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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

During our February meeting, the Board of the Association granted membership to the Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and to Iglesia Dios de Paz. We are very excited to have these two congregations join in our cooperative effort to "extend and embody the Good News of Jesus" here in Central Texas. This month, two more congregations have voted to request membership in the Associa-



tion: The Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church led by Pastor Ronald English, and The First Baptist Church of Golinda led by Pastor Morgan Woodard. We will be discussing these at the Board meeting on April 17. If you would like to send any words of encouragement or ask any questions, the Chair of our Board, Roy Marshall, or myself would be happy to visit with you about these significant milestones.

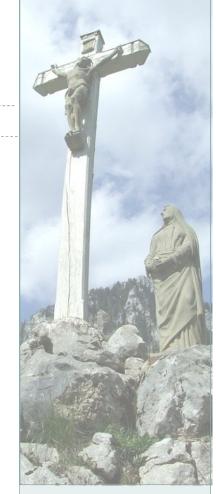
Our ministry teams have been busy. The Church Protection Team is working on completing numerous Church Safety Audits that have been requested. The Church Technology Team is working this month on a type of Mission Trip for Technology and Design professionals to help four of our WRBA Congregations take big steps in their communications and technologies. It is called the Empower Waco Project. Stay tuned to see their work at Brazos Meadows Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Riesel, First Baptist Church of West, and Speegleville Baptist Church.

Various representatives of the Church Member Health Ministry Team will be traveling this month to two conferences to learn more of how churches and health systems are transforming the wellbeing of entire communities.

And the Networking and Missions Team is currently accepting applications for small scholarships for pastors and staff to go on mission trips with the intention of beginning long-term mission partnerships outside of the McLennan County Area.

All of that, and here in the WRBA office, we are welcoming our new Office and Communications Administrator, Kelly Poehls. Come by and say "hi" to Kelly sometime this week.

In His Service, Tim Randolph



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May Ministers Round Table 12:00pm on May 2 at Truett Seminary

Speaker: Charles Ramsey, Baylor BSM

This month is hosted by the Baylor University Office of the President. RSVP by *April 25* to admin@wacobaptists.org or 753-2408. FREE





This year there will be a Churches/Congregations Track within the 3 day schedule of the Texas Hunger Summit. Speakers, workshops and panels are being put together to help churches and congregations start, develop and grow their Hunger Ministries.

If you have any ideas for speakers and/or workshops please contact Jennifer Martinsen, Community Wellness Coordinator at

wellness@wacobaptists.org.



Spring 50+ Senior Day 8:30am on April 5 at Latham Springs Contact 254-694-3689 for more information.

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25-26





Western Heights Baptist Church welcomes you to join them on Sunday, April 15th at 5:30pm for "Hymn Sing." Worship our Lord with great hymns of the faith, reflection and prayer, with an ice cream fellowship to follow.

For info, contact Josh Miller at 225.362.4744 or josh@whbcwaco.org



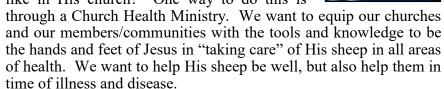
Associational Missions Emphasis May 20-27, 2018
Partnering with Someone Missional Somewhere—Local. State. Nation. World.

CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

John 21:16

Just as Jesus told Simon, Jesus has called us to take care of His sheep. What does that look like in His church? One way to do this is



The Church Health Ministry Team is working hard to move forward with a structure and foundation for Church Health in the Waco Community. As I mentioned in my last update we have several partners, including churches and health care providers, that are seeking to assemble a framework for faith and health to work along side of each other to prevent and manage disease as well as address all dimensions of wellness. Our team has three active workgroups:

- Congregational Health Assessment—developing an assessment tool to be used by churches to survey their congregation/ membership on health-related topics/services
- Health Care & Church Integration—communication and systems for sharing information
- Church Health Resources—development of a list/database of health resources and contact information for churches to access in helping their members

Once our foundation is laid, we will be looking for churches in the Waco and surrounding communities to partner with us in our "Phase 1" launch. If you are interested in attending our Church Health "Phase 1" launch and hearing more about the building of a Church Health Network in Waco, please contact me as soon as possible. I can't wait to hear from you!

"Take care of my sheep."

In Faith & Health, Jen Martinsen Community Wellness Coordinator wellness@wacobaptists.org 254-717-2997



April 1 Easter

April 4, 12:00pm Ministers Roundtable **Truett Seminary** Topic: Changes in Evangelism Speaker: Ross Chandler RSVP by March 28 to 254-753-2408

April 5, 8:30am Spring 50+ Senior Day Latham Springs

April 6-7 State Bible Drill Allen FBC

April 8-12 Empower Waco Project

April 10, 11:30 **Congregational Care Practices** Lunch & Discussion WRBA

April 13-14 Texas WMU Annual Meeting/ **Missions Celebration** Georgetown FBC

April 17, 4:00pm **Board Meeting** WRBA

April 18, 12:00pm Networking and Missions Team Meeting WRBA Conference Room

April 27-29 Congresso **Baylor University**

April 28 **RA** State Race Belton, TX

April 29 BGCT Hunger Offering 5th Sunday

May 2, 12:00pm Ministers Roundtable **Truett Seminary**

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: PLEASANT OLIVE MBC

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:

> Chalk Bluff Faith Temple Greater Zion MBC Lakeview

pieces.

He looks back at the rich history Looking toward the future, Wilof the church. As they celebrate liams believes the church has great 133 years as a congregation, it is potential to be a major influence in clear the favor of God has been in the community through the work of and around the place. Reflecting God and His Word. To that end, on the events that brought him to plans are developing for SWAT the church just over 3 years ago he Teams (Soul Winning Action says, "My wife and I often marvel Teams) to begin this summer. The at the hand of God working behind intent is to move church members the scenes." God orchestrated eve- and leaders outside the walls and ry aspect of shaping Williams for into the community with open air ministry and bringing him to pastor preaching, prayer, interaction, and the people of Pleasant Olive.

sees generations of families gather- mand should be the church's first ing in a place where the atmos- concern." His prayer is for more phere of warmth and the presence committed and faithful servants in of God welcome all. In the past order to reach their mission goals – year a new ministry has emerged to to go and make disciples. YAMs (Young Adult Ministry) thing in three words, "God did it!" meet for Bible study and dialog in

When Pastor E. Shaun Williams a relaxed environment where they considers what excites him about can be themselves. Williams' de-Pleasant Olive Missionary Baptist sire is for YAMs to connect and to Church, he likes to look at it in feel they are part of the church growing and moving with it.

food. Referencing Matthew 28:19, As Williams looks around, he Williams says, "Jesus' last com-

meet the needs of Millennials. The Pastor Williams sums up every-



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