

From My Laptop to Yours.

Dear friends,

I trust that the Easter Celebrations at your church were a tremendous blessing to you and those in your community. I continue to hear great reports of God's work.

As we move into the summer I would like to ask you to consider your churches involvement in the Prayer Movement that is taking place in Austin. Our friends at Austin Bridge Builders Alliance (ABBA) have mobilized a Prayer team to encourage the churches in the city to pray. They have developed a color sector map to break the city into regions for pray. (This map and the corresponding zip codes are on page 3 so that you can find the sector in which your church resides).

Now, my request – would you as a church consider being a part of the praying churches in the sector in which your church is located? Maybe you already have a designated prayer person that would be willing to take this on. If no one has been designated to head up the prayer ministry of your church, maybe you would consider serving? I assure you that there are no special qualifications to serve beyond a passion for prayer. The idea is to enlist as many churches as possible in each region to pray.

Further, the prayer leaders of the participating churches would meet together to determine how best to pray for their particular region. Maybe street-by-street or neighborhood-by-neighborhood or some other God-directed way. If you would be willing to join in, please do two things. First, let the pastor know of your interest in representing the church. Second give the folks at ABBA a call and let them know that you/your church are on board with this.

With all that is happening in the area of prayer - Pray 40, Seek God for the City and other prayer initiatives - wouldn't it be great to have the city prayed for 24/7. Later this year we will have the group from ABBA come to one of our monthly meetings to share with us how things are progressing. Feel free to call if I can answer any other questions. I would love to see the majority of our churches reporting for Prayer!

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Supported Church Plants

Abundant LIFE Community Baptist Church

Austin Burmese Christian Fellowship

Austin City Life

Austin Karen Baptist Church

Gateway Hill Country Church

Iglesia Bautista High Pointe

Iglesia Bautista Oak Hill

Iglesia Piedra Viva

Iglesia Rios de Agua Viva

Life Church, Austin

Lost Pines Cowboy Church

The Church at Bee Cave

Vietnamese United Baptist Church

Zion Indian Christian Center

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

Beacon Ridge Baptist Church

Will be hosting special guest singers "The Seale Sisters" from the South Texas Gospel Music Association on Sunday, May 29th at 11 AM followed by potluck lunch. This group was given the Horizon Award in 2009 by the STGMA for Most Up-and-Coming Group. All are invited to attend.

Bee Cave Baptist Church

Is looking for a part-time minister to children (all ages). For more information, call Pastor Jim Roquemore at (512) 789-6893.

Bethel Baptist Church

Is in need of a volunteer drummer for 2 Sundays a month. To find out more about this opportunity, please call the church at (512) 346-4770. To learn more about the church, visit www.bethelbaptistchurch.net.

Crestview Baptist Church

Is seeking a new part-time minister of music. For more information, call the church office at (512) 454-6641.

Hays Hills Baptist Church

Is currently looking for a pianist. This is a paid position and would include responsibilities on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please contact Tim Snowden, Minister of Music, at (512) 295-3132 ext 27 or tim@hayshills.com.

Hill Country Baptist Church of Oak Hill

Is in need of someone to lead music on Sunday mornings. Experienced accompaniment provided. This person would select music each week. For more information, contact church at (512) 288-1372.

New Life Baptist Church

Is looking for a Minister for Worship & Youth. For more information, please contact Pastor Marc Hegedus at marc.newlifebaptist_1@juno.com.

Parmer Lane Baptist Church

Is seeking a child care worker for Sunday mornings and evenings (5 hours). For more information, please contact Linda Wilcox at pville685-info@yahoo.com or (512) 251-5885.

Skyview Baptist Church

Is accepting applications for a part-time summer youth worker to lead 7th-12th graders on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings and for an evening Vacation Bible School. Please call Pastor Jack Burton at (512) 447-5250 or email at jj.burton@sbcglobal.net if interested.



Walnut Creek Baptist Church aka Rock Church

invites all to attend its

155th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Come and join them for worship at 11:00 AM and stay for lunch at 12:15 PM. The congregation is excited about this event and would love to see you there!

