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WRBA is a voluntary network of Baptist churches in Central Texas who have chosen to cooperate in order to extend and embody the good news of Jesus Christ.

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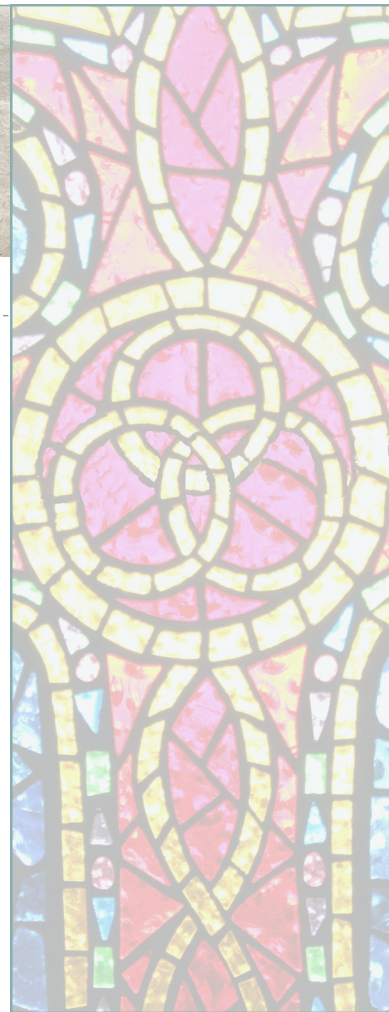
As a 4-H alumnus, I still vividly remember attending monthly club meetings and standing to say, "In support of the 4-H Club Motto: To Make the Best Better, I pledge: My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living, For my club, my community, my country, and my world." Those words may not be from Proverbs, but they are a leadership axiom that made a significant impact on me. One of the many things I learned in 4-H was the importance of teamwork.



For many, teamwork is second nature. Collaboration, division of duties and responsibilities, dreams of a better tomorrow are how their hearts beat. For others, teamwork is tough. It means we must learn to trust others, to listen and not always speak, to hear and utilize the best ideas even if they are not our own. Let me encourage you not to lose sight of the team of churches voluntarily networked together that make up our association.

Our Waco Regional Baptist Association believes in teamwork. We believe in coming together for the purpose of partnering with God to grow His kingdom, for collaborative learning and for mutual encouragement. I think it is a great reminder for us today that God drafted us to be a part of His eternal team, gifted us with different gifts and personality traits, provided us different experiences and passions for Him to use in His kingdom purposes. How is He using your church? How is He using you?

David Cozart (Meadowbrook Baptist Church), Vice Moderator



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AUGUST EVENTS

August 8, 8:30am
Empower, WMU
Shearer Hills Baptist Church,
San Antonio
www.wmutx.org/empower

August 6-7
Global Leadership Summit
FBC Temple
www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership

August 7-8
Childhood Ministry Summit
FBC Arlington
www.texasbaptists.org/events/childhoodsummit

August 18, 4:00pm
Admin Team Meeting
WRBA Office

August 20, 12:00pm
Networking and Missions
Team Meeting
FBC Waco, Conference Rm.

August 30
BGCT Hunger Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

**ARE YOU 60 OR OLDER?
NEED TO APPLY FOR
SNAP?**



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-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
-Monthly money for groceries

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We can help! SNAP Outreach will help you apply so you can have nutritious food.



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

Topic: Dealing with Death & Grief
Speaker: Bill Hoy, Grief Connect



RSVP by **August 27** at admin@wacobaptists.org or 753-2408.

"We know that for those who love God all things work together for the good, for those who are called according to His purpose."
Romans 8:28

Last year WRBA churches voted to increase the hours and salaries of two community ministries coordinators and increase WRBA's budget to \$276,228. As of June 30, churches contributed \$122,669. At that same rate, WRBA will end this year with a *deficit* of \$30,890. The Administrative Team encourages churches to give on a percentage basis to support the Association beginning with at least 1% of undesignated gifts and working towards 3%.

