



Kingdom Partnerships

2015 Theme

Churches Partnering Together

"...that you stand fast in one spirit with one mind, working side by side for the faith of the gospel"
Philippians 1:27

Lubbock Area Baptist Association

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Quarterly Assembly

January 26, 2015



Jerry Joplin
Director
Lubbock Area
Baptist Association

**Indiana Avenue
Baptist Church
The Summit– Noon
9507 Indiana Avenue
Free Lunch provided by
Indiana Avenue Baptist Church**



Steve McMeans
Pastor
Indiana Avenue
Baptist Church

*Exciting times in the life of our Association!
Please mark your calendar and make
plans to attend this important meeting.*

*All members of the LABA churches are invited to attend
Executive Board Members include all pastors and two members
Elected from each church. If your church has not yet elected
Two Executive Board members to the LABA, please do so.*



GETTING BEARINGS: When traveling in the backwoods or in unfamiliar terrain, it is essential to not lose your sense of direction. Research shows that when people become lost, because they lose their bearings, they will actually walk in a big circle. This happens because a person will step further with one leg than the other. Result, this causes them to move slightly to the left or right with each step. What is required to prevent this phenomena? Before a person just starts walking, they must “get their bearings.” The idea is to orient oneself by answering the question “where am I right now?”

Over the last six months, we as your staff have been diligently and purposefully attempting to get our bearings by answer the question, “where are we?” Until we determine our current location, how can we know which direction is best to travel for the greatest impact on LABA and ultimately God’s Kingdom?

SET COURSE: After a person who is lost in the woods gets their bearings, they then can set direction out of lostness. This is done by answering the question, “where do I want to be?” The height of foolishness, when a person has lost their bearings, is to simply change directions so he or she can say “I changed my path.” Change for change sake seldom has a positive outcome. Any change must be calculated and on-purpose for a specific destiny to be achieved. One suggestion when setting a course is to go up to the highest point where a person can see the lay of the land. This could be the top of a mountain or even a tree. Then, based on where they are, they determine where they want to be by a distant landmark.

Over the last six months, LABA staff has been in a very distinct process of answering “where do we want to be” as we move toward the future? I can tell you, in a nutshell, our distant landmark is to co-**labor** together to be an asset and relevant to the pastors, staff, and churches of the LABA.

HEAD OUT: The final requirement to reach the destination is to simply go to it. Sooner or later, all the pondering, scheming, and thinking must lead to action. A person must get off the mountain or out of the tree and move down the path toward the distant goal. Ultimately, actions always speaks louder than words! Over the next six months, I will be sharing with you at quarterly meetings and through newsletters what we believe to be our God-ordained path of greatest impact as you **collaborate** together. Will this path require anything of you? Of course it will! No one moves to a new place of greater significance without paying a price of adjustment and change. But in the end, it is precisely this change that brings the greatest Kingdom impact, and thus, joy for those who journey the path. May God bless LABA with great joy in 2015!!!

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It is during this time of the year that we talk, sing, and profess the miracle of the Christ Child that came unto this world to become the **Supreme Sacrifice** for a lost world. It is out of the same mouths that talk, sing and profess the risen Savior, that come some of the most negative thoughts about the days we live in.

If you will allow me, let me encourage each pastor, each church, each person that reads these words to ask GOD to help our un-belief. I am reminded of the scripture that states the following: *"Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!'" (Mark:9:23-24)* Oh how we as a people of GOD need to ask GOD to help our unbelief again. We serve a mighty GOD!



We have seen in the recent months the GOD of Christmas and every day, do some mighty works. From a Deacon named Marty, to a Pastor named Jon, to a young boy named Hunter, to a sister name Esther. These are only a few that I have heard about and prayed about, that have been divine appointments for me. If you will simply stop from all of the hustle and bustle of this old world, and reflect upon the miracles that GOD has done thru your personal divine appointments, you too will discover that GOD has been at work everywhere around us.

