

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:

- Chalk Bluff
- Emmanuel BC
- Faith Temple
- Greater Zion MBC
- Harris Creek BC
- Lakeview

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: FBC, GOLINDA

Growing up in the Arkansas River Valley, Morgan Woodard felt at home when he was called as pastor to FBC, Golinda. A little town where everyone knows your name, people take a genuine interest in you and the relationships built with the people, are what he values the most at Golinda. ***‘They are family who have watched me grow in my faith, mature as a minister and start a family of my own in these 9 years as their shepherd.’*** Doing things together, such as camping on the Brazos River to stepping out in faith for a new ministry makes the church enjoy each other’s company, which allows their family of faith to grow.

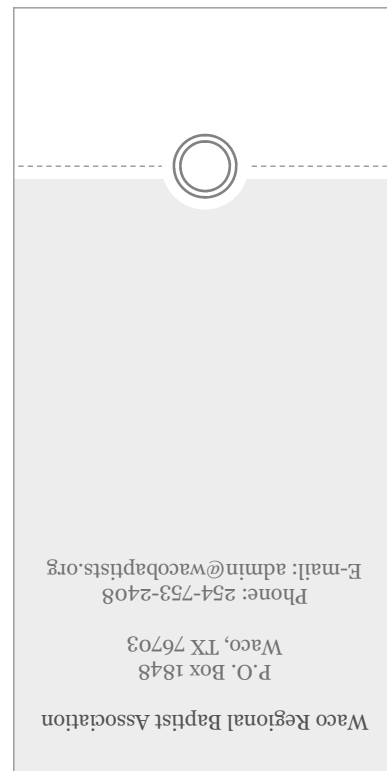
The most exciting part for Morgan is watching the congregation grow numerically and spiritually. With the Waco and Temple areas bursting in growth FBC, Golinda is ready to engage

these families and watch God be a part of their lives. With an exceptional men’s ministry called the ‘Golinda Christian Men,’ a very active children’s ministry called ‘GO Kids’ and a newly undertaking of ‘Friends of the Homebound,’ Golinda is always looking for new ministries to engage in and meet new people. ***‘We are exploring ways to combat food insecurity among senior citizens, help them with transportation to receive medical care, and combat loneliness through genuine, caring relationships.’***

FBC, Golinda asks for continued prayer for their leadership, church members, missions field and for Morgan Woodard on a personal request to pray for he, his wife and their upcoming birth of their first baby girl, Lillie Mae Woodard.

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- Pastor Morgan Woodard



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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

The church has done different things throughout history with the command of our Lord found in Luke 10:9. It says, ***“Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”***



On Thursday, August 9th, our Health Ministry Team will have a meeting for pastors, and one other church member, who are interested in exploring what a church health ministry might look like. We will be laying out some very clear steps to begin a ministry that could easily:

- Improve the health of your church members.
- Deepen the engagement of your church members into the life and service of your church.
- Widen your net of ministry contacts throughout your community, bringing people into the loving touch of your church who would not otherwise consider visiting a service.
- Improve the health outcomes for your members who struggle with chronic diseases.
- Strengthen the fellowship of the whole congregation.
- Involve members who traditionally don't think they had a place to serve.

In the story of the Good Samaritan, which follows in Luke 10:25 ff, Jesus indicates what kind of compassion and action are demanded by the mandate to "Love your neighbor as yourself." We sometimes make the mistake of thinking that if we list someone on the prayer list on Wednesday night, we have done all that we can do. We mistakenly believe that only the professionals can help people improve their health. Did you know that 2/3 of all health costs are due to things that your congregation could easily and positively impact?

Save the date now and plan to start a health ministry within your church!

In His Service,
Tim Randolph



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TSTC COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

Recently I read a devotional that encouraged readers to persevere in prayer. The writer referenced Luke 18:1, where Jesus reminds followers, "that they should always pray and never lose hope." NCV.

