Your Ministry Grow

You are invited to send some members to...

CALL TO JOY **Saturday, June 6** **Hays Hills Baptist Church**

Billie Hanks is internationally known for his work in discipleship, evangelism and as the author of "Call to Joy", "Call to Growth" and the disciple's spiritual journal.

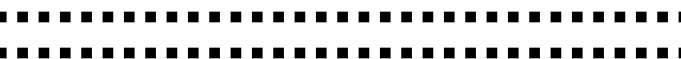
He works closely with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and with many others. His discipleship model has been adopted by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and most of the other Baptist seminaries, for use in training their students to be disciple-makers.

Billie is a great speaker with many stories of faith from what works and what doesn't among evangelicals leading up to today.

This seminar does not just motivate you and inform you - **it puts in your hands** the tools to grow as a disciple and to help others grow (which is an essential part of growing yourself.)

At the end of the seminar you will have the opportunity to decide whether or not to take on a partner to meet with weekly (or as possible) for about 8 sessions.

Billie has begun "Operation Multiplication" to multiply the number of maturing followers of Christ, spark their evangelism through a prayer for opportunities each day, and have all the mentors you could possibly need for new Christians!! Operation Multiplication is a way of shutting the back door of the church.



Marriage Mentoring Workshop March 28 9 AM - 12 noon

When young couples can learn from healthy marriage mentors, everyone wins!

Marriage Mentoring is a low-cost and effective way to touch the lives of people in your church and in your community in ways that will transform the next generation.

Come join Kellie & Brett Hurst and Trisha Taylor for this one-day workshop. For more information, contact Trisha at 922-4000 or trishataylor@austin.rr.com



The University of Texas Baptist Student Ministry (UTBSM) will host their annual **Golf Scramble** at **Forrest Creek Golf Course** in Round Rock on **Friday, April, 17th**

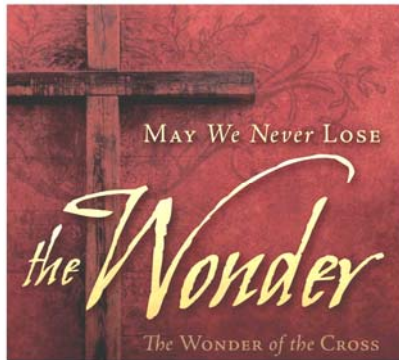
Please contact the UTBSM at 512-474-7429 for more information.

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April 5th, 2009 7:00 PM
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For more information,
call Philip Smith
292-6800 or 825-8904



A great Easter Drama "His Last Days" will be present by Iglesia Bautista Betania (1117 Tillery St) on Saturday, April 11th at 7 PM and on Sunday, April 12th at 11 AM. Please join us for this wonderful event!



ON YOUR MARK! GET SET!! GO!!!

St. James Baptist Church is sponsoring
Missions 5K and 1K Run/Walk
Saturday, March 28th at 8:00 AM
Online Registration: www.runtex.com
Additional Information:
www.stjamescmbc.org