

The Association

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THE LUBBOCK AREA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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“...working side by side for the faith that comes from the Gospel.”
Philippians 1:27

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2021 – I recently saw where someone wrote 2021 this way, 2020-WON. It is easy to see how that is reality. The sheer loss of jobs, freedoms, and of course, loved ones is enough to add up to the fact that 2020 won. HOWEVER, we know that Jesus WON on Calvary’s Cross 2,000 years ago and HIS bride will stand.

That is what makes 2021 exciting as we move into this new year of opportunity. Like never before in my ministry, opportunities to impact by LABA churches will be at an all-time high. These opportunities include ministry, missions, and evangelism in every town and neighborhood where an LABA church exists. I don’t think the main question is, “How do we get the people back to the church building?” but “How do we get the church OUT of the building?” The opportunity to engage people who are frustrated, fearful, and hopeless is huge. I encourage every church to reemphasize our purpose and set a vision for this year. At the end of 2021, may we say that through the LABA (that’s churches and not an office) the Kingdom of God has won.

Quarterly Gathering: Because of COVID protocols, the Quarterly Gathering will be both in person and virtual. This is what we did in August and it went well. The meeting will start at 12:00pm on January 25. If you want to attend in person, you can come to Highland Family Life Center. **THERE WILL BE NO MEAL.** I strongly encourage masks and there will be social distancing. If you prefer to participate by ZOOM, please let the office know and Angie will send you the link.

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LABA Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30
(Closed Noon-1:00 for lunch)

Pray for Pastorless Churches in the LABA

International Christian Fellowship, Lubbock
Jerusalen, Lorenzo
Mexicana, Post
County Line, Abernathy
Sweet Street, Tahoka
Victory Life, Lubbock
First, New Deal
Primera, Lubbock
Providencia, Lubbock
Under Construction, Lubbock
Skyline, Lubbock
Nueva Vision, Ralls





Plowing Forward in “2021” To Rebuild the Walls

As we begin the New Year of “2021” there is no doubt that many of us are saying **AMEN and AMEN to a NEW BEGINNING.** Truly GOD has been with us through this journey of the year 2020.

Though it has not been easy, we have now walked away from **2020** stating that it has been a year that has **tested our FAITH,** **crystalized our PRAYER LIFE,** and HOPEFULLY, it has moved us all to clearly understand what it means to **DEPEND ON OUR GOD** **as the scripture states “give us this day our daily bread”.**

As we begin the new year, we must ask, “How can GOD use the **Partnering Churches of this Association** to impact the Kingdom of our GOD?” You may ask, “How can this be done amid the unknown during these difficult days?” Though these may be valid questions, we can rest assured that the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth is still sitting on the **Throne of GRACE** and HE stills **desires** for HIS Church to be about the **GREAT COMMISSION.**

With the help of our GOD, we are now planning Partnership Mission endeavors for our churches! We are needing a small group of NO more than 12 to go to San Diego, CA, where a new church is being started. The purpose is to deliver supplies for the new work as well as simple street ministry. We will be looking at a couple of other places, as well as an opportunity to adopt 3 of our Rural Communities in Partnership with the Local Churches of our Association represented in those communities to impact the community in love, calling it **“LOVING OUR COMMUNITY”.** We will use the new Partnership Ministry Trailer of the Association of Churches. The dates and cost of all MISSION TRIP ENDEAVORS are still to be determined. Start getting prepared as we look toward 2021 Missions and to “get on the road again”.

On March 13, a training event will be held at **Broadview Baptist Church, Lubbock** called **“Rebuilding the Walls of our Children and Youth Ministries”.** Every Church in our Association has been impacted by COVID-19. Most every church has less people attending than in the year of 2019. Many churches still do not have Sunday School/Small Groups on a regular basis. The church must go back to some normality in 2021. We must begin to **RE-BUILD** the **walls of Ministry.** There will be a morning and evening session allowing us to continue to social distance ourselves in the midst of the residual effects of COVID-19. This conference will be for Pastors and Key Leaders of the Children & Youth Ministries of the respective churches. We will limit the total amount of people allowed in the a.m. and p.m. session to **100-people** in each session. That will mean we can host 50 people in each part of the building thus allowing ourselves to SOCIAL DISTANCE. You must get your registration in early because of the limitations of space.

We are praying for every church as we move into 2021. May we all be encouraged in the LORD!

