

Austin Baptist Association

ABA NEWS

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From My Laptop to Yours. . . .

It is a busy time of year! Our kids have started playing ball and the Longhorns are filling Texas Memorial Stadium almost weekly! The weather is changing and fall is in the air! I hope you are enjoying it all!

Our **Semi Annual Meeting** will be in a few weeks—on **Monday, October 16th**, in the Fellowship Hall of Hyde Park Baptist Church (3901 Speedway, Austin 78751). We will start at **6:30 PM**. A huge thank you to Hyde Park for the willingness to host this event for us! Mark your calendar to be there—it will be a great opportunity for you to hear what is going on in the Association.

There are several neat things going on in Austin this fall. Between movies, festivals and conferences, there are plenty of opportunities to share Christ with your family and friends. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities!

For Christ and His Kingdom,



We had the privilege of hosting Bob Mackey, the Executive Director of Cleveland Hope, at our September meeting. Cleveland Hope is designed to encourage hope, stimulate the building of community through faith, and help foster strong relationships with



Jesus Christ and is part of a nationwide Strategic Focus Cities (SFC) initiative and impacting America's metropolitan centers through sharing Christ and starting churches. Their purpose statement is "*Empowered by God, Cleveland Hope glorifies the Father by being a catalyst for The Body of Christ to build bridges of hope resulting in the transformation of the Cleveland Hope area ... ushering in the next Great Awakening.*" It is always encouraging to see groups partner with their community to reach people for the Kingdom! For more information, check them out at www.clevelandhope.com

Purpose Statement

The Austin Baptist Association is an alliance of participating congregations fulfilling the Great Commission

Vision Statement

The Austin Baptist Association serves as a catalyst alongside Great Commission churches to reach all people groups with the Gospel transforming our community and world through the power of God.

**Monday, October 16, 2006
Austin Baptist Association
Semi Annual Meeting
Fellowship Hall at Hyde Park
6:30 PM**

The Fellowship Hall is located directly below the main sanctuary. Elevators are located on the north (40th Street) side of the building.

There will be no regular meeting in November

*Pastors and their spouses are invited to a Christmas Luncheon on **Tuesday, December 5th** at Northwest Baptist Church. Please RSVP to 454-2558 or aba@austinbaptist.org.*

Music Worship led by **Redemption Cry**



Sept. 22-23, 2006

A CONFERENCE FOR MEN

The Chapel @ Hyde Park Baptist Church



Whatever It Takes Men's Conference

October 6 & 7, 2006
Great Hills Baptist Church



Dr. Johnny Hunt

Featuring Dr. Johnny Hunt, Pastor First Baptist Church of Woodstock in Woodstock, Georgia.

Men's Conference cost is \$40.00 and tickets available in Bible Life Groups or through Billy Sanders, Men's Ministry Coordinator at BSANDERS@ghbc.org

CHURCH NEWS

The Baptist Church of Driftwood

Is in need of a volunteer Music Director for Sunday mornings. Contact Dr. Terry Colley at 468-7787.

Calvary Baptist Church, Bastrop

Looking for a full-time Youth Director. For more information, contact Christi Leisure at 303-1697 or calvarybastrop@yahoo.com.

Congress Avenue Baptist Church

Will be celebrating it's 115th anniversary on Sunday, October 15, 2006. All former members and all friends are invited to come for the services that day. Lunch will be served after the morning service.

David Chapel

Seeking a Minister of Education and Youth. Contact Jolene S. Hall for more information at 472-9748 or jshall@davidchapel.org.

Fontaine Memorial Baptist Church

Currently seeking a piano player for Sunday morning worship. Must also attend Friday night choir practice. Contact Louise Bradshaw at 928-2200.

Lake Hills Church

Is seeking paid childcare help on Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:45pm . Contact Alissa Leenher at aleenher@lhc.org.

Milwood Baptist Church

In need of a paid nursery worker for Wednesday nights; for more info, contact Kim Hurley at 336-8280 or Milwood Baptist Church at 834-1100.

New Life Baptist Church

Is looking for a Pastor of Worship to lead and build worship ministry. This is a bi-vocational, part-time position for a blended worship style church that may become full-time. Also looking for a Youth Pastor to develop and lead our student ministries; part-time with potential to become full-time. Call 569-7550 or email marc.newlifebaptist_1@juno.com for information.

Primera Iglesia Bautista Austin

Needs two nursery workers for Sunday morning services, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Call 478-2802.

Sunset Canyon Baptist Church

Is looking to hire a full-time Youth Minister. Interested applicants should contact the church at 894-0480 or office@sunsetcanyonchurch.org.