As we all get ready to embark upon this New Year of 2015, may we all ask **GOD** to help our **unbelief**. May you and I as the body of Christ be the most positive people in our communities when it comes to the Church, our communities and simply everyday living. We are here so that world may know that we and HIM, our **GOD**, are one and so that we can have an Eternal impact on our world. The older I get the more I realize that me being alive is not about me, but rather about HIM. I am so excited for the new year without knowing what it might bring. We are in good hands with JESUS, may our lives and witness show forth HIS greatness. Called to serve - Ed Sena

Adult Thanksgiving Luncheon



Bro. Kenneth Jackson
Guest speaker



*Adult Thanksgiving
Luncheon*

Thursday, November 20, 2014
85 in Attendance

**Thank you
Monterey Baptist**



LABA Future Opportunities

JANUARY

- 5 LABA office open, No Church Staff Luncheon
- 8 Admin Team Meeting , 8:30am LABA Conference Room
- 8 PBA Trustee Meeting, 6pm- meal, 7pm– Mtg, Floydada
- 12 FORM meeting, 11:20 am, Southcrest Baptist Church
- 12 Church Staff Luncheon, Noon, Southcrest Baptist Church
- 18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 19 LABA closed, Martin Luther King Holiday
- 25 Baptist Men's Day
- 26 Quarterly Assembly, Noon, Indiana Ave. Baptist Church - The Summit
- 28 Church Tax Seminar, Redbud Baptist Church, 10am-3pm, \$10,
(go to sbtexas.com for more details)
- 29 Preschool Children Network, Southcrest Baptist Church
- 29 West Texas Mega Conference, Southcrest Baptist Church

FEBRUARY

- 2 Pastor & Church Staff Dinner, 6pm, Highland Baptist Church
- 8 Race Relations Sunday
- 9 Church Staff Luncheon, Noon, Southcrest Baptist Church
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Church Staff Luncheon, Noon, Southcrest Baptist Church
- 22 Volunteers and Missions Day
- 23 Church Staff Luncheon, Noon, Southcrest Baptist Church



Pastor's Wives Fellowship

December 8, 2014

6:30pm

Bacon Heights Baptist Church

Hosted by

Karla Joplin

Thank you Bacon Heights!!!

Anniversaries of Full-Time Staff



Ynez Aleman
Pastor
Getsemani, Tahoka
1/1/2005, 10 years



Elgie Carrizales
Pastor
Nueva Nacimieto
1/1/2008, 7 years

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Pedro Hernandez
Pastor
Rios de Agua Viva
1/1/2000, 15 years



Sunho Kim
Pastor
Lubbock Korean
1/1/2009, 6 years



Michael O'Donnell
Pastor
FBC, Abernathy
1/1/2007, 8 years



Kyle Sanderson
Assoc Pastor
Roosevelt
1/1/2010, 5 years



Kenneth Jackson
Pastor
New Light
1/6/2008, 7 years



Cory O'Guinn
Minister of Youth
Calvary, Lubbock
1/7/2001, 14 years



Jim Gerlt
Assoc Pastor
Bacon Heights
1/8/2006, 9 years



Keith Baldridge
College Minister
Indiana Avenue
1/10/2010, 5 years



Elijah Austin
Pastor
United
1/11/1987, 28 years



Dusty Thompson
Pastor
Redeemer
1/13/2008, 7 years

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Domingo Ybarra
Pastor
La Luz De La Comunidad
1/1/2008, 2 year



Randy Holman
Minister of Adults
FBC, Lubbock
2/1/1981, 33 years



Aubrey Howell
Pastor
Mackenzie Terrace
2/1/2009, 6 years



Ramon Ochoa
Pastor
Providencia
2/2/2003, 12 years



Philip Hilton
Pastor
FBC, Idalou
2/8/2008, 7 years



Gleen Samuels
Pastor
New Millennium
2/27/2005, 9 years



Juan Aguilar
Pastor
New Harvest
2/23/2013, 2 year



Joe Guerra
Associate Pastor
La Luz De La Comunidad
2/25/2009, 6 years

SAVE THE DATE

ENGAGE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

March, 28, 2015

Victory Life Baptist Church

Times: TBA

This will be in place of the training EXPO

African American Christmas Banquet



*African American
Fellowship
Christmas Banquet
December 19, 2014
KoKo Palace
Over 150 attended*



