



FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

In just a few weeks, Waco will be hosting the state-wide gathering of Baptists at the **Texas Baptists' Annual Meeting** at the Waco Convention Center. Many of you are graciously serving as volunteers in the areas of registration, ushers, logistics, and greeters.



Others will be attending the sessions as messengers from your churches. All are welcome to attend and participate in the worship services, the breakout sessions and workshops that will be inspiring and informative.

There is an impressive lineup of keynote speakers as well as great opportunities to network with Baptist ministries from all over the nation in the Exhibit Hall. You can even score some nice goodies at the different booths that will be present to represent these ministries and institutions.

Registration opens Sunday, November 12 at 4:00pm. The Exhibit Hall will also be available. At 6:00pm, there are three different rallies open for anyone to attend:

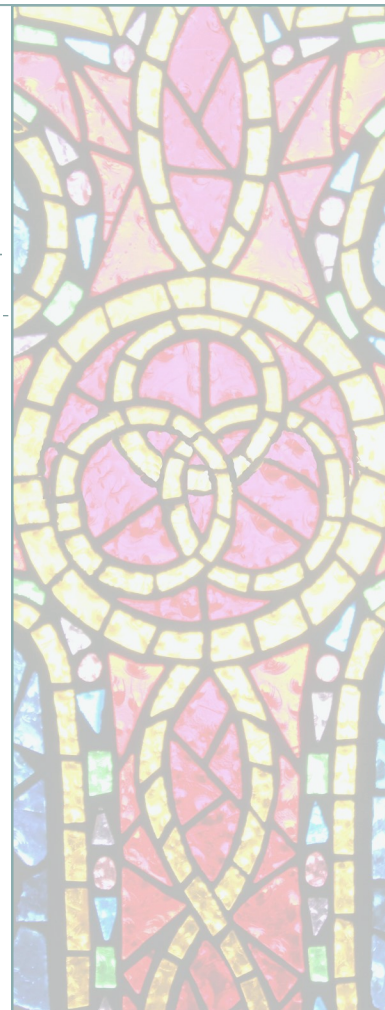
African American Fellowship Worship/Celebration
Toliver Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
(1402 Elm Street, Waco, TX 76704)

Cowboy Church Rally
Top Hand Cowboy Church (15123 TX-6, Valley Mills, Tx 76689)

Rally Hispano
Iglesia Maranatha (1000 Ashleman, Waco, TX 76705)

Join in the fun and the rich fellowship of Baptists from across the state and make some new friends. For more information, see the website: www.texasbaptists.org/annual-meeting.

In His Service,
Tim Randolph



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12-14
Waco Convention Center

2017 TEXAS BAPTISTS ANNUAL MEETING

Go to www.texasbaptists.org/annual-meeting for more information.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

I Chronicles 16:34

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

It's time to file your church's Annual Church Profiles (ACP). This information is vital to updating WRBA's church directory and keeping record of historical data. It becomes useful in the long-run when churches hire staff, applying for ministry grants, looking at growth options and more.

The ACP information is also used as a method to calculate the number of messengers your church can have at next year's WRBA Annual Meeting.

ACPs are due November 30! Let us know if you need help.



Operation Christmas Child Collection Week is November 13-20

Drop-off Locations:
Highland (3014 Maple Ave.)
Meadowbrook (1207 N. Old Robinson Rd.)
Visit www.samaritanspurse.org for details.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
"Arise and Shine through Transformation"
9:30am on November 28
Truett Seminary, Great Hall



Guest Speaker: Tamiko Jones, Texas WMU Executive Director

Brunch with program to follow. RSVP preferred.
Please email Kathy at kathy_hillman@baylor.edu.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 3-10, 2017

This is what we were created for.
DAVID PLATT, IMB PRESIDENT

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
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MCC COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

College ministry at McLennan Community College (MCC) is off to a great start! We began the school year by setting up a table at the school's Activities Fair and had several students sign up to receive more information about the Baptist Student Ministry (BSM). Since the Activities Fair, we have provided free lunches every Wednesday. We started with about 15 students in attendance and have grown up to at least 25 every Wednesday! Every week we have a Bible study on campus and are walking through the book of John. Several students come every Thursday to dive deeper into God's Word. These students have been so insightful and encouraging throughout this semester. They are eager to be involved, even in the midst of midterms.



I have been so overwhelmed with the eagerness and acceptance the students have shown me as we build relationships with one another and with students on campus. We have about 10 student leaders who have helped tremendously with events and coming up with new and exciting ideas. Our first event was in September when we had "See You at the Pole" and our first kickoff event. "See You at the Pole" was at 7:00am, and surprisingly we had more than 10 students show up! It was a time of meeting new people and praying for their school and needs. Later that day we served pizza to anyone at the school, and 20 large pizzas were gone in 20 minutes! Many students came for the free pizza but stayed around for the community. We played games, and students hung around for more than two hours! I cannot even describe how wonderful this semester is going, but there is still more work to do.

MCC has more than 8,000 students and we cannot reach them all by ourselves. If you would like to help with an event, provide lunch or even get involved in our Bible studies, please contact me. I am so excited to see what happens this semester, but I would love to have more volunteers. These students not only need more Christian role models in their lives, they need a community that loves them. Thank you for your support and please continue to pray as we build relationships this semester.

Holly Winfrey
MCC Collegiate Ministry Coordinator
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Students lining up for pizza at the first BSM kickoff event at MCC.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 1, 12:00pm
Ministers Roundtable
Truett Seminary
Topic: Leadership in the 21st Century—Building Volunteers for Ministry
Speaker: Doris King & Rene Maciel
RSVP by October 25

November 5
Daylight Savings Time
Clocks "Fall" Back 1 Hour

November 10-13
RA Campout/Missions Mania
Latham Springs

November 12-14
BGCT Annual Meeting
Waco Convention Center

November 13-20
Operation Christmas Child
Drop-off Locations:
Highland (3014 Maple Ave.)
Meadowbrook (1207 N. Old Robinson Rd.)

November 14, 4:00pm
Board Meeting
WRBA

November 15, 12:00pm
Networking and Missions
Team Meeting
Waco FBC, Conference Rm

November 23-24
Thanksgiving
WRBA Office Closed

November 28, 9:30am
Baptist Women's World Day
of Prayer
Truett Seminary, Great Hall

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:

Chalk Bluff
Emmanuel
Faith Temple
Lakeview

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

A rural church in Ocee is not the first image of a "mission-minded" church that most people have, but it describes Shiloh Baptist Church.

Pastor Daniel Camp said, "Even though we're small, even though we're rural, we can still be mission minded."

They support groups like Texas Baptist Men financially. They also participate in Restore Hope's "Meals for Multitudes." Twice a year church members assemble 10,000 nutritional, "just-add-water" meals that are sent to places in crisis. The cost is about \$3000 in goods and two hours of the volunteers' time.

Each month the church hosts "Shiloh Seniors and Friends," a time for people to come for lunch, share prayer requests, pray

and play dominoes. Camp said, "It's a very family-oriented congregation. Once you're a part of the church you really feel like you're part of the family."

There are multiple generations of families in the church, and that affects how they embrace others. It has even influenced their planning for the next 5-10 years.

Their new vision is "we are a church family for the community." This includes three focus points. One is being a part of the body of Christ. The second is to be a church family that welcomes the community. The third is to reach out to their neighbors and bring people in.

Camp asked for "prayers for continued excitement and continued commitment" with the plans.

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