



GALVESTON

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

JULY 2019

Dr. Jim's Gems

We are already deep into the Summer months as I write this article. Since I came from Illinois, it will probably take me a bit to acclimate to the hotter temperatures down here!

Summer is filled with so many missional projects and activities including camps and VBS weeks. It is also the time of the year when we gather our Grayson Glass offering for future mission projects to assist the Galveston Baptist Association churches. You will find included in this issue the information about the offering. The GBA Admin team in conjunction with the Missions team are looking at how to effectively use and promote the Glass offerings in the future. A great help from the churches would be a projection of what they intend to do in the area of missions for the next calendar year. It seems that we take up an offering with an unclear understanding of what the monies will be used for. If we can know what the churches are wanting to do missionally, then we can more specifically promote what the offering supports. So, if you can help us with this information, we can more readily support you in your mission projects.

I attended the SBC convention in Birmingham last week. It was very encouraging to see all the “family” coming together in the name of Jesus. There was approximately 8,500 messengers and 12,000 attendees. I saw something that brought great encouragement; there were a great number of new faces and a much younger crowd than in previous years. This is encouraging to me because I know that the younger generations are prone to reject institutional meetings. What this tells me is the face of Southern Baptists is changing from an old established group to a young, energetic and engaging group of pastors and ministers! Of course, there is always the downside of things when we look at the number of churches closing and the baptism rates continually declining. As many of you know, revitalization is dear to my heart. The struggle of dying and declining churches is clearly an issue we here in GBA must confront. Yes, we can plant churches; but we cannot neglect those churches that have been carrying the torch of the Gospel in the past. There are several reasons why churches decline and die. This article cannot fully examine all the reasons. Some of the reasons are: economics, shifts in ethnicity, emergencies [hurricanes]; generational differences, and apathy.

SBC will lose 1000 churches this year. While churches are continually being planted, some churches need to be replanted, relaunched and revitalized. I am reminded of Ezra and Nehemiah when they returned to the rubble of a neglected and destroyed Temple in Jerusalem. Ezra brought them back to the Word of God [Spiritual] and Nehemiah challenged them to rebuild the Walls. [Strategy]. Truly, in our own churches we must continually seek God's direction for expanding the Kingdom. There needs to be a sense of urgency about our mission of serving Christ and winning the Lost! We must fight the Apathy and the human nature to acquiesce to a state of comfort and resistance to our ever-changing environment.

I read an article today that touched my spirit – it talked about how there are countries and people groups going through persecution because of their stand for the Gospel and Jesus Christ; yet in America, where we have the freedom to worship and speak the Gospel, the Church slumbers and suffers neglect. Oh, that our churches would experience revival! It seems that many churches are more content to just wait until Jesus returns, content that they are going to Heaven someday. We cannot adopt this attitude, for salvation is not a destination change but a Destiny change!

Pray for our churches in Galveston, Texas and across our nation. These are difficult days; we must rely on the Holy Spirit's power in our own lives and the life of our churches. We must remember when we were without Christ; we must reach out to the Lost in our communities. Let's leave a legacy for those who come behind us, not a tombstone marking our death.

Blessings, Jim



Senior Adult Game Day
Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Tuesday, July 9 @ 1:30 PM

GBA office
1221 Cedar Dr,
La Marque

Bring a friend, a snack to share
and your favorite game.

**Executive Director/
Pastor Breakfast**

Monday, July 1 @ 7:30 AM
Kelley's Restaurant
La Marque

Church Happenings

Galveston Chinese Church –
Short term summer outreach
program for students from China
and Taiwan, June 7 - August 25.

Northside Baptist Church –
Youth Camp, July 15-19, Palacios.

Sexual Child Abuse Training Aug.
3, 11 AM – 2 PM (RSVP) by July
19; fee \$20 covers workbook cost
and lunch.

Mozambique Mission Trip Aug. 18
– Sept. 7, Pastor Clay Bowers and
Jeremy Noland

New Hope Baptist Church – 30th
Anniversary/Homecoming, July 28
with a single service at 10:30 AM
followed by dinner. A bluegrass
gospel group will provide the
special music. Evangelist Lyndon
Longoria will preach the
anniversary service.