We have just observed a week of prayer for local ministries and are immensely grateful for your past and recent petitions on our behalf. In preparation for writing this article, I reflected on those previous prayers and reviewed the TSTC Monthly

Updates which I prepare to chronicle campus ministry activities. In addition to the list of ministry activities conducted each month, the Updates also contain sections outlining plans for upcoming months and a list of anticipated challenges. Similarly, newsletter articles routinely recount completed activities and projects. Anticipated challenges typically appear in the form of prayer requests in Updates and newsletters. More about that later.

While the activities reported vary widely, they are sufficiently focused to ensure that students have multiple opportunities for spiritual growth. To that end, we recently added a second on-campus Bible Study Group. The second group meets in the Student Recreation Center each Monday at noon. The inaugural campus Bible Study Group continues to meet on Thursday morning in the Provence Center at 11:00. Both groups invite you to join us as your schedules allow.

A look back over time reveals that the list of challenges and prayer requests remains remarkably consistent with two themes emerging. Specifically, both regularly seek (1) to expand collaboration between TSTC Collegiate Ministry and WRBA member churches and (2) to identify additional volunteers to serve as members of the Collegiate Ministry Team. That noted, we adhere to the urging of Luke 18:1 and that of the devotional writer to, "[Persevere in prayer] until what you prayed for has been accomplished or until you have complete assurance in your heart that it will be".

Jewel Lockridge, PhD
TSTC Collegiate Ministry Coordinator



Summer Camp 2018

- Giant Swing
- Softball Stadium
- Disc Golf Course
- Volleyball
- Fishing
- Zip Line
- Lake Swimming
- High Ropes Course
- Gaga Ball Pits
- Basketball
- Paintball
- Pool
- Boating

Wild Week #1 - June 4-8
Wired Youth Camp - June 8-12
Camp Refuge - June 12-16
Camp Collide - June 22-26
AIM-FIRM Preteen Camp - June 26-30
Latham Rescue Camp - July 2-6
Wild Week #2 - July 10-14

Next Level Kids Camp - July 15-19
Kidz Kamp - July 19-23
Breakthrough Preteen - July 23-27
RA Camp - July 27-31
GA Camp - July 27-31

For additional information on these camps, please see other side or visit our website at www.lathamspings.com

Vacation Bible School 2018				
<small>(In Order By Church Name)</small>				
Bosqueville BC <small>July 29-August 2, 6-8pm</small>	Columbus Avenue BC <small>'Together with God, Family & Community'</small> June 3-6, 5-8pm ALL AGES! <small>Register at cabcwaco.org/VBS</small>	Golinda FBC <small>'Shipwrecked'</small> June 4-8, 6-8:30pm	Park Lake BC & Greater Shiloh MBC June 11-15 Park Lake BC & Viento Fuerte June 18-21	Speegleville BC <small>'Shipwrecked'</small> June 25-29, 6-8pm
Brazos Meadows BC <small>'Game On!'</small> June 11-14, 6:30-8:45pm <small>Register, brazosmeadows.org/vbs</small>	Cornerstone BC <small>'The Journey'</small> July 8-14, 6-8:30pm	Grace Temple BC <small>'Shipwrecked'</small> June 3-7, 6-8:30pm	Pleasant Olive MBC <small>'Game On!'</small> June 11-15, 6pm	Waco FBC <small>'Shipwrecked'</small> June 4-8, 9am-Noon <small>Register, fbcwaco.org/announcements/vbs-2018/</small>
Calvary BC <small>'Peace Lab'</small> June 18-22, 6-8pm	Crawford FBC <small>'Game On!'</small> June 11-15, 9am-Noon <small>Register, crawfordfbc.org</small>	Lorena FBC June 3-6, 6:30-8:30pm <small>Register, fbclorena.org</small>	Primera Iglesia Bautista de Waco July 9-13, 6:30-8:30pm	West FBC <small>'Shipwrecked'</small> July 9-13, 9am-Noon <small>Register, fbcwest.com/vbs-registration/</small>
Central BC <small>'Game On'</small> July 9-14	Downsville BC August 18-19, <small>Weekend Bible Study</small>	Mart FBC June 25-29, 9am-Noon	Seventh & James BC <small>Wednesday Evenings,</small> June 13-Aug 8 @ 6pm <small>(No VBS on July 4, 11 and 18)</small>	Western Heights BC July 16-20 9am-Noon <small>Ages 4-6th Grade (Completed)</small>
Chalk Bluff BC June 25-28, starting @6:30pm	Faith Temple Baptist Church <small>'Rolling River Rampage'</small> June 11-14, 6-8:30pm <small>Sign Up: myvbs.org/ftbcloreana</small>	Oak Grove BC June 4-8, 6:30-8pm	Shiloh BC July 16-20 6-8pm	Woodway FBC <small>'Live Fully Alive!'</small> June 4-7, 9am-Noon <small>Ages 4-6th Grade (Completed)</small>

