



WACO REGIONAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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From Your Director

We welcome **Judah Covenant House of Prayer** to our fellowship this month. This church was formerly known as Brookview Baptist Church and is located at 2605 Marrow in Waco. Their Pastor, Larrye Weaver II, is the son of Larrye Weaver who has been an active part of the Association for many years. If you would like to send Bro. Larrye and his congregation a note of encouragement, you can send it to him at:

larryeweaver@icloud.com.

The Board of the Association voted to **change our office hours** to close at noon on Fridays. We are open 8:30 – 5:00 the rest of the days of the week.

I had the privilege of visiting and sharing with the students, parents and workers at our **Annual Associational Bible Drill competition** at FBC Woodway on Sunday afternoon. I loved seeing the joy and pride of the students as they demonstrated their confidence in memorizing and finding Scriptures in the Bible. If you are interested in starting a Bible Drill ministry in your church, please let me know. We have people who would love to help you get started. It takes one committed leader, a very small budget and love for children and God's Word, but it makes an eternal difference in the lives of these students. Our three children went through the full cycles of Bible Drill when they were younger. It was some of the best time we invested in their lives.

I will be sharing in the **70th Anniversary with the Grace Temple Baptist Church** on Sunday. Pastor Dr. Craig Klempnauer has led this congregation for 6 ½ years.

The **WRBA Church Technology Team** will be working with several of our churches next week to help them with new websites, sound and lighting, networking, and social media and graphic design.

Thank you for your prayers for us at the WRBA.

In His Service,

Tim Randolph
Director

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Community Wellness Ministry Update

Hello all! I wanted to write this month's article about the importance of health and hunger ministries within a congregational setting. The terms "health ministry" and "hunger ministry" can sound daunting, time-consuming, and expensive; and we all know how finite church resources can be. Yet, when carefully planned and implemented, these ministries can improve the health of congregation members and the surrounding communities without straining the resources of the church.

At the core of these ministries is a passion to serve and love people. The church often gets so fixated on the spiritual health of the congregation that the emotional and physical health of individuals can be downplayed or pushed to the back burner. Hunger and health ministries provide the church with a unique opportunity to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, all the while addressing the emotional and physical health of the congregation and their surrounding community. Health and hunger ministries can be defined in various ways, but every definition has one aspect in common. These ministries are comprised of individuals in the church who are passionate about Jesus, as well as the health and food insecurity levels within their congregation and community. These individuals could be church staff or congregation members, have a health or medical background, or they may not, and be young or old. Moral of the story, these ministries can be comprised of anyone who wants to serve their congregation and community!

The importance of these ministries cannot be overlooked. There are many reasons to create or expand upon existing health and hunger ministries. There are hundreds of reasons why all churches should participate in one of these ministries, but I'll quickly list a few of my favorites.

1. The opportunity to get to know your church members and community on a deeper level.
2. Provide more opportunities for more church members to get plugged into the church.

Jesus says to love all!

One of the most spiritually-challenging verses in the Bible to live out is James 2:14-17. The writer of this passage states, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

If your church is interested in beginning, expanding, or partnering with other churches or organizations for a hunger or health ministry, please contact me to begin the conversation.

Thank you all and God bless!

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"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

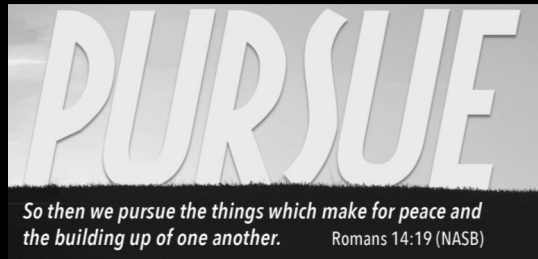
Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

May Ministers Round Table

May 1st at 12:00PM, Great Hall, Truett Seminary

This month is hosted by the Baylor University Office of the President and is FREE.
RSVP by **April 24th** to admin@wacobaptists.org or call Kelly at (254) 753-2408



*WMU Annual
Meeting & Missions
Celebration*
April 5th-6th, 2019

First Woodway Baptist Church, Woodway
For more information and/or to register visit
wmutx.org/wmu-annual-meeting

The WRBA Networking & Missions Ministry Team
presents the
Taste of Waco Baptists
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
6:00PM - 8:00PM
First Woodway Baptist Church, The Venue
(101 N. Ritchie, Woodway)
Speaker: Dr. Charles Ramsey,
BSM Director at Baylor University
Come experience foods from around the world!
MISSIONS EMPHASIS
(*All donations will go toward mission scholarships)
*Suggested Donations: \$10/adult, \$5 for children ages 10 to 17
& 9 and Under Free; \$25 max for families

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APRIL EVENTS

March 31st - April 5th
Empower Waco Week

April 3rd, 12:00PM
Ministers Round Table
Great Hall, Truett Seminary

April 4th, 8:30AM
Spring 50+ Adult Day
Latham Springs

April 5th-6th, 12:00PM
WMU Annual Meeting & Missions Celebration
First Woodway BC

April 16th, 4:00PM
Board Meeting
WRBA Office

April 17th, 12:00PM
Networking & Missions
Ministry Team Meeting
Waco FBC, Conference Room

April 18th-20th
Congreso
Baylor University
Ferrell Center
More info/register visit
texasbaptists.org/events/congreso-2019

April 19th
WRBA Office Closed for
Good Friday

April 21st
Easter

April 30th, 6:00PM
Taste of Waco Baptists
First Woodway Venue

May 1st, 12:00PM
Ministers Round Table/
President's Conference

Easter Egg Hunts

Brazos Meadows BC
April 20th at 11:00AM-12:00PM

Downsville BC
April 21st after
Morning Services,
Potluck Lunch and Egg Hunt

Seventh and James BC
April 20th at 10:00AM

Calvary BC
April 14th after
Morning Services
Seley Park, across from church

Golinda FBC
April 20th at 1:00-3:00PM

Speegleville BC
April 20th at 10:30AM-11:00AM
Easter Egg Hunt
April 14th at 10:45AM
Easter Cantata,
Behold the Lamb,

Chalk Bluff BC
April 21st at 12:00PM

Hiz Houze Church
April 21st at 10:00AM

Christ the King BC
April 21st after
Morning Services

McGregor FBC
April 14th after
Morning Service & Lunch

Western Heights BC
April 20th at 12:00PM-2:00PM
Jaycee Park,
6300 Tennyson Dr.,
Waco, 76710

Crossroads Fellowship
April 20th at 11:00AM-2:00PM
Woodway Elementary
Playground

Park Lake Drive BC
April 21st after
Morning Services

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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