

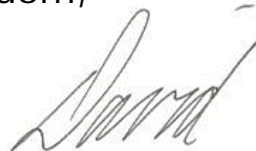
From My Laptop to Yours.

It is getting busy at the ABA! We are gearing up for our October Regular Meeting and planning a great event to celebrate 150 years of serving the Capital community. I hope you are making plans to join us at Hillcrest Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 PM.

I am also very excited to open up a dialogue with pastors after we view an interview of Gary Haugen, President and CEO of the International Justice Mission. IJM is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. Based in Washington, DC, IJM has 14 field offices in 10 countries with 270 lawyers, investigators, social workers and staff (90% of which are nationals of the country where they work). Haugen is a passionate man on a compassionate mission and I assure you will enjoy hearing his story. Be sure to join us on November 18th at 11:30 AM at the ABA for this opportunity.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 7th!

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

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

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 Le, Pastor

The Well

Jason Jones, Pastor

Church News



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar!

*October Regular Meeting —
Oct. 7, 2008 at Hillcrest
Baptist Church 6:30 PM*

*November 18th—Pastors are
invited to watch an interview
with Gary Haugen*



Pastorless Churches

First Baptist, Elgin
Onion Creek Baptist Church
Westoak Woods Baptist

**Gene R. Hill will be at the ABA for
the tax updates for 2008 returns
on February 12, 2008.**

**10 AM—12 PM Update for
Ministers**

1:30—4 PM Update for Churches

**If you handle the tax returns for
either of these groups—please
make plans to attend.**

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. Resumes to musicsearch@manchacabaptist.com

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 (512) 444-2139, (512) 370-2991, or email at sandi624@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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.

Wyldwood Baptist Church

Is looking for part-time youth minister; bi-vocational is also acceptable. Contact Mike Schwartz at (512) 303-3443

Mission Milestones: REJOICE in the Call

October 4, 2008

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Training available: *GA's, Children
in Action; Acteens; Youth on
Mission; Women on Mission; Adults
on Mission*

Schedule:

10 AM Brunch
10:30 AM Program
12:30 AM Training

*For More information,
contact ABA WMU
Director, Maria Hutton*

512-278-1214



The Scoop

By now, you should have received your Annual Church Profile (ACP). Depending on your state convention, you either received it from them directly or from the Association. If you have not received your ACP, please contact the Association (454-2558).

If you have any questions about this information, please call the office. We'll be happy to assist you.

We also mailed staff update forms with many of the ACPs. If you did not receive one of these forms, please let us know. We depend upon you to update the local church staff information and we greatly appreciate the efforts made to provide this. We will update our database accordingly.

For our church plants or newly constituted churches who are reading this and are at a complete loss as to what it is...give us a call and we would love to walk you through it!

Thanks for your help!

Mark your Calendar

The Austin Baptist Association will hold the **Associational Bible Drill** on **Sunday, April 5, 2009** at Northwest Baptist Church. Winners of this event will advance to the state competition.

Be sure to place this on your calendar—it will be a great event!



150th Celebration

Austin Baptist Association

“The story of the Baptist movement in Austin, Texas is at times stark, exciting, glorious and frustrating. One cannot cover in detail the many heroes, events and works of these persistent people over one hundred years in space available.

The trials and efforts of our forefathers, who toiled and rejoiced in sacred places here before we came along, should give us challenge to match the faith of these persistent people known as Austin Baptists since the mid-eighteen hundreds.”

*Excerpt from the Preface
A Persistent People
By James M. Sapp (1982)*

The Austin Baptist Association
will hold its
October Regular Meeting
on
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
at
Hillcrest Baptist Church
3838 Steck Ave, Austin 78759

Dinner begins at 6:30 PM
Program begins at 7:00 PM

A limited number of tickets will be sold for dinner. Please contact the ABA for information regarding dinner tickets. Tickets will be required for dinner.

Come celebrate with us as we look at the past, present and future of the ABA. Beginning with a horse and wagon to now serving 168 local churches and missions, the ABA has seen the world change. Let's gather together to see what is in store for the next 150 years!

You are a vital part of the Association now and will be in the future...be sure to join us as we look back and learn and look forward and prepare!

THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER MISSION

Serving The Needy of Austin

Sharing the Gospel With East Austin
by Caring for People

Visit Our website at: www.bccmission.org
2000 East 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78702

Our Disaster Relief team was deployed to San Antonio in response to Hurricane Ike's devastating blow to the Texas coast. Our unit is working to support a Special Needs Medical Shelter in a church in Northwest San Antonio.

How can **you** help?

- * Pray for our volunteers
- * Volunteer yourself—call the ABA for information
- * Financial Support—our unit runs only on your generosity—help our team by supporting their efforts with your gifts. Call the ABA for donation information.



Mark Your Calendar
Southern Gospel Night
September 27, 2008

FEATURING: LULU ROMAN (formerly star of Hee Haw)
in Concert benefitting the
Austin Pregnancy Resource Center
at
Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500 Jollyville Road, Austin, TX 78759

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
with famous Manchaca Fire Hall Fish Fry Dinner

Other special Features:
Pastor Dr. Michael Lewis of Great Hills Baptist Church
and Pastor Ryan Rush of Bannockburn Baptist Church
will be sharing along with the Middle and High School Youth Choirs

Come for a great time of food, fellowship, entertainment, door prizes and giveaways in support of a vital community outreach in the Central Texas area with America's Favorite Lulu!

Listen to The River 102.3 for ticket giveaways ~ Tickets and Sponsorships are available

**For more information and sponsor information contact the
APRC at 512-476-7774 or info@austinprc.org**

Help us be good Stewards!

If your address has changed, please notify the ABA office as soon as you can so that we may correct our database—this will help your newsletter be delivered more quickly and we won't give the postman all our change!

If you are interested in receiving this newsletter via e-mail, please let us know by email at charlotte@austinbaptist.org