

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:

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

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: WILLOW GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

In the beautiful stretched plains of Speegleville nestles the quaint Willow Grove Baptist Church. Only a small congregation, the Christian love and desire to greet people with open arms drew Pastor Kenneth McNeil to them. ***'I love the sense of community at Willow Grove, and core Biblical teachings. I love that all who walk through the doors can sense the transformational power of Jesus Christ.'***

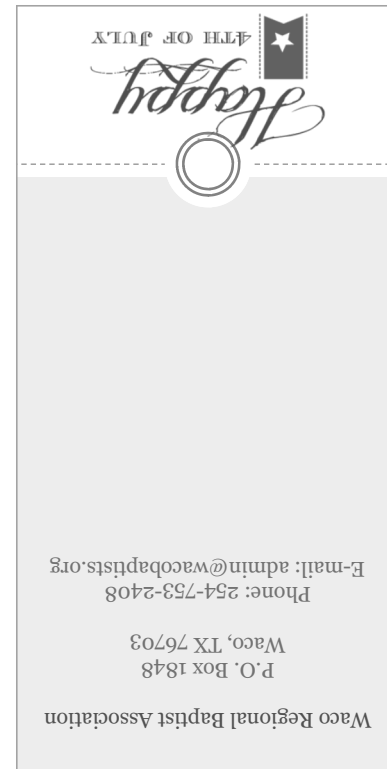
Historically being known as an African-American church, Pastor McNeil, along with the

congregation, are preparing for a wonderful move of God in welcoming all. ***'I'm excited about the new vision and new direction at Willow Grove. We're preparing for our door to door ministry in Speegleville.'***

Pray for Willow Grove as they continue to be a beacon of light in the community. With this new door to door ministry coming they also ask for prayer in getting a church van to pick neighbors and children up in the area.

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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

The pastor of one of the churches recently joining our Association has been asking about “how the association works.” I explained that by participating in **WRBA MINISTRY TEAMS**, the leaders of his church both **benefit** and **contribute**. They **benefit** by networking and learning from other brothers and sisters who are passionate about the specific area of ministry. They **contribute** by bringing their own expertise and passion to the table so that other churches can learn from them.



The pastor went back to his church and asked six of his lay leaders to each pick one **WRBA MINISTRY TEAM**, and commit to joining and participating in it.

THAT is “how the association works.”

Most of the teams meet about 10 times per year. They seek out the best practices in their area of responsibility. They collect information about what is happening across the nation. And they seek to bring what they learn to all our WRBA congregations so that every church can grow, be stronger, and do better ministry.

This dissemination of information is through our website, brochures, newsletters and meetings; special training (videos, meetings and conferences); and connecting churches to one another so that they can partner in specific endeavors that capitalize on the strengths of each.

Examples of the work of the **WRBA MINISTRY TEAMS** shows up in our weekly emails. But we cannot possibly print all that they are doing to benefit your church in this once-per-month printed newsletter. That is why I would **encourage you to sign up for our weekly email update**.

Go to the home page of www.wacobaptists.org and scroll down about halfway where it says, “Sign Up For the Weekly Update”. Click on the link and provide your email.

In His Service,
 Tim Randolph



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CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE - BY JEN MARTINSEN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHURCH CAMPS

Church	Date	Time	Church	Type	Date
Seventh & James	June 13-Aug 8	6:00-7pm	Crossroads Fellowship	Youth	July 2-6
Cornerstone BC	July 9-13	6-8:30pm	West FBC	Youth	July 2-6
Central BC	July 9-14		Meadowbrook BC	Youth	July 8-12
Marantha	July 9-13	6:00-9pm	Highland BC	Youth	July 8-13
Primera Iglesia	July 9-13	6:30-8:30pm	Woodway FBC	Youth	July 8-13
West FBC	July 9-13	9am-Noon	Brazos Meadows BC	Youth	July 9-13
Ecclesia Community	July 15-19	6:00-8pm	Lakeview Baptist	Youth	July 9-13
Shiloh BC	July 16-20	6:00-8pm	Seventh & James BC	Children Music	July 9-15
Western Heights	July 16-20	9am-Noon	Brazos Meadows BC	Children	July 19-23
Bosqueville BC	July 29-Aug 2	6:00-8pm	Crossroads Fellowship	Children	July 19-23
Downsville BC	August 18-19		Oak Grove BC	Children	July 19-23
			Dayspring BC	Youth	July 22-27
			Highland BC	Children	July 23-27
			Dayspring BC	Children	August 2-5
			Seventh & James	Children	August 2-5

