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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

During these last weeks of the year, I will be enjoying some weeks of needed vacation and rest. As I prepared my written report for the annual meeting I realized how many changes have come our way through these past months! No wonder I am tired! If you want to read my report and those of all of the ministry teams, you can see our book of reports from the annual meeting on our website: www.wacobaptists.org. Or you can come by our office and pick up a copy.



Early in my life, I memorized Matthew 6:33 and committed to living it out as best as I could. ***“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*** I have now been in Christian ministry in Baptist churches for more than 40 years. (I can’t believe that is possibly true, but it is.) And I have to confess that the words of our Lord spoken in that beautiful Sermon are absolutely true. If we concern ourselves with the things that are on His heart (the Kingdom of God), He will concern Himself with the things that we need. Without fail.

I believe these words are also true for a church body. The church body that becomes engrossed in preserving the buildings and the budgets and the programs will surely dwindle and die. But the church that continually enlarges its heart of love and vision for the Kingdom will not lack whatever it needs to continue doing ministry. I have seen it over and over again. The church that is determined to extend and establish the reign of God by doing the will of God always manages to have its bills paid and the roof over its head. Another favorite life verse has been Micah 6:8, ***“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”***

What are the verses of Scripture that have been like guiding lights for you as you serve the Lord?

In His Service,
Tim Randolph
Director

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Admin Holiday Party



You are invited to a church admin/ministry assistant party. Come enjoy fellowship and food.

December 8 at 4:00pm
New WRBA Office
(2911 Herring, Suite 212)

Just contact the WRBA office at 753-2408 to let us know how many people to expect.

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Week of Prayer: December 4-11

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14

SENIOR OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Senior SNAP Outreach has reached out to 100 seniors struggling with food insecurities in McLennan County. With your help we can reach 100 more!

If you want to learn about ways your church can be involved with Senior SNAP Outreach, contact Bethany at seniorhelp@wacobaptists.org or call the WRBA office at 753-2408. Together we can help end senior hunger in our area.

Merry Christmas!



Tim Jeannie Katelyn
Megan Bethany Jewel
Kelsey Larry Stephen

CHURCH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Church	Event	Date & Time
Woodway FBC	Caroling & Cookies	Dec. 2, 6:00
Woodway FBC	12 Trees of Christmas	Dec. 4, 9:00
Seventh & James	Dueling Pianos Concert	Dec. 4, 3:00
Harris Creek-downtown	Lessons & Carols	Dec. 4, 6:00
Calvary	Service of Consolation	Dec. 8, 7:00
Meadowbrook	Christmas Musical	Dec. 9, 7:00
Calvary	Christmas Coffeehouse	Dec. 10
Chalk Bluff	Christmas Fair/Cantata	Dec. 10, 5:00
Top Hand	Drive Thru Nativity	Dec. 10, 5:45
Top Hand	Children's Christmas	Dec. 10, 7:00
Meadowbrook	Christmas Musical	Dec. 11, 8:30/9:45/11
Robinson FBC	Christmas Cantata	Dec. 11, 10:30
Waco FBC	Sing Noel!	Dec. 11, 10:30
Chalk Bluff	Christmas Cantata	Dec. 11, 11:00
Columbus Avenue	Christmas at Columbus	Dec. 11, 5:00
Cornerstone	Christmas Pageant	Dec. 11, 6:00
Highland	12 Trees of Christmas	Dec. 11, 6:30
Woodway FBC	Kids Musical	Dec. 11, 6:30
Elm Mott	Christmas Caroling	Dec. 14, 5:30
Harris Creek	Service of Hope	Dec. 14, 6:00
Bosqueville	Children's Play	Dec. 18
Elm Mott	Christmas Program	Dec. 18, 10:30
Seventh & James	Messiah Sing-Along	Dec. 18, 6:00
Waco FBC	Children's Music Play	Dec. 18, 6:00
Columbus Avenue	Service of Consolation	Dec. 18, 5:00
Seventh & James	Cookies & Carols	Dec. 21, 6:00
Harris Creek	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 4:00
Woodway FBC	Candlelight Service	Dec. 24, 4:30
Columbus Avenue	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 5:00
Harris Creek	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 5:30
Highland	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 5:30
Top Hand	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 5:30
Bosqueville	Candlelight Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Brazos Meadows	Candlelight Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Calvary	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Downsville	Candlelight Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Hewitt FBC	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Lorena FBC	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Meadowbrook	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Robinson FBC	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Seventh & James	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Waco FBC	Candlelight Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Woodway FBC	Candlelight Service	Dec. 24, 6:00
Crawford FBC	Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24, 7:30



DECEMBER EVENTS

December 4-11
International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 23-26
WRBA Office Closed Christmas

December 30-January 2
WRBA Office Closed New Year

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:

Beverly Hills
Calvary
Hewitt FBC

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: FBC LORENA

After only a few months as pastor at FBC Lorena, Heath Kirkwood appreciates the church's kindness to his family and the members' desire to serve. "They're ready to get going and serve the community. To let them know that they are there for them and to serve them."

With a high-traffic location, they built a "Blessings Box" for non-perishable snacks, hygiene items, etc. People can take as needed or stock it for others. This, with a growing hunger ministry and more involvement in community events, is a part of their desire to "love Lorena."

Kirkwood said, "The first sermon series I did with the church was #LovingLorena." The hashtag has shown up many times as people see how the church impacts Lorena. In keeping with this desire, members will worship and bring gifts for local needs at their Christmas Eve service. They learned that more unchurched people look for a Christmas Eve service than an Easter service. So the church will "focus on children and families." They are laying the seeds for their vision of being a "healthy, multi-generational church."

Kirkwood asked the local believers to pray for FBC Lorena to reach the community during upcoming changes, for encouragement as God molds them, and to maybe partner with them. He also thanked local pastors for welcoming his family.

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