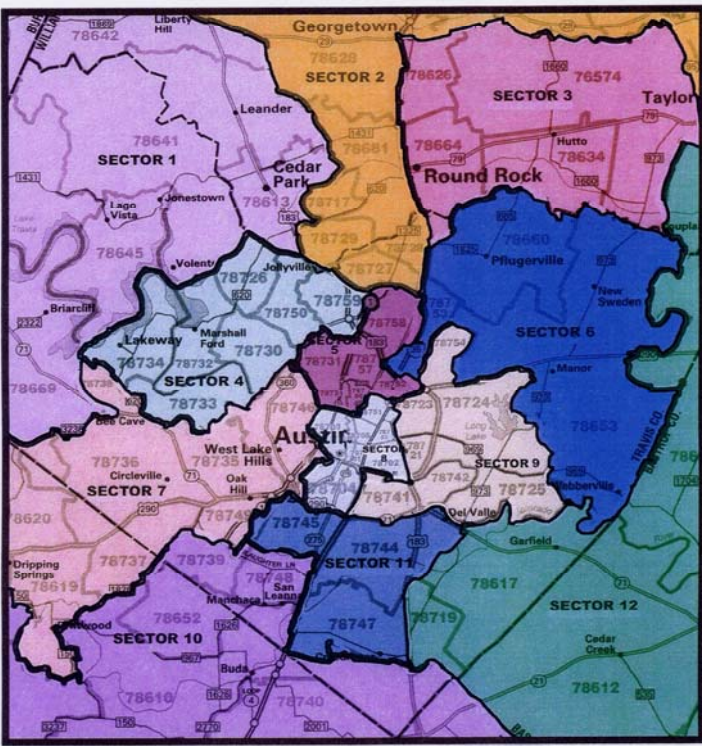
Church News continued

The Church at Bee Cave

Is seeking a part-time Youth Pastor. The church is 2 years old and has a heart to reach students in their community. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Pastor Matt Peacock at matt@churchatbeecave.com.



Pray for Austin 12 Sectors



Corresponding Zip Codes for 12 Sectors

- Sector 1:** 78613, 78641, 78642, 78645, 78669
- Sector 2:** 78628, 78681, 78717, 78728, 78729
- Sector 3:** 76527, 76537, 76574, 78626, 78630, 78634, 78664, 78665
- Sector 4:** 78726, 78730, 78732, 78733, 78734, 78750, 78759
- Sector 5:** 78727, 78731, 78752, 78756, 78757, 78758
- Sector 6:** 78615, 78653, 78660, 78753
- Sector 7:** 78619, 78620, 78735, 78736, 78737, 78738, 78746, 78749
- Sector 8:** 78701, 78702, 78703, 78704, 78705, 78722, 78751
- Sector 9:** 78721, 78723, 78724, 78725, 78741, 78742, 78754
- Sector 10:** 78610, 78640, 78652, 78739, 78748
- Sector 11:** 78744, 78745, 78747
- Sector 12:** 78612, 78617, 78621, 78719

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Below is an article I saw last year at about this same time.

Survey: Jehovah's Witnesses pray the most

Published: May 7, 2009

The Jehovah's Witnesses is the most prayerful religious group in the United States, a survey released Thursday said.

The Pew Research Center said Jews are the least likely among those professing a religious faith to say they pray every day, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Thursday. While 89 percent of Jehovah's Witnesses and 82 percent of Mormons report daily prayer, only 26 percent of Jews do.

About 80 percent of members of historically black churches say they pray daily. They are followed by white evangelicals, Muslims, Hindus, members of Orthodox churches and Catholics.

Those least likely to pray daily are mainline Protestants, with only 53 percent saying they do, Buddhists at 45 percent and Jews at 26 percent. Rabbi Art Donsky of Temple Ohav Shalom in McCandless told the Post-Gazette that last figure may be misleading since many religious Jews believe prayer is done in the temple by a minyan or group of at least 10 adults and do not count daily rituals like the blessing of bread.

People are more likely to pray if they are elderly, poor or female.

Pew surveyed 35,000 adult U.S. residents. The survey was released in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer.

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For Christ and His Kingdom,



Mark your calendars for the 2011 ABA October Regular Meeting! It will be held Monday, October 17th at 7:00 PM at Crestview Baptist Church.

Associational Emphasis Week May 15-22



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Today's church faces unprecedented challenges with rapid cultural change, extreme diversity and transitioning communities. However, these challenges bring new opportunities to impact their communities. Effective churches are passionately pursuing innovative strategies to meet these new challenges.

The Baptist Association is ready to assist each church with resources that help fulfill your commitment to the Great Commission.

~North America Mission Board



Congratulations to Brett Horvath, pastor of Gateway Baptist Church, on his Ordination on May 1, 2011. Charles Price (far right), Director of Missions at the San Antonio Baptist Association, led the Ordination committee. Many thanks to Gateway Baptist for their support of their pastor!



The Global Leadership Summit

August 11-12, 2011

Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church

For more information, please contact the ABA office