



WACO REGIONAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

As we prepare to move our offices sometime next month, I am cleaning out and getting rid of things that I don't actually need. This is a humbling activity. As I go through file drawers and toss out reams of paper from past sermons, Bible studies and documentation from past projects and meetings, I realize that the only really lasting letters we write are those we write on people's hearts. What remains of a sermon I preached 15 years ago? The notes remind me of where I preached it and what I probably said, but the sermon notes themselves are of very little value to me today. So were those hours spent in preparation for that message and the time spent delivering it wasted?



No, I don't think so. But I think the value was in the moment and in the lives of those with whom I was in relationship. If those words and that worship service encouraged someone or guided someone through a difficult period, then I accomplished my purpose.

In 2 Corinthians 3, the Apostle Paul rhetorically asked, "Do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

This project of cleaning out files reminds me that our ministry is not in accumulating mountains of resources or notes or written documents as much as it is in relating to the people right in front of us right now. I thanked the Lord for that reminder today.

"Lord, may the ministry of this Association – its staff and volunteers as well as the events and communications in this newsletter – be like a breath of fresh air or a drink of cool water to someone's soul today. Amen."

In His Service,
Tim



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UPCOMING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Church	Date	Time	Church	Date	Time
Meadowbrook	June 5-9	6:15-8:30pm	Grace Temple	June 19-23	6:00-9:00pm
Waco FBC	June 6-10	9:00am-12:00pm	Crawford FBC	June 20-24	9:00am-12:00pm
DaySpring	June 12-15	6:00-8:00pm	Chalk Bluff	June 20-23	6:30-8:30pm
Robinson FBC	June 12-15	6:00-8:30pm	Brazos Meadows	June 20-23	6:30-8:45pm
Emmanuel	June 12-16	6:00-8:30pm	Hewitt FBC	June 26-30	
Lorena FBC	June 12-16	6:00-8:30pm	Speegleville	June 27-30	
Woodway FBC	June 13-17	9:00am-12:00pm			
Highland	June 13-17	9:30am-12:15pm			
Calvary	June 13-17	6:00-8:00pm			
China Spring FBC	June 13-17	6:30-9:00pm			
Top Hand	June 15-18	9:30am-12:00pm			
McGregor FBC	June 19-23	6:00-8:30pm			



"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.'"

Mark 16:15

WRBA IS HIRING!

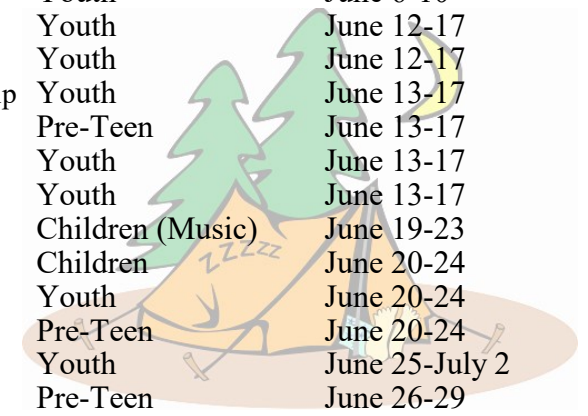
Waco Regional Baptist Association is seeking a part-time Financial Secretary to work in the office for 20 hours a week. The job description is on the WRBA website, just go to www.wacobaptists.org. The online notice also has an employment application. The application and your resume can be submitted to admin@wacobaptists.org. Call 254-753-2408 for more information.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Church	Location	Date	Type
Woodway FBC	India	June 5-19	College
Acts	Zaragoza, Mexico	June 9-13	Family
Woodway FBC	England	June 10-21	Youth
Woodway FBC	La Grulla, TX	June 19-25	Youth
Highland	Cochrane, Canada	June 23-30	youth
DaySpring	Rio Grande Valley	June 25-July 1	Youth
Acts	Cambodia	June 26-July 2	
Acts	Bulgaria/Turkey	June 27-July 6	
Crossroads	Brazil	June 30-July 12	