Cooperative Missions Gifts through the LABA Year to Date

Abernathy, County Line	\$0.00
Abernathy, First	\$4,027.60
Abernathy, New Harvest	\$201.17
Abernathy, Northside	\$678.34
Abernathy, One Cross Three Nails	\$0.00
Hurlwood, The Fellowship	\$0.00
Idalou, First	\$8,634.26
Idalou, Primera	\$0.00
Levelland Second Chance	\$21.65
Lamesa, St. John Missionary	\$52.00
Littlefield, 242 Fellowship	\$2,040.00
Littlefield, Temple of Adoration	\$300.00
Lorenzo, First	\$2,272.57
Lorenzo, Jerusalem	\$250.00
Alliance	\$3,472.74
African Baptist	\$160.00
Bacon Heights	\$61,452.27
Broadview	\$5,328.20
Iglesia De Jesus Broadview	\$785.00
Calvary	\$8,255.23
Celebration Christian Center	\$0.00
Come by Faith	\$0.00
Community Heights	\$440.00
Cornelius	\$150.00
Difference Maker's	\$675.00
Divine Love	\$0.00
East Point	\$0.00
Elm Grove	\$726.91
Emanuel Community	\$1,375.00
Faith First	\$325.00
Fellowship Church	\$500.00
First	\$42,525.80
First Progressive	\$50.00
Flint Avenue	\$0.00
Focal Point	\$0.00
Freedom Baptist	\$1,295.70
Thrive Family Church	\$0.00
Grand Court	\$600.00
Great Faith	\$0.00
Greater Mt. Zion	\$30.00
Greater St James	\$0.00
Heart of Worship	\$1,186.29
Highland	\$26,400.00
Hispana	\$0.00
Indiana Avenue	\$25,704.82
International Christian Fellowship	\$613.11
Korean Baptist	\$0.00
Luz De La Comunidad	\$0.00
Lone Star Cowboy Church	\$2,847.01
Lubbock Chinese	\$0.00
Mackenzie Terrace	\$2,711.99
Monterey	\$11,961.92
Mt. Calvary	\$0.00
Mt. Gilcard	\$40.00
New Horizon	\$2,842.67
New Jerusalem	\$125.00
New Light	\$350.00
New Millennium	\$180.00
New Zion	\$165.00
Nueva Nacimiento	\$400.00
Oakwood	\$9,158.27
Oakwood Deaf Church	\$1,277.91
Parkway Drive	\$3,047.33
Parkway Drive Hispanic	\$0.00
Pilgrim	\$975.00
Primera	\$1,200.00
Providencia	\$0.00
Redbud	\$7,715.50
Redeemer Church	\$250.00
Rios De Agua Viva	\$0.00
Roca De Salvacion	\$437.50
Simply the Word	\$0.00
Skyline	\$0.00
Southcrest	\$70,950.13
South Park	\$6,591.39
Templo	\$875.00
Tabernacle of Adoration	\$200.00
The Heights Fellowship	\$1,200.00
Thrive Family Church	\$0.00
Urbana	\$1,148.60
Victory Life	\$4,000.00
Morton, Frontera Cowboy	\$0.00
New Deal, First	\$2,291.76
New Home	\$9,046.16
New Home, Mt. Zion	\$0.00
O'Donnell, First	\$0.00
O'Donnell, Nueva Vida	\$0.00
Post, Calvary	\$825.00
Post, First	\$900.00
Post, Mexicana	\$325.00
Post, Templo	\$360.00
Post, Trinity	\$476.35
Ralls, First	\$15,329.00
Ralls, Nueva Vision	\$0.00
Ralls, Shiloh	\$130.00
Roosevelt	\$600.00
Seagraves, Jerusalem	\$758.07
Shallowater, Fuente De Vida	\$359.79
Slaton, First	\$4,143.36
Slaton, Freewill Missionary	\$200.00
Slaton, Templo	\$0.00
Slaton, Westview	\$2,725.00
Tahoka, First	\$1,445.95

Tahoka, Gethsemane	\$100.00
Tahoka, Sweet Street	\$1,231.34
Wilson, First	\$2,924.85
Wolfforth, First	\$2,469.26
Wolfforth, Nueva Vida	\$600.00
Woodrow	\$795.26
2014 Year to Date Total	\$385,258.85

Thank you for your gifts to
Cooperative Missions
through the LABA



This page insert is for LABA churches to publicize anything that pertains to our association. We can advertise your revivals, conferences or needs. Please call or email your information to 791-4442 or candy@lubbockbaptist.com.

PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Lubbock:	Bacon Heights Skyline Iglesia Bautista Templo
Lorenzo:	First
Post:	Calvary Mexicana
Seagraves:	Iglesia Bautista En La Roca

Staff Vacancies

Lubbock:	
Oakwood:	FT Admin/Worship Leader FT Youth/Family Ministry
Lubbock Korean:	PT Children's Minister
Urbana:	PT Youth Leader
New Deal:	
First Baptist:	PT Music Director
Slaton:	
First Baptist:	FT Min of Education/Youth
Westview:	PT Music Minister

Details on Website: lubbockbaptist.com

January/ February Birthdays

JANUARY

2	Brian Jones, Music Min, Southcrest
2	Larry Slaughter, Pastor, Mt. Calvary
7	Jerry Ramirez, Youth Min, FBC Lubbock
9	Gary Hall, Music Min, Monterey
13	Jerry Newman, Music Min, Southcrest
18	Taylor Wood, Pastor, FBC O'Donnell