Your Servant - Ed Sena – Director of BI-Vocational Ministries / Church Starting

January/February Senior Pastor Anniversaries

1/1/2008	Elgie Carrizales	Nuevo Nacimiento	13 years
1/1/2012	Domingo Ybarra	Luz En La Comunidad	9 years
1/1/2018	David Caballero	New Harvest, Abernathy	3 years
1/1/2018	Cipriano Maldonado	Getsemani, Tahoka	3 years
1/6/2008	Kenneth Jackson	New Light	13 years
1/6/2019	Ben Hollan	First, Slaton	2 years
1/6/2019	Truman Johnson	Woodrow	2 years
1/11/1987	Elijah Austin, Jr.	New Jerusalem	34 years
1/13/2008	Dusty Thompson	Redeemer	13 years
1/15/2016	Jimmy Valdez	Calvary, Post	5 years
1/21/2017	Uriel Puga Garza	IB Renovacion Casa De Dios	4 years
2/1/2007	Tiny Dominguez	Community Heights	14 years
2/1/2009	Aubrey Howell	Mackenzie Terrace	12 years
2/12/2018	Bruce McBee	County Line	3 years
2/15/2015	Ronnie Ledbetter	First, Lorenzo	6 years
2/22/2015	Richard Harbison	LifePoint	6 years
2/23/2018	Ruben Perez	Love Your Neighbor	3 years
2/26/2017	Vernon Rose	Greater St. James	4 years
2/27/2005	Gleen Samuels	New Millennium	16 years

“I didn’t see that coming!” I am sure if you are like me, you found yourself saying that phrase a lot in 2020. After many adjustments, we enter the new year with a renewed sense of vision. Your LABA staff has been busy getting ready to continue the good work God has given us to do. While we are still unsure how much longer all this will continue, we are ready to safely proceed with Gospel proclamation and we want to help you do the same.

Right now is a great time to do outreach events in each community God has placed us. We must continue to work diligently to reach those entering eternity without saving faith in Jesus Christ. In the past 6 months we have been working to provide outreach events to show people that we care. While many are uncertain about how safe it is to visit area churches, we have been taking the church to them.

This past July, we had a partnership led by FBC Lubbock, LABA Disaster Relief volunteers, and volunteers from area churches. Together we collaborated to feed almost 1,500 Covenant Hospital staff a hot meal prepared by mobile kitchens from the FBC Lubbock and LABA Disaster Relief mobile kitchens. Providing support was the new LABA Ministry Trailer. October 7th, 2020, we repeated the event by feeding almost 3,000 of the staff at UMC Hospital.

I mention the 2 LABA trailers because I want to emphasize the fact they are available to help our area churches have the equipment they need to do an outreach in their community. At a time in which we have been confined to our homes much of the time, many families are open to go outside and do something enjoyable. We set things up in a way that we can social distance. We do ask the volunteers to wear masks and to do things with the safety of the people we are serving in mind.

We have used the Ministry trailer twice and Feeding Kitchen once in the past 2 months at FBC Ralls. We used the LABA Ministry Trailer during our Trunk or Treat event. We made and gave out a lot of popcorn. We loved using the trailer so much, we reserved it again for our Neighborhood Christmas event. We used both the popcorn machines and one of the cotton candy machines. We also used the LABA Feeding Kitchen to bake 1,000 cookies to give out. I can hardly wait for it to get warm enough to use the snow cone machines as well!

I keep saying the LABA Ministry trailer and LABA Disaster Relief Feeding Kitchen. These trailers belong to the LABA. Who is the LABA? It is you, the member churches of The Association of Partnering Churches. Nothing gives us more joy than when churches partner together to do outreach events in their communities!!!

I am available in most cases to come work beside you and help with getting the trailers set up, the equipment operational, and to help make sure your volunteers are properly trained in how to use and clean the equipment. I want your experience using the tools God has given us to be positive and kingdom impacting.

For more information, please feel free to contact me.

Russell Schieck

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Lancaster Show Trip & Philadelphia – The City of Brotherly Love

Friday, September 24, 2021- Monday, October 4, 2021

\$1089 a person

\$75 is due upon signing, Final payment due 7/17/2021

For Information and Reservations contact:

Cindy Andrews @ 806-786-2753 or candrews@nts-online.net



January through March Upcoming Opportunities

January 25

Quarterly Meeting – Noon to 1pm at Highland FLC (**THERE WILL BE NO MEAL**) and Zoom (call the office to request the Zoom link)

March 13

Conference for Rebuilding the Walls of Children and Youth Ministries (more information to come)