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From Your Director

Many of you who follow the work of our Association are aware that we have a health ministry team that is working to equip your church to have a health ministry for you and for the community around your church. The church has a long history of caring about the wellbeing of their members and their community. The positive effects of this kind of ministry are also very well documented. I received an email referencing an article on www.medpagetoday.com with the title: Consult Local Churches for Patients in Crisis, written by Edwin Leap, M.D. The author recounts how he remembers how churches helped people in many useful ways in the rural community in which he grew up. Some of the people he remembers were struggling with substance abuse, lack of basic food items in the kitchen, and loneliness. Dr. Leap encourages his fellow physicians to not forget the local church when making recommendations for their patients.

Like Jesus said, we are known for our love. *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”* There are many things that a group of Baptists can do for a human being if we will just simply love them. Some of our churches have given rides to the doctor’s office or to therapy to those who were referred to them. Others have simply prayed and listened. Some have made sure their pantry and refrigerator were filled with nutritious food. These simple and attainable bits of ministry are within the reach of even our smallest and weakest church. The number one thing that patients are requesting from our churches as they have the opportunity for a referral from one of the Healthcare providers? Spiritual care and support.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus as you minister healing to those around you. Thank you for participating in an association of churches that is taking love seriously.

In His Service,

Tim Randolph, Director



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McLennan C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E

Collegiate Ministry Update

In Mark 12, a teacher of the law asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. Jesus replies, "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

This semester at McLennan Community College, our goal is to love God and love our neighbor. The beautiful thing about this campus is that these students are your neighbors too. As the Collegiate Ministry Coordinator, it is my job to not only be on campus and engage students, but to engage churches to help and be on campus as well. Only a few churches showed up at the Activities Fair this past month and only two have offered to teach a Bible study.

There are now currently three Bible studies on campus and the possibility of a fourth, because a student leader volunteered to start his own for more opportunities on campus. This is all great news and a vast expansion over the past two years but it can be even better! If your church has an idea for something to do on campus to reach students in some way, please let me know. This could be an outreach event, Bible study or even a willingness to disciple one student on campus.

If your church is already volunteering or praying for us, we thank you and are more grateful than you know. If you want to get involved, please let me know so we can spread the kingdom of God throughout the campus of MCC and reach students who are feeling lost.

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Ministers Round Table/Ministry Guidance Conference

Speaker: Charles Ramsey Topic: "Christian Hospitality: the Art of *not* Evangelism"

BSM Director at Baylor University

Wednesday, March 6th at 10:00AM

Great Hall, Truett Seminary

RSVP by March 1st to louine_adams@baylor.edu or (254) 710-3739

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart." - Deuteronomy 6:5

Week of February 11-17, 2019

“With Unshakable Pursuit”

FOCUS ON WMU

Visit wmu.com/focusonwmu for more info and/or ideas.

Children's Missions Day

February 16, 2019

Visit wmu.com for more about
Children's Missions Day

2019

[UN] APOLOGETIC

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

PERSUADING OUR GENERATION WITH TRUTH

Saturday, February 23rd 7:30am-5:00pm
Columbus Avenue Baptist Church
1300 Columbus Avenue, Waco, TX 76701

Visit <https://christianapologetics101.com/conferences/unapologetic-waco/> for more information or to register.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 6th, 12:00PM
Ministers Round Table,
Great Hall, Truett
Seminary

February 11th-17th
Focus on WMU Week

February 16th, 9:00AM-
3:00PM
C.R.A.S.E. Training
Greater Bosqueville BC
(Contact to verify location)
Info and to register visit
wacobaptists.org; deadline
Wednesday, February 13th

February 16th
Children's Missions Day

February 19th, 4:00PM
Board Meeting
WRBA Office

February 20th, 12:00PM
Networking & Missions
Ministry Team Meeting
Waco FBC, Conference
Room

February 23rd, 7:30am-5pm
[Un]Apologetic Evangelism
Conference
Columbus Avenue BC

February 28th
CWJC National Day of
Prayer

March 6th, 12:00PM
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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: SPEEGLEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Worshiping God, Sharing Christ, Building Believers -- this describes the ministries of Speegleville Baptist Church. Dr. Joe Bailey, who is entering his 16th year as pastor of the church, continues to lead this caring congregation in growing both in their relationship with the Lord and in serving their community. The church is grateful for its new web-page and logo both provided by the Empower Waco mission team (SpeeglevilleBaptist.org).

Recently the church hosted the seminar *The Externally Focused Church* workshop led by Dr. Gaynor Yancey of Baylor University. Willow Grove Baptist Church also participated in this exciting and thought-provoking seminar.

The church continues to reach out to the Speegleville Community through its partnership with Speegleville Elementary School. Each year the church hosts a back-to-school meal for the teachers and staff and provides the school with many needed school and teacher supplies. In addition, several members of the church volunteer each week to read with students through the school's Book Club program.

Speegleville Baptist Church operates a food pantry every 3rd Wednesday that continues to address some of the hunger needs in the Speegleville area.

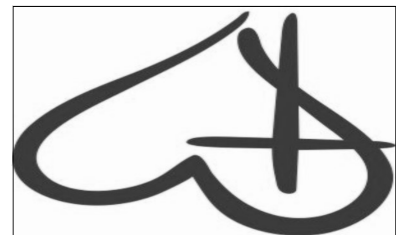
A special relationship exists between Willow Grove Baptist Church, one of the newest members of the Waco Regional Baptist Association, and Speegleville Baptist Church. The two churches enjoy an annual Thanksgiving worship service and these churches continue to seek ways to partner together to reach the Speegleville community and beyond with the love of Christ.

Along with a growing youth ministry led by Truett student Jordan Humler, the church recently called Shauna Suggs to lead their growing children's ministry. David Denning leads the church's music program, and the church is thankful for the many members who labor together through the various ministries of the church. The Lord continues to bless this congregation as they continue to grow.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for
WRBA churches seeking a
Pastor:

Downsville BC, Emmanuel BC,
Lakeview BC, Old Time BC



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