UPCOMING CAMPS

Church	Type	Date
Harris Creek	Children	June 6-10
Lorena FBC	Youth	June 6-10
Harris Creek	Youth	June 12-17
Lake Shore	Youth	June 12-17
Crossroads Fellowship	Youth	June 13-17
Hewitt	Pre-Teen	June 13-17
Hewitt	Youth	June 13-17
Speegleville	Youth	June 13-17
Calvary	Children (Music)	June 19-23
Columbus Avenue	Children	June 20-24
Meadowbrook	Youth	June 20-24
Western Heights	Pre-Teen	June 20-24
FBC Crawford	Youth	June 25-July 2
Woodway FBC	Pre-Teen	June 26-29
Calvary	Youth	June 26-July 1
Latham Springs (area)	Youth	June 27-July 1



HUNGER MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Over the last year the WRBA has engaged in training churches through hands on hunger education. We utilized a curriculum called “Hunger in God’s World” from local publisher, Seeds of Hope. Alongside this curriculum we joined together to cook and eat healthy meals prepared on a SNAP (food stamps) budget. Over 50 WRBA church members participated in this training, which was led at Lakeview Baptist Church, Bosqueville Baptist Church and Carver Park Baptist Church. Each congregation came to the table with varying knowledge about hunger and different levels of current ministry to those who are hungry in the community.



We partnered with World Hunger Relief, Inc. to talk to churches about new concepts like “food insecurity” and “food deserts.” We discussed ways the church can respond to hunger needs and the far reaching negative health implications of food insecurity. Rev. Ryan Busby at Bosqueville Baptist Church says the hunger education provided by the WRBA “helped to connect the dots and motivate ministry.” Their church has since become a distribution site for GoodNewsFood.net and are reorienting their community garden. Lakeview Baptist Church is reaching out to learn about community needs. In June they will host a block party called ServFest where they will provide information to community members about local service providers and begin learning from community members about needs in their area. Carver Park Baptist Church is expanding their pantry and working with the WRBA Senior SNAP Outreach Intern to become a community partner. As a community partner they will be able to assist community members in applying for government benefits.

We are grateful to the Junior League of Waco for providing funding to educate our member churches about hunger needs in the community. The WRBA seeks to be a resource to all member churches who are considering hunger ministry or who would like to discuss or evaluate ongoing ministry. We are grateful to walk alongside our churches as we consider God’s love for us and our call to respond to the needs among us.

“We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need, and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

1 John 3:16-18

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Hunger in God’s World class.

JUNE EVENTS

May 30
WRBA Office Closed
Memorial Day

June 6-7
Coaching Clinic
WRBA

June 9, 12:00pm
Networking & Missions
Team Meeting
Waco FBC, Conference Rm

June 12-13
WMU Annual Meeting/
Missions Celebration
St. Louis, MO

June 19
Father’s Day

June 19
Baptist Men’s Day

June 21, 4:00pm
Board Meeting
WRBA

June 26
Mission: Dignity Sunday

June 26 –28
Convención Bautista
Hispana De Texas
Dallas
www.texasbaptists.org/espanol

June 27-July 1
African American
Fellowship & Evangelism
Conference
The Colony,
www.texasbaptists.org/aafe

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Please continue to pray
for WRBA churches
seeking a Pastor:**

Downsville
Lorena FBC
Primera Iglesia
Robinson FBC

New Church Start:

Congratulations to
Hiz Houze and
their partner churches
Crossroads Fellowship and
Maranatha Baptist Church!

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: HIZ HOUZE

We all know about the battle between traditional and contemporary worship styles. A local church start has another option to add to the list — Hip-Hop.

Pastor Juan Carreon said, “We use hip-hop elements ... to implement the Gospel.”

Hiz Houze, Waco Hip-Hop Church, is reaching out to people who don’t typically go to church by connecting them with something they can relate to — music. Carreon dreamed of a place where they’d feel comfortable to come and listen.

He said, “We need to be able to reach a different group of people, who either don’t go to church or have never heard the Gospel, in a different way.”

Hiz Houze has found people

are interested in attending and talking about church. Some people have volunteered to help, even if they didn’t go to church.

Their point of view is valuable since it’s out of the church box and they can give constructive criticism, ideas and solutions on reaching out to others.

They group just became a partner church with Maranatha and Crossroads Fellowship. They all meet regularly with a representative from BGCT and WRBA to look at how the church is going and offer advice on next steps to take, mentorship and resources.

Carreon asked the local body of believers to pray for wisdom, creativity, protection and boldness to share the Gospel.

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