

## From My Laptop to Yours. . . . .

### What the APRC is Demonstrating to the Austin Baptist Association

I want to give praise to God for the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center, led by Lori Devillez. In addition to vital ministry at the gates of death, this ministry is also demonstrating something that the Austin Baptist Association has banked on. In just a few short years there have been several new resource centers started in Central Texas!! The most recent one, led by Pastor Ray Knowles in South Austin, opened its doors on August 1, 2009. What is the secret behind the fast growth of ministries that require a great deal of support and prayer (not to mention their own buildings, full time director and lots of volunteer staff)? It's been the church-based aspect of it. Several churches go in together to form a new center.

Several years ago the Austin Baptist Association decided to get out of the business of directly running ministries that are really the business of churches. The ABA is focusing on coordinating to start new churches. We asked churches to focus on ministry in the community. For many decades the old belief was that the Association should run the Community Center. We had excellent leadership from Pat Mustoe which impacted many lives, yet over those many decades we still ended up with only one community center for all of Central Texas!!

With the new model of returning ministry to churches, we can depend on churches to be directly responsible for ministry in the communities, resulting in more hands-on involvement and also the possibility of the multiplication of ministries, rather than just maintaining one ministry for a growing population. The Austin Pregnancy Resource Centers have modeled for our association the power of letting churches lead in ministry. Under the old model, many of us felt we had done local missions by giving to the Association and letting it run the community center. Now we know that's not nearly enough faithfulness to the Lord, who--according to the parable of the Talents--is expecting a significant return on His investment.

I would like to challenge all of us to keep investing now in Kingdom matters. The time for investment will one day be gone. Also, support the Association with a pay raise next year so that we can start the new churches that will more effectively make disciples.

David Sweet  
Pastor, Hays Hills Baptist Church

*Thanks, David, for your words! How is your congregation involved in local ministry outside of your church?*



- Mission Churches & Church Plants*
- Abundant LIFE Community Baptist Church
  - Austin City Life
  - Austin New Church
  - Capital City Fellowship
  - Christian Love Center
  - Christian Worship & Family Learning Center
  - Cowboy Church of Travis County
  - Cowboy Church of the Hill Country
  - Gateway Hill Country Church
  - Grace Fellowship Community Church
  - Gracepoint Community Church
  - Greater Parkway Baptist Church
  - Iglesia Bautista de la Gracia
  - Iglesia Bautista High Pointe
  - Iglesia Bautista Oak Hill
  - Iglesia Piedra Viva
  - Iglesia Rios de Agua Viva
  - Iranian Baptist Church
  - Manor Fellowship
  - Neighborhood Baptist Church
  - New Life Baptist Church
  - North Austin Korean Baptist Church
  - Northwest Chinese Church
  - Primera Iglesia Bautista Buda
  - Primera Iglesia Bautista Pflugerville
  - Restoration Bible Church
  - Romanian Baptist Church of Austin
  - South Austin Community Church
  - Vietnamese United Baptist Church
  - The Church at Bee Cave
  - The Well

#### 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



## Calvary Baptist Church, Bastrop

Is looking for a part-time children's minister. For more information or an application, please call (512) 303-1697

## First Baptist Church, Elgin

Is accepting resumes for full-time pastor. Must be affiliated with SBC and BGCT. Mail resumes to Attn: Carolyn Creamer, PSC, P. O. Box 1443, Elgin, Texas 78621 or e-mail [psc@eccwireless.net](mailto:psc@eccwireless.net). [www.fbcelgin.org](http://www.fbcelgin.org)

## Hays Hills Baptist Church

Is seeking a full-time Children's Minister. Send resumes to [pastordavidsweet@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavidsweet@gmail.com) or call (512) 312-1433 ext. 23.

## Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

Is looking for a volunteer Music Minister. For more information, please call (512) 926-4657.

## Sunset Canyon Baptist Church

Is accepting resumes for an interim, part-time youth minister. Send resumes to church at 4000 E Hwy 290, Dripping Springs 78620 or [office@sunsetcanyonchurch.org](mailto:office@sunsetcanyonchurch.org) with the subject line "Interim Youth Ministry Position"

## Texas Oaks Baptist Church

Is looking for a spiritually-guided individual to minister alongside bi-vocational pastor as a part time Minister of Administration. For more information call the church at (512) 280-5810 or email [tobc-jobs@tobc.org](mailto:tobc-jobs@tobc.org).

