



FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

I will be riding my bicycle across Iowa when you read this. I know that this isn't something that everyone would enjoy doing, but I do. Cycling is one of those activities that refreshes and renews me - despite the physical exhaustion. Maybe those two things are connected?

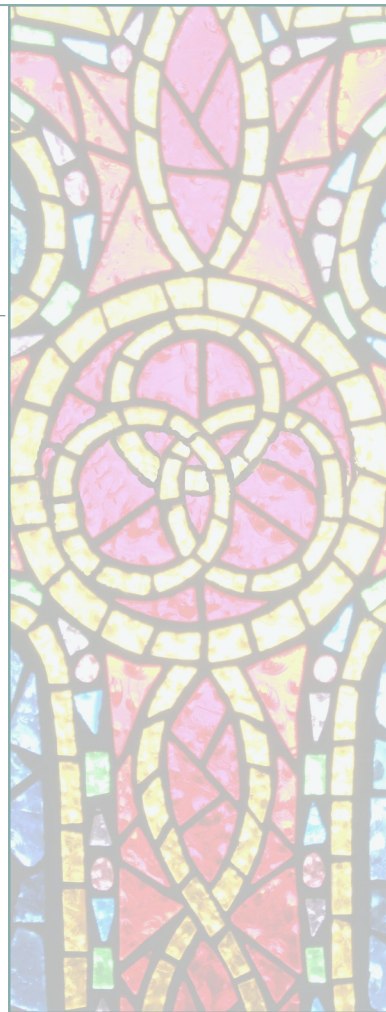


It seems we all need a different way to enjoy life, experience renewal, and serve the Lord. That is why I love to see the great variety of churches in the Association. Some find a quiet, peaceful service with thoughtful reflective messages to be exactly what they need to connect with God and find a renewed focus and purpose for living. Others find that connection in a lively service with lots of energy and joy. Others really like a rusty barn, horses right outside the door, and maybe the sounds of chickens or cows nearby while they praise the Lord. **All kinds of churches reach all kinds of people.** As an Association of churches, we value ALL the types of churches because we know that we have a community that needs to know the Lord, and one church isn't going to get it done.

Would you pause for just a moment right now **and thank God** for all the believers who are **very different** from you, and yet they are loving and serving the same risen Lord?

Anyway, I will be out of reach for the week, but we have a wonderful staff at the WRBA office who can take care of whatever you might need. Be safe and stay cool!

In His Service,
Tim Randolph



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September Ministers Round Table
12:00pm on September 5th at Truett Seminary
Speaker: Dr. Chris Johnson, Pastor of FBC, San Antonio
 RSVP by **August 31st** to admin@wacobaptists.org or 753-2408.

WRBA Annual Meeting
6:00-8:00pm on October 9th at Crossroads Fellowship
Speaker: Dr. Don Fawcett, HOT Baptist Network
 RSVP by **October 2nd** to admin@wacobaptists.org or 753-2408.

"You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our Savior, you are the hope of everyone on Earth." Psalm 65:5

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

It's time for Annual Church Profiles (ACP). Each church will receive their ACP shortly. This information is vital to updating WRBA's church directory and keeping record of historical data. It becomes very useful while churches are hiring church staff or applying for ministry grants.

Please submit ACPs by September 15th.

Empower for Ministry Coaching Clinic



August 27-28, 2018

8:30am to 4:00pm

Cost: \$75

(Includes the cost of the conference, meals and three months of personal coaching sessions.)

To register, please contact the WRBA office at **254-753-2408** or **admin@wacobaptists.org**. You can pay the fee at the office.

COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

August is here and that means the fall semester is about to begin! We are so excited to have our students back at McLennan Community College this semester and we have big things planned. Last semester we had a great time while building relationships, discipling, and helping those in need and that is exactly what we have planned for this school year. We are building a leadership team with new students (along with some current students) giving away scantrons, flash drives, and anything else we see as a need on the campus. This year's goal is to make disciples that will go out to love their neighbor in the most practical ways possible. We intend to have a weekly Bible study and meal along with outreach events to meet the needs of students on campus.



We are so excited to begin the Fall 2018 semester and we cannot do it without your help. First, we hope that you would pray for this ministry. Please be in constant prayer for the students on this campus, faculty, staff, and that they can see the love of Jesus in our actions. Second, we ask that if you know of a student attending MCC, please give them our information. This group is made up of all kinds of students ranging in age, major, and spiritual maturity and this is a place where everyone can fit in. Lastly, if you want to volunteer in any capacity in this ministry, whether it be weekly meals or a one-time donation, please do not hesitate to contact me. This is a ministry that all churches, people, and students can come to and belong. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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WRBA IS HIRING!

TSTC Ministry Coordinator

Visit us online for the description and application!

Cross Training

“How to Reach the African American Community”

Sunday, August 12, 2018

4:00pm Training

6:00pm Family Outreach Event

Rising Star Baptist Church

1408 E. Waco Dr., Waco 76704



AUGUST EVENTS

August 9, 8:30am
Faith Health Waco Launch Program
Paul L. Foster Campus for Business & Innovation Room 228
RSVP, admin@wacobaptists.org

August 9, 10:00am
Church Guidance Ministry Meeting
Floor above Faith Health Launch Program

August 12, 4:00pm
Cross Training
Rising Star Baptist Church

August 15, 12:00pm
Networking & Missions Ministry Team Meeting
Waco, FBC, Conference Room

August 17, 1:00pm
Church Protection Team Meeting
WRBA Office

August 21, 4:00pm
Board Meeting
WRBA Office

August 27-28 8:30am-4:00pm
Empower for Ministry Coaching Clinic
WRBA Offices

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Erin Conaway and his wife, Carmen, were members at Seventh and James Baptist Church, back in their seminary days at Truett Seminary, on the Baylor University campus. He loved the worship and people, so when he received a call from the search committee, he was excited to begin a conversation. **“Honestly though, I thought there wasn’t much chance of it working out. Seventh has a history of fantastically intelligent and ‘degreed’ pastors; but I thought maybe I could be a good second-round candidate, someone they might consider after they’d gone through their ‘A’ list.”**

Through laughter and joy Pastor Erin and his family were called back to Seventh and James. The love of fellowship is only one of the many things he loves about Seventh and James. The congregation takes good care of one another, while growing and changing together as well. It’s a community practicing a living faith. With a rich soil of intellectual thinkers, people are hungry to keep learning and growing. **“I have fallen in love with the people of Seventh and James and I have the privilege of working with an outstandingly talented and caring staff.”**

With a wonderful congregation and staff, ministry is

strong and vibrant at Seventh and James. They partner with Waco ISD in providing school uniforms to students classified as ‘homeless,’ cook their own meals to supply for Meals on Wheels; and most recently, they have become an encouraging church for two CBF Field Personnel (missionaries) in Indonesia. Last to mention, is their music ministry. **“Our music ministry is off-the-charts outstanding. We highly value music here at Seventh and it shows in our weekly worship, in our Children’s Music Camp, our three hand-bell choirs, our youth and children’s choirs, and all of the wildly talented musicians who share their gifts through instruments and voice. I could go on and on and on.”**

Pastor Erin Conaway finds Waco to be a healthy place to be a minister. He asks for prayer for wisdom, vibrancy, and also that their partnership with Second Missionary Baptist Church continues to bear fruit and grow in abundance. **“Our annual combined worship service is one of the highlights of every year. Dr. Davis is a dear friend and colleague and we are both celebrating the way our congregations continue to move closer to one another and to work more closely together.”**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:
Chalk Bluff, Emmanuel BC, Greater Zion MBC, Harris Creek BC, Lakeview

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