Texas Oaks Baptist Church

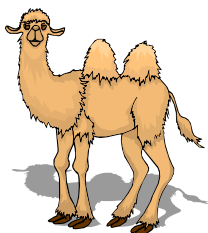
Looking an interim Worship Leader for a blended-style worship service. Also seeking a pianist for worship services. E-mail resume to tobc-job@tobc.org or fax resume to 280-5810. Also seeking a pianist for worship services.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month—Take the time to let your ministers know how appreciated they really are!

Camel Training Seminar

November 10 & 11, 2006



Featuring Kevin Greeson,
author of the [Camel Training Manual](#)

For centuries, Christians have feared, hated, or simply avoided Muslims. In his new book, Greeson shows us how we can love them as God loves them and bring them to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Greeson's [Camel Training Manual](#) treats Muslims with respect and invites them to confront their own sacred writings as a bridge to the good news found in the Bible.

Greeson's [Camel Training Manual](#) tells us the true inside story of this contemporary movement that continues to build momentum to this day. Greeson then proceeds to show us how we, too, can learn to ride the camel and reveal his life-giving secret to our own Muslim neighbors.

Greeson will be in Austin to discuss the book and the process of winning Muslims to Christ.

Pastorless Churches

Eternal Faith Baptist
Faith Baptist, Bastrop
First Baptist, Manor
Fitzhugh Baptist
Highland Park Baptist
Kinney Avenue Baptist
Manchaca Baptist
Milwood Baptist
Park Hills Baptist
Pleasant Hill Baptist
Ridgetop Baptist
River Road Baptist
Texas Oaks Baptist
Travis Oaks Baptist
Woodlawn Baptist



Austin's Power of the Cross Festival is a free, non-profit, city-wide Christian music and compassion festival on October 21, 2006 from noon to 10 PM at Auditorium Shores in downtown Austin. Three stages of live music will fill the air with messages of hope, love, and forgiveness. Over 200 compassion stations sponsored by compassion organizations such as churches, non-profits, city resources and charities will serve the community with their giving and promoting volunteerism. Admission is free.



Are you a football fan? Check out this family film written and produced by Sherwood Pictures, a ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Faith collides with football in a high school as the head coach seeks his passion. Showing at Regal Lakeline Mall in Cedar Park beginning September 29th. For more info, check out www.facingthegiants.com

HopeFest '06
October 28, 2006
Reagan High School

HopeFest will be a massive celebration of God's love for the people of this area. HopeFest will include health, immigration and job fairs, as well as free dental and chiropractic services. Needy moms will be able to obtain children's clothing and diapers. There will be lots for kids to do, including a book fair, rides and games. Throughout the day, neighbors will enjoy free food while listening to both Hispanic and African-American Gospel music on the main stage.

Our prayer is that this day will be the day of changed lives. Working with partners who bless people every day in this area of Austin, we want to equip, empower and encourage those who come to HopeFest!

Visit www.abbaaustin.net and click on "HopeFest"

Joel Thielepape has been named interim pastor at Woodlawn Baptist Church
Jerry Kelly has been named interim pastor at Fitzhugh Baptist Church

One of the most important privileges we hold as an American citizen is the right to vote. With a piece of paper and a pencil, or now-a-days a computer, we can change the course of our city, our state and our country—all by simply electing candidates who believe as we do.

This November, Texas will elect a US Senator and there is a race for all but two of our 32 Congressional seats. The face of the state government could change as we elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. The comptroller of public accounts job is open and the positions of commissioner of the general land office, agriculture, and the railroad all have a race. Five members of our Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice, are will either be re-elected or replaced.

This is not a political ad—it is a call for involvement. There are serious social issues that will be faced over the next two years and it is important that your voice is heard by those who will be making those decisions. Politics will always be political, but that will never change if Americans don't exercise their right to vote.

So here is the scoop. If you are 18 or older and not registered, the deadline is October 10th. If you can't make it to the polls, you may request to vote by mail from now until October 31st. If you won't be in town on November 7th, you can vote early in designated places in Austin beginning October 23rd to November 3rd. There is no reason for your vote not to count this year!

What is your excuse now?

The Leadership Team recommended and the ABA voted for the following people to serve on the Baptist Community Center Transition Team:

Carlos Alsina

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Joyce Felps

Manchaca Baptist

John Hastings

Highland Park

Doug Keenan, Chair

First Baptist, Austin

Bruce Murray

Leadership Team

Pat Mustoe

Baptist Community Center

Chris Sanders

Westoak Woods Baptist

**Annual Church Profiles
are due September 30th.**

*This is the official
statistical information for
your church; be sure to
make the effort to have it
correct and get it sent in!*