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- Ephesians 6:18

MISSION TRIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

Church	Location	Date
Crossroads Fellowship	Brazil	June 28-July 8
Highland BC	Spain	June 29-July 8
Bosqueville BC	Donna, TX	July 7-14
Highland BC	Hungary	July 13-22
Top Hand Cowboy	Ft. Peck, MT	July 14-22
West FBC	Honduras	July 20-26
Woodway FBC	Taos, NM	July 16-20
Woodway FBC	Buena Vista, CO	July 19-24
Woodway FBC	Palmetto, GA	July 20-26
Columbus Ave. BC	Denia, Spain	July 20-28
Woodway FBC	Belize	July 21-28
Woodway FBC	Beeville, TX	July 25-28
Highland BC	Ghana	July 27-Aug 5
Woodway FBC	Manchester, UK	July 27-Aug 6
Waco FBC	Ecuador	July 30-Aug 11
Woodway FBC	Arlington, TX	August 2-5

I am excited to announce the launch of our pilot program called Faith Health Waco.

We are looking for a minimum of 15 churches to enter our pilot program. Please read below the characteristics, traits and responsibilities of a *Faith Health Liaison*. We are asking each participating church to make a commitment to start or to grow their health ministry and to select a trusting member of their congregation to act as a *Faith Health Liaison* for their church. Please be praying and thinking about the decision to enter the pilot and for the person who will be trained to lead this effort.

Faith Health Liaison: A church/faith community staff member or volunteer selected and supported by the church pastor/faith community leader who leads the Health Ministry within the church/congregation.

Traits and characteristics of a Faith Health Liaison include:

- Well integrated into the life and culture of the congregation
- Good communication and organizational skills
- Understand the need for confidentiality
- Ability to plan, keep records and documentation
- Comfortable and compassionate with people in distress
- Trusted by and accountable to the pastor/faith leader
- Available for quarterly training
- Able to develop on-going working relationships with the Faith Health Coordinators in the network (with Health Care Partners)

Responsibilities of a Faith Health Liaison in your church:

- Leads and organizes the Health Ministry (volunteers) within their church
- Recruits congregational members into the faith health network
- Follows up with members after leaving the hospital
- Provides support to members following an illness or treatment of a condition
- Nurtures and aligns partnerships with community organizations
- Provides information and referral services
- Facilitates wellness activity and participation for members at church location or in the community (schedules health related classes & events)
- Completes monthly report on wellness and Faith Health Waco activities within their church to Faith Health Director/Advisory Council

If you have any questions about the Faith Health Waco pilot program, please contact Jennifer Martinsen at wellness@wacobaptists.org or 254-717-2997.

Save the Date
Faith Health Waco Launch
 The Good Samaritan Network
Luke 10:25-37

What: Launch of the Faith Health Waco pilot program - a partnership between churches/faith communities and health care entities in McLennan County to provide a network of support to improve the health of your members and your surrounding community.

Who: Pastors/Faith Leaders and potential "Faith Health Liaisons" for your congregation.

When: August 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
 (scheduled before the Ministry Guidance Annual Supervisor Workshop)

Where: Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation. Room 228, Baylor University

RSVP: Kelly Poehls at 254-753-2408 or admin@wacobaptists.org

Breakfast will be served!

JULY EVENTS

July 4
 Independence Day
 WRBA Office Closed

July 20, 8:30am
 Church Health
 Ministry Team
 Meeting
 Baylor, Penland
 Dining Hall

July 26, 5:30pm
 Hunger Ministry
 Team Meeting
 WRBA Office

July 29
 BGCT Hunger
 Offering 5th
 Sunday

July 29-August 1
 BGCT Annual
 Meeting
 Arlington, TX