Primera Iglesia Hitchcock – Fun
Summer Wednesdays, every
Wednesday June 5 – August 21,
6:30 to 7:30 PM, ages Preschool –
Youth (different activities every
Wednesday).

MISSION SANTA FE IS HERE!!!

For several years in a row, Arcadia First Baptist Church of Santa Fe participated in mission trips to Memphis, Tennessee. After four years of seeing lives changed in inner city Memphis, this team of missionaries became burdened for their own community and desired to lead outreach efforts in Santa Fe similar to those led by Brinkley Heights Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. They knew that this would be a large-scale work, and to be successful it would require assistance by area churches who also had hearts for evangelism. The desire to see souls saved and lives changed birthed what we now know as Mission Santa Fe.

This year, on July 22-26, a team of us will meet at 8:00 in the morning at Arcadia First Baptist Church and have a free breakfast provided by the church. We will then join together for a large group meeting time where we will have a time of devotion and prayer and will talk about our plans and strategies for the day's work. Several teams will fan out into the neighborhoods surrounding Runge Park, knock on doors, and invite any children ages 4-12 or youth ages 13-18 to meet us at Runge Park for a time of fun. We will also invite local daycares to participate. Our plan is to have exciting activities for the children which include: a bounce house, a giant water slide, a petting zoo, snow cones, hot dogs, popcorn and drinks along with other games and entertainment. After a time of enjoying these activities, we will have a "Backyard Bible Club" in which there will be four stations: crafts, recreation, Bible story, and music. We will have four different age-appropriate groups that will rotate through the stations. Any youth from the community that would like to participate will also have an opportunity to enjoy the bounce house, water slide, and refreshments, but will do so at a different time than the children. Youth will additionally have rec time and a Bible story. All activities will have the goal of engaging the children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This portion of our mission effort, titled "The Runge Project" will end at about 12:30pm at which point we will return the children and youth to their homes. All workers can meet back at Arcadia First Baptist Church where a free lunch will be provided.

For those who would like to participate, we will have afternoon mission projects as well. We will schedule daily outreach/service efforts from 2:00-4:00pm which include, but are not limited to, helping at H.I.S. Ministry, participating in yard work/house work for disabled Santa Fe residents, paying for people's laundry to be done at the laundry mat, beach evangelism in Galveston, playing games with retirement home residents, cookie delivery to city offices and businesses, visiting the home-bound, and canned food drives. Each of these projects will have the goal of engaging people with the gospel message and we will take every opportunity to pray with those we meet. Following these mission service projects, there will be free time from 4:00-5:00pm where people can go home, get cleaned up, and rest. Starting at 5:00, a free dinner will be provided at the church for all workers and their families. Each day's schedule will be very similar. Additionally, on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 we will have a "Smash Brothers" gaming competition and indoor movie at Runge Park for area youth, and on Friday evening we will rent a large inflatable screen and have a community outdoor movie night in the park. Both events are free to the

You're Invited!!!

Men and Women From All Churches
Please join us for "Adults on Mission"

Tuesday, July 9, 11:30 – 12:30 PM

GBA Office
1221 Cedar Dr, La Marque
Bring a friend and a snack

Following the meeting, Brenda Chavers, Heritage Park Baptist, will be giving an art lesson, first timers are free, \$3 for others to cover cost of supplies. When you RSVP, please let us know if you plan to stay for the class so we can have enough art supplies.



Valley Mission/Christmas Stocking Ministry Workday, July 9 @ 9:30 AM

Items needed for this week are:

Crayons & colorbooks
Jump ropes
Play doh
Bubbles

GIRLS

Little girl's jewelry
barrettes, head bands

BOYS

Balls - small
YoYos

Teenagers

Playing cards and card games (SkipBo, etc.)
Journals & pens, notepads
Jewelry
Flashlights

FBC Galveston Needs Administrative Assistant

Administrative Asst. Position
Part Time Mon-Fri
Starting wages based on experience
Min. High School Diploma - some college preferred