## Vietnamese Unity Baptist Church

Is wanting to furnish their new church. Donations of a good piano, chairs or small pews, pulpit furniture and a small sound system are appreciated. For more information or to arrange for donation, please contact Pastor David Le at [david\\_nhieu\\_le@yahoo.com](mailto:david_nhieu_le@yahoo.com)

## Hyde Park Counseling Center

Is seeking a new counseling staff member. For more information, contact [counseling@hpbc.org](mailto:counseling@hpbc.org).

## The Church at Canyon Creek

Is seeking a part time Christian preschool day school director; Tuesday - Fridays from 8 AM - 2:30 PM. For more information, contact Kelly at [kelly@churchatcanyoncreek.com](mailto:kelly@churchatcanyoncreek.com) or (512) 331-7340.



**Bateman Baptist Church** will be hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University this fall. If you are interested in trying to join this study, please contact Linda Culpepper at (512) 601-3395 or by emailing her at [sloopy1965@yahoo.com](mailto:sloopy1965@yahoo.com).





# Austin Pregnancy RESOURCE CENTER



## APRC Fall Extravaganza

### Confirmed Guest Speakers



National Champion Richmond McGee former lead punter for the UT football team that went to the Rose Bowl



Dr. Joe McIlhaney, Founder of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health

### The statistics are staggering:

Compared to children of low-income RENTERS, children of low-income HOMEOWNERS:

- ◆ Are 33% less likely to give birth as unmarried teenagers.
- ◆ Are 20% more likely to graduate from high school.
- ◆ Are 62% more likely to acquire a post-secondary education.
- ◆ Earn 24% higher incomes as adults.

A group of Baptist Churches are banding together to build a home with Habitat for Humanity. Several ABA churches have joined this group and are working to raise the \$65,000 and all the volunteers needed to build a home completely by Baptists in the Austin area.

### Would you like to participate?

You may call Bruce Murray at the Austin Baptist Association (454-2558) any Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning for more information or for ideas of how to be involved.

You and/or your church may also make a secure online contribution by credit card toward the cost of this home by visiting [www.austinhabitat.org](http://www.austinhabitat.org).

Instructions for online giving:

1. Visit [www.austinhabitat.org](http://www.austinhabitat.org)
2. Click "Donate" on the left of the webpage
3. Click "Secure Online Contributions"
4. Fill out the form. Be sure that under *Donation Information* and *Donation Purpose*, "2010 Baptist Build" is selected.
5. Click "Submit Secure Form"

*\*There are other giving options available that are listed on the "Donate" page if you wish to give another way\**

### Fundraisers Planned

The first fundraiser for this event will be **Sunday, October 4th at 7 PM at Highland Park Baptist Church**. The event will feature a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Baptists and a concert by GRAMMY and Dove Award winner Cynthia Clawson. Other fundraisers are in the works.

### Will you help?

## Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. at the UT Alumni Center. This is our major fundraiser for the year and our goal is to raise the \$770,000 to completely pay off our facility this year. We are currently seeking corporate sponsorships of the following levels:

- Platinum - \$5,000
- Silver-\$1,000
- Gold - \$2,500
- Bronze-\$500

All corporate sponsors will receive an honorary brick to place on our front walkway. Tables seat 10 people.

**Space is limited so please reserve your table today!**

Austin Pregnancy Resource Center  
(512)476-7774 2717 Rio Grande Austin, TX 78705 [www.supportaprc.org](http://www.supportaprc.org)

## WALK IN VICTORY

### GraceLife Conference

October 1-3, 2009

Hyde Park Baptist Church

#### Session Topics

- The Exchanged Life
- Journey to the Cross
- The Believer's Identity
- The Believer's Victory
- Living the Exchanged Life

#### Schedule

- Thursday, Oct. 1\* Registration: 5:00 PM
- Teaching 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Friday, Oct. 2\* 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Saturday, Oct. 3\*\* 9:00 AM to 12 noon

\* Refreshments Provided

\*\*Continental Breakfast Provided

For more information or to register, please contact Hyde Park Counseling Center at (512) 451-2186 or visit [www.hpbc.org/counseling](http://www.hpbc.org/counseling).

# Visual Story Bible

September 17, 2009  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Austin Baptist Association office  
Lunch and snack provided

Register by contacting Chris Rowley  
236-1718 or [chrisrowley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisrowley@sbcglobal.net)



## 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.

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

**THANKS!!!**



# Middle East Awareness Summit

September 18 & 19, 2009 at First Evangelical Free Church  
Full details and registration information can be found at [www.meawareness.com](http://www.meawareness.com)



October Regular Meeting  
October 20, 2009

Fellowship at 6:30 PM  
Business Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

Hosted by ACTS Fellowship  
211 W. Koenig Lane, Austin TX 78751