

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT:
FAITH TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY NEWS
Please continue to pray
for WRBA churches
seeking a Pastor:

- Chalk Bluff
- Downsville BC
- Emmanuel BC
- Harris Creek BC
- Lakeview

What an exciting time at Faith Temple Baptist Church! Back in June, Pastor Stuart Huey was called as the new pastor at Faith Temple. ***“I’m excited to see future growth at Faith Temple, and I know God will use him (Huey) in a mighty way,” says church member I.V. Williams.***

With growth and being a very welcoming church both children and youth ministries are blossoming. ***“Little Seekers, our children’s group, and our youth meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Many things are planned for***

them this year!” On Saturday, September 29th, Faith Temple will host their largest annual Fall Festival for the Lorena Community. They are also preparing for their annual Winter Concert Series.

“Please pray for continued growth and unity in our church body. We are wanting to make a huge impact in our community. We would love to reach more young families.”



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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Over the past months, you have read in these simple newsletters how the Lord is blessing the work of the Waco Regional Baptist Association. For His favor and blessing, we are all very grateful. We have seen the ***four new ministry teams (Evangelism, Health, Technology, and Protection)*** take root and produce some exciting ministries that have helped most of our member churches. I am grateful for the volunteers and staff who have made these ministries possible. I am also thankful that the whole organization - the Board, the staff, the churches, the leaders, and the team members – functions so smoothly to embody and extend the Good News of Jesus.



Today I am writing to you to thank YOU for being a part of this ministry. ***Your prayers, your church’s contributions, and your participation*** are what make it all possible.

Our Association will celebrate 159 years of life and ministry at the annual meeting on Tuesday evening, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Crossroads Fellowship Church located on Estates Drive in Woodway. I hope you already have that on your calendar and are planning to come. Dr. Delvin Atchison of the Texas Baptists will be the keynote speaker for the night. We will conduct a little business, enjoy a meal around the table, and worship together in a demonstration of the Faith, the calling and the ministry that we share. Churches are encouraged to:

- Elect their messengers.
- Send in their Annual Church Profile (a short report on the church’s progress).
- Include the WRBA in next year’s budget (we suggest between 1% and 3% of your church’s annual budget).
- Pray for the ministries of the WRBA.

As we prepare for the annual meeting we will be reminded that we have been ***“Set Free to Serve God.”*** Our Moderator, ***Marcy Smith, selected this theme*** from Romans 6:15-23.

In His Service,
Tim Randolph

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UPCOMING EVENTS



October Ministers Round Table
12:00pm on October 3rd at Truett Seminary, Great Hall

Topic: Leadership in the Church
Speaker: Dr. Marcus Nelson

RSVP by **September 26th** to admin@wacobaptists.org or (254) 753-2408.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ~Psalms 91:1

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

Each church should have received their Annual Church Profile (ACP). Not only is completing the ACP a requirement to be a part of WRBA, but the information is vital for recording historical data, helping with staff hires and building decisions, and updating WRBA's church directory.

Please submit ACPs by Sept. 13th in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

WACO REGIONAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2018 AT 6:00PM
CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP
SPEAKER: DELVIN ATCHISON, TEXAS BAPTISTS

SET FREE TO SERVE GOD

MAKE A RESERVATION BY **OCTOBER 2ND.**
DINNER IS \$9.

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...BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN AND HAVE BECOME SLAVES OF GOD, THE BENEFIT YOU REAP LEADS TO HOLINESS, AND THE RESULT IS ETERNAL LIFE...
 ROMANS 6:15-23



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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & JAIL

Ella Mae Acker embraces her calling as a Christian. She fills her calendar each week by sharing the gospel at McLennan County Jail, Delaney House, and Jack Harwell Detention Center.

At the jail, she often teaches from John 1 and then John 3. She speaks with the women, as they sit behind bars, about being born again and having a new life in Christ.

“No matter what I am teaching, I always close with an appeal. I tell them in Romans 10:13, it says “Who so ever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” She then invites those who want to receive Christ as Savior to pray with her.

Ella Mae also spends time volunteering with Light in the Gap (a ministry to women exiting prison) as a connector at the bus station. Even once this past year, her involvement with Jack Harwell and Light in the Gap crossed paths. An inmate who listened to Ella Mae's teaching from behind bars awhile back, remembered her familiar face the moment she saw her at the bus station.

“She threw her arms around me and called me by name - ‘Oh Ella Mae! You were my Bible teacher at Jack Harwell.’ I was the one who talked with her and had prayer with her that day at the bus station.”

“It is such a joy to see so many of these ladies I meet with come to know Christ. With these inmates, you will receive a joy that you cannot imagine.”

- Featured in the July 29, 2018 First Woodway Baptist Church bulletin

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 3

Labor Day
 WRBA Office Closed

September 5, 12:00pm

Ministers Round Table
 Truett Seminary
 Topic:
 Spiritual Discernment in the Church
 Speaker:
 Dr. Chris Johnson

September 6-7

National Boomer & Senior Adult Ministry Conference
 FBC San Antonio

September 9-16

Texas Missions & Mary Hill Davis Offering

September 12, 8:30-10:30am

Empower Waco Web Site Training
 WRBA Office

September 13

Annual Church Profiles Due

September 18, 4:00pm

Board Meeting
 WRBA Office

September 18, 6:00pm

CWJC Baskets of Hope
 Woodway FBC

September 19, 12:00pm

Networking and Missions Team Meeting
 Waco FBC, Conference Rm

September 26

See You At The Pole

September 29, 9am-Noon

Global Gates Conference 'Getting to the Gospel'
 Woodway FBC, Worship Center
 RSVP
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