

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

Knowing that our Association is heavily involved in church planting, I am often asked the question, "Why Plant Churches?" One of the most compelling reasons for planting new churches is that new churches are more effective in reaching people for Jesus than long established churches. A study in *Christianity Today* indicated that new churches under three years old in America win 10 people to Christ for every hundred members. The older the church the larger the ratio: a church 3 to 15 years old will win 5 per year per hundred members, and after age 15 about 3 people are won per hundred people. +

There are several reasons why new churches tend to be more effective evangelistically:

- \* Pastors and lay people who are called to plant a church are highly motivated to reach people for Jesus.
- \* People in new churches are usually ready to do whatever it takes to share Christ and the new church with friends.
- \* New churches are developed to meet the needs of the unchurched as well as the churches.
- \* New churches are extraordinarily effective in making disciples.

Dr. Peter Wagner, church growth pioneer, has said, "The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches."

What do you think?

For Christ and His Kingdom,



+Cited in Aubrey Malphurs, *Planting growing Churches for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1992) p.42

*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*
- Great Commission Christian Center**  
*Michael White, 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.



# Church News

## Congress Avenue Baptist Church

Is seeking a secretary and a financial secretary. For more information, call the church at (512) 447-7781. 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.

## Fitzhugh Baptist Church

Is seeking a youth director. Position will begin as part-time but can quickly grow to full-time. Send resumes to church at 11607 Crumley Ranch Rd, Austin, 78738 or call (512) 263-5144 and leave a message.

## Friendship Baptist Church

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

## Iglesia Bautista Emanuel

Is looking for a portable collapsible projection screen. If you have one that you are willing to donate or sell, please contact (512) 321-3246.

## 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.

## Oak Meadow Baptist Church

Is seeking a part-time youth director. For information, call the church at (512) 444-1268 and send resumes to church at 3715 S First St., Austin, 78704

## 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.

The Austin Baptist Association office will be closed on

**Monday, May 26th**

In observance of **Memorial Day**

Please mark your calendar that the ABA will also be closed on **Friday, July 4th** in observance of **Independence Day**



## THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION

Serving The Needy of Austin

Sharing the Gospel With East Austin  
by Caring for People

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2000 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78702



## It's time for Vacation Bible School

Thanks to these churches for letting us know when theirs is!

### June:

First Lockhart Baptist - June 3-6

High Point Baptist - June 9-13

Westoak Woods Baptist - June 9-13

\*First Baptist, Dripping Springs - June 16-20

\*Sunset Canyon Baptist - June 16-20

Travis Oaks Baptist - June 16-20

Kinney Avenue Christian Fellowship - June 23-27

Teri Road Baptist - June 23-27

Bannockburn Baptist - June 23-27

First Baptist, Austin - June 23-27

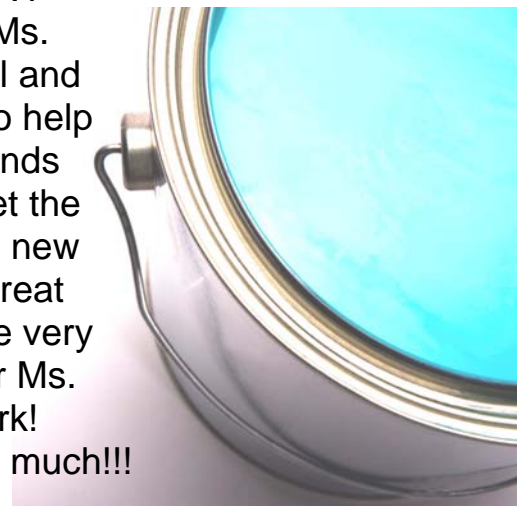
\* *First Baptist, Dripping Springs and Sunset Canyon Baptist will be presenting a combined VBS this year.*

### July

First Baptist, Oak Hill - July 7-11

We have been working hard at the ABA recently on small remodeling projects. We are very excited about the office's new look, so stop by and see us!

Many, MANY thanks to Ms. Betty Arrell and her work to help us raise funds to re-carpet the office. The new carpet is great and we are very grateful for Ms. Betty's work! Thanks so much!!!



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

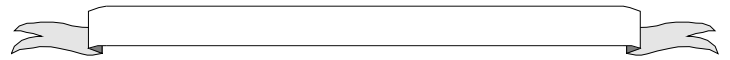
*The Greater Parkway Baptist Church  
Family*

*where The Rev. John Ford is Pastor  
will be celebrating their  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary on June 1, 2008  
at 3:30 in the afternoon.*

*Greater Parkway Baptist Church  
is located at  
16708 Piccadilly Ct, Ste 100, Pflugerville*

*Our guest will be the  
True Light Missionary Baptist Church  
where Rev. J. R. Williams is Pastor*

*Come join us for an evening of celebration  
Where our faith will be exercised and  
God will be glorified*



*Living Faith Baptist Church with  
Bro. Henry Swofford, Pastor, will  
be celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary on June 29, 2008.*

*Bro. James Shugart will be  
preaching at the 11AM service and  
a lunch will follow at 12:15 PM.  
Following lunch, Brian Byrne &  
Borrowed Time will play uplifting  
Gospel music.*

*Everyone is invited to this joyous  
celebration!*