SAVE THE DATE

**Waco Regional Baptist Association
Annual Meeting**

October 13, 2015
Calvary Baptist Church

Theme: Healthy Congregations, Healing Communities

COLLEGIATE MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

From the Committee Chair

The Community Ministries' Collegiate Ministry at TSTC and MCC are in full swing. As Collegiate Ministry Chair, I recently spent some time with our coordinators, Jewel and Stephen, as well as the Collegiate Ministry Committee. I am encouraged at what God has done, is doing, and will do in the weeks and months ahead. Jewel and Stephen are entering a crucial time of the year, preparing for a new school year. What waits before them are students who are broken and in need of Jesus Christ. This is an exciting thought, yet it is met with trepidation. The harvest at TSTC and MCC is plentiful but the workers are certainly few. **Join us in prayer:**

Pray for TSTC:

Jewel Lockridge – discernment and wisdom; for energy and divine appointments on campus.

People – ask the Lord to provide at least three students who will serve in leadership.

Patience – in building relationships and waiting on the Lord.

Churches – ask the Lord to provide churches to partner alongside Jewel.

Pray for MCC:

Stephen Galarza – discernment and balance.

New Outreaches – divine appointments and students to hear and follow Jesus.

Churches and Mentors – Ask for church partnerships to be established as well as individual people willing to mentor young adults into a deep relationship with Jesus.

If you would like to join a state wide #40DaysofPrayer for #TxCollegeMinistry starting July 27, sign up at <http://eepurl.com/A9Mvj>. Thank you for journeying with us.



Katie Gravens
Collegiate Ministry Chair

Katie Gravens serves with her husband, Jeff Gravens, pastor of Crawford FBC.

From the MCC Coordinator

The school year is just around the corner and we are excited to continue ministering at MCC and TSTC. Their combined enrollment is approximately 16,000 students, roughly the same number as Baylor University. Unlike Baylor, neither MCC nor TSTC have multiple ministry options available. We want to work together with your church to collaborate and reach these colleges for Christ. How can you help?

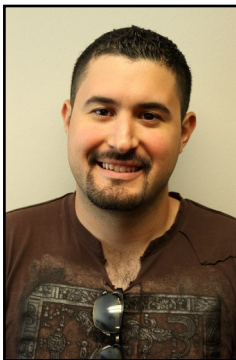
Pray – Pray for the professors, staff members and students to be able to open their lives and be receptive to the Gospel.

Participate – Be a part of students' spiritual lives as a

mentor or participate in events. It requires a time commitment of six mentor hours or three events each semester.

For more information, email us at tstc@wacobaptists.org or mcc@wacobaptists.org.

Stephen Galarza, MCC
Collegiate Ministry Coordinator



Students gather for See You At The Pole.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 1-2
Black Preaching Conference
San Antonio

September 2, 11:15am
Executive Team Meeting
Truett Seminary

September 2, 12:00pm
Ministers Roundtable
Truett Seminary

September 7 – Labor Day
Office Closed

September 9-11
Boomer Ministry Conference
San Antonio

September 11-12
Sisters Who Care Conference
Mansfield

September 13-20
Texas Missions Week of Prayer
Mary Hill Davis Offering

September 17, 8:30am
50+ Senior Day
Latham Springs

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:

- Downsville
- Liberty Hill
- Lorena FBC
- Marlin MBC
- Old Time
- Primera Iglesia
- Robinson FBC
- Woodway FBC

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Bosqueville Baptist Church is 161 years old and still passionately serves their neighbors, even with a community garden.

Member Darla Urbanovsky said, "While the crops have flourished, we are working towards a better way to distribute the produce. We would like to establish a partnership with Bosqueville ISD so that fresh produce can go home with students whose families need a bit of help putting healthy meals on their tables."

As Office Administrator for almost 13 years, Urbanovsky has seen many aspects of the church. She loves the people, finding ways to help serve them.

She said, "A 'bad' day at work is still a good day. I truly appre-

ciate this after working in the corporate (retail and financial) world for so many years."

Urbanovsky also benefits from "the love and wisdom" found in the women's Bible studies.

She said, "They have helped me to grow so much in my personal relationship with God."

Their Church Vision states, "...We expect God to lead us into a new era in the life of our church. We believe God is calling us to a greater obedience and a deeper commitment to meaningful growth..."

Urbanovsky said, "With all of the pressures of a constantly changing, worldly society, I think it is essential that we

continue to share the Word of the Lord as it is written."

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