JUNE EVENTS

June 3, 3-5pm
Leader Training for Lifeway's 'Game On!' Curriculum
Western Heights BC
More info, Marcy Smith, marcy@whbcwaco.org

June 4-8, 9-11am
Writing a memoir or legacy workshop
Hewitt, FBC

June 4, 11:30am
Technology Team Meeting
WRBA

June 9, 9am-3pm
CPR Training, Cost: \$99
Seventh & James BC
More info, erin@seventhhandjames.org

June 10-11
National WMU Annual Meeting/Missions Celebration
Dallas, TX

June 11, 9am-2pm
Opening of Westwood BC Parents Day Out
Spots available still! More info: westwoodbcwoodway.org/pdo

June 19, 4:00pm
Board Meeting
WRBA

June 20, 12:00pm
Networking and Missions Team Meeting
Waco FBC, Conference Room

June 21, 3:30pm
Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting
WRBA

June 22, 6-9pm
Church-wide and Community Fellowship, Under the oak tree grove at FBC, Woodway

June 24
Mission: Dignity Sunday

June 28, 5:30pm
Church Planting Meeting-High Point
7:00pm-Hiz Houze
WRBA

MISSION TRIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

Bosqueville BC <small>Donna, Texas</small> July 7-14	Highland BC <small>Hawaii</small> June 9-17 <small>Haiti/Dominican Republic</small> June 22-July 1 <small>Spain</small> June 29-July 8 <small>Hungary</small> July 13-22 <small>Ghana</small> July 27-August 5	Western Heights BC <small>Hidalgo, Texas</small> June 23-30 <small>Marlin, Texas</small> July 25-27
Calvary BC <small>Youth Group</small> June 25-29 <small>China</small> June 28-July 8	Chalk Bluff BC <small>Rio Grande Valley</small> July 14-21	Woodway FBC <small>Youth Group-England</small> June 8-19 <small>Youth Group-La Grulla, TX</small> June 17-23 <small>Family Group-Taos, NM</small> July 14-20 <small>Family Group-Buena Vista, CO</small> July 19-24 <small>Family Group-Palmetto, GA</small> July 20-28 <small>Youth Group-Belize</small> July 21-28 <small>Manchester, UK</small> July 27-August 6 <small>Middle School-Arlington, TX</small> August 1-5
Columbus Avenue BC <small>Adult Group-Denia, Spain</small> July 20-28 More info, missions@cabcwaco.org <small>Youth Group-Waco, Texas</small> June 25-29	Lorena FBC <small>Student Mission Trip-Oklahoma City, OK</small> July 1-7	Top Hand <small>Ft. Peck, Montana</small> July 14-22
Crossroads Fellowship <small>Brazil</small> June 28-July 8	Waco FBC <small>College Group-Manchester, UK</small> May 18-28 <small>Youth Group-Texas Coast</small> July 16-21 <small>Mission Team-Ecuador</small> July 31-August 8 Info contact: Ryan Russell, rrussell@fbcwaco.org	
Downsville BC <small>Pendleton, Oregon</small> July 15-21		