FEBRUARY

2	Gene Hawkins, Former DOM, LABA
2	Jesse Rincones, Pastor, Alliance
2	Kenneth Winchester, Pastor, Parkway Dr.
15	Michael Welch, Pastor, Heart of Worship
24	Ken Carter, Min. of Ed., Southcrest
25	Kenneth Jackson, Pastor, New Light

COMMUNITY WIDE

prayer & fasting

2015

A group of churches in the Community have been led to join together for a time of prayer and fasting. The purpose of the Fast is to pray and fast for our Nation, City and Community as we enter into this New Year. We believe that we are stronger and better together than we are by ourselves. (Psalm 133, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12) Jesus said in Matthew 17:21 "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting".

We are inviting the whole Community to join us as we meet our Lord together in cooperate prayer as the church did in Acts 2:1,2 "they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly....."

The Locations for The Community Wide Prayer Gatherings includes the following churches:

Community Baptist	220 MLK Blvd	January 7, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
New Hope Baptist	2002 Birch	January 14, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
Rising Star Baptist	2420 E. Cornell	January 21, @ 7:00-8:00PM
St. John Baptist	1712 E. 29 th	January 28, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
Christ Temple COGIC	2411 Fir Ave	February 4, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
First Progressive Bapt.	4203 East 63 rd	February 11, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
Lyons Chapel Baptist	1704 East 24 th	February 18, @ 7:00-8:00 PM

Please put this prayer times into your schedule as we pray and fast as a Community for the needs of our families, churches, schools, and businesses. We will be asking God to heal our Nation, homes and physical bodies according to II Chronicles 7:14.

Please bring your personal request to be prayed for. **Everyone is invited!!**

WEST TEXAS
YEC
SPEAK
HIS NAME

TINY DOMINGUEZ SPEAKER MELVIN ADAMS SPEAKER NATE HARRISON WORSHIP BAND ABANDON CONCERT



REGISTER @
WWW.WESTTEXASYEC.COM

EMAIL
INFO@WESTTEXASYEC.COM

JAN.18.2015

VENUE: CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
LUBBOCK, TX

6:30PM DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

\$10
\$15 AT THE DOOR



Jeff Kennon
Director

Baptist Student Ministry-Texas Tech University

Another year and semester are beginning at Tech BSM!!!

We are ready for the beginnings of 2015. Here's what lies ahead...



Taylor Davies
Assoc. Director

- **Summer missions appointments.** On Feb 6-8, students from all across the state will gather for a weekend of training and interviews for summer missions through GoNOW Missions. Several Tech students are in the process of applying.

- **Beach Reach 2015.** During Spring Break, dozens of students from TechBSM will converge on South Padre Island, along with many other students from across Texas, in order to share the gospel with thousands of college students from around the U.S.

- **International Student Ministry.** We ended the fall semester serving over 200 International students Thanksgiving dinner. This Spring, we will meet the new International students arriving at Tech, continue to give away furniture, and pray for open doors to show kindness, hospitality, and the gospel.

On campus!! Each week, we are planning ways for TechBSM students to engage the campus with the gospel. From things as simple as prayer walking to handing out free hot chocolate, we are

wanting to be available for God to use us in the lives of students on campus.

TechBSM continues to be grateful for local churches and the LABA as we work together to reach students on the Tech campus. For more info on TechBSM, we would love to have you join our email list. Just email us at info@techbsm.com and we will send you a short email a couple of times a month with a short story of what's happening at TechBSM.

**Happy 2015
Tech BSM**



Pastor & Wife Christmas Fellowship

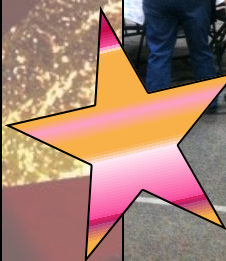


*Pastor & Wife
Fellowship
December 19, 2014
Bacon Heights Baptist Church*

*Thank You
Bacon Heights
Baptist Church*



This was a different event this year. Bacon Heights provided child care for Pastors and Wives to go Christmas shopping after they enjoyed the Mexican dinner that Ed Sena catered. What a wonderful time we had!



Lubbock Area Baptist Association

**4207 34th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79410**

Mission Statement

The LABA exists to be a catalyst for churches to
Partner in fulfilling the Great Commission.

**February
Newsletter
Deadline
January 28**

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.....Gary and Sherry Axton, MSC

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Thank you for making 2014 so wonderful!

From the

LABA STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

