

From My Laptop to Yours.

Article 14 of the Baptist Faith and Message (a portion that has remained untouched over the past years) speaks of cooperation among New Testament churches. This cooperation extends to other groups beyond our Southern Baptist churches*.

“Christ’s people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ’s Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ’s people. ***Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations**, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.” (Emphasis mine)

As our Association of churches strives to see Austin transformed by the Gospel, we will seek to “elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner.” How can I be of assistance in the ministry of your church and your congregation? Drop me an e-mail and let me know.

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

- All Nations Baptist Church**
Kook Jin Nan, Pastor
- 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**
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- Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia**
Mario Alaniz, Pastor
- Iglesia Bautista River Road**
Jose Chavez, 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
- 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

Church Needs

Welcome Bro. Rob Anderson!

He is the new Pastor of
Trinity Baptist Church in Smithville

Pastorless Churches

First Baptist, Manor
Highland Park Baptist
Mision Bautista Vista al Cielo
Westoak Woods Baptist

Kinney Avenue Christian Fellowship

Kinney Avenue Baptist Church and Discovery Christian Fellowship have merged to form Kinney Avenue Christian Fellowship. Their pastor is Ken Baldwin. Please make note of this change.

Manchaca Baptist Church

Is seeking Nursery staff for Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings. Applicants please call the church office at (512) 282-0875 or email resume to judy@manchacabaptist.com or fax resume to (512) 292-0043.

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.

Parmer Lane Baptist Church

Is seeking a church worship/song leader. Worship style is mixed. Part-time position totaling 5 to 6 hours a week. For more information, call church office at (512) 244-3907 or (512) 706-5431.

Parmer Lane Baptist Church

Is also seeking a pianist. Worship style is mixed. Part-time position totaling 5 to 6 hours a week. For more information, call church office at (512) 244-3907 or (512) 706-5431.

Rosanky Baptist Church

Is offering eight 13-foot pews (each sits about 8 people). If interested, please call Curtis Chandler at 360-3968.

Woodlawn Baptist Church

Is accepting resumes for a full-time executive pastor. Seminary-level degree required with a background in education/administration. Mail resumes to Search Committee, Woodlawn Baptist Church, 4600 Manchaca Road, Austin TX 78745 or e-mail david@woodlawNBC.org.

If your church has

- **Spanish Songbooks** to donate, please contact Mr. Garcia at 733-3441.
- **Chairs** to donate, please contact Jose Vasquez at 965-0150.



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God changing Austin. God changing the World

The citywide course, Perspectives on the World Christian Movement (aka Perspectives) will be kicking off another class year in January 08. Though this course has been around since 1974 and is well-known to some Austin Christians due to the fact one of the founders, Steve Hawthorne lives right here in Austin -- it is causing a stir among the Body in Austin.

Consider this, over the past two years, more than 650 people from more than **81 Austin area** churches representing 10 different evangelical denominations have taken the course. Lives are being changed, directions altered, Churches energized and most importantly our God glorified.

Young adults are giving up their lives in America and going to serve peoples across Austin and in very different lands. Business owners are changing their plans and look at new kinds of investing. Mothers are starting new efforts to love Arab women right here in Austin. Policy makers are finding answers to bring about community transformation. Pastors are dreaming bigger dreams for their churches.

According to their national office, "Perspectives is not so much a course, as it is a "movement" involving tens of thousands of God's people throughout the world finding their niche in God's overall purpose to bless the nations." Since its beginning in 1974, more than 100,000 people have taken the course across the world. It has been translated into a number of languages with more in process.

Here's what some alumni have had to say about the course, err movement.

- "It challenges your thinking, moves you to obedience, aligns your heart closer to God's heart and introduces you to his Big Picture Plan."
- "It changes lives by changing hearts by allowing us to see the greater picture of God's heart."
- "This class will give you tools to do God's will."
- "What God has done for my heart through this class is uncontainable...it will take my whole life to fully live out what God has taught me!"

Nationally and internationally the course is endorsed by a wide array of evangelical denominations, mission organizations and leaders. Dr. Avery Willis, former Senior VP of the International Mission Board of the

Southern Baptist Convention said that Perspectives provides "believers with the finest overview of God's world wide work available. I wholeheartedly recommend it for any committed disciple of Jesus."

"The Perspectives course succeeds in communicating that God has always had a plan for the world, that He is carrying out that plan, and that He invites us to have a part in what He is doing. Many people looking to see where they fit into God's plan find the Perspectives course to be an eye-opener, whether they are involved in their local church or helping to build God's Kingdom among the least reached." stated John Bush with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pastor and author, Rev. John Piper wrote, "Perspectives has been essential in mobilizing hundreds of lay people in our church to be World Christians."

Locally, Pastor Michael Lewis of Great Hills Baptist Church has challenged his church leadership to take Perspectives. The Austin Stone Community Church is making it essential leadership training as well as a prerequisite for anyone engaging in mission. Hill Country Bible-UT is urging community groups to attend together.

Tanya and Patrick Shinn were living in Austin as newly-weds. Patrick was working in a thriving business and Tanya was a local actress. Right in the middle of taking Perspectives, they discovered that God was calling them to go to the Fulani people of Senegal, where they now serve thru Heart of God missions. The Shinn's also have their "advocacy" or sending team in their home church. Some say this type of symmetry between the local church and those in mission is where the church starts to look "glocal". Living and serving locally but also engaged globally.

Church members in Austin are now beginning to see that God wants to change this city not for the sake of change, but for the sake of His name. And in the same process God will also use Austin to impact the world because He is a global God. Is Austin becoming a center for global change? At the moment, that is probably a matter of perspective. But more are discovering God's perspective everyday.

Revelation 5:9-10 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."



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MANIA MARATHON 2007

the all night teenage New Year's celebration!

Your church's youth group is invited to join several Central Texas churches this year's Mania Marathon New Year's event. **This year's event begins on Monday night, December 31 through Tuesday morning, January 1.**

Prior to midnight, it's two worship times featuring a live band, drama, video testimonies, and speaker; plus pizza and soft drinks! After midnight, it's bowling, laser tag, and movies! Each participant also receives a Mania t-shirt! The cost is \$30 per person through December 16; \$35 after December 16 through December 30.

Space is limited for this year's Mania Marathon however we still have room for a few additional churches. **To guarantee space for your group a non-refundable \$100 deposit is required (make checks payable to Woodlawn Baptist Church).** The \$100 will be applied toward your first payment for tickets. Upon receipt of your \$100 deposit, you will be sent a group leader's instruction packet. For more information, contact Diane (442-7858 Ext. 16; diane@woodlawnbaptist.org) Send your check and the *approximate number* of teens and adults attending Mania Marathon to:

Mania Marathon
Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca Road
Austin, TX 78745



"PowerPlant is a ministry of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) designed to engage students in church planting and evangelism. The first PowerPlant project was in 2003, and it has been growing since then. PowerPlant participants will learn church planting principles and evangelism skills each morning, then have a chance to engage personally through assigned ministry team activities in the afternoon and evening. Students and adults will begin to see that the church is not about buildings...it's about people! And there are lots of people in North America who need Christ!" (courtesy of NAMB)

PowerPlant will be in Austin in the Summer of 2008! PowerPlant will serve as a catalyst for our church planting movement and we want everyone to be involved! To learn more about PowerPlant, visit www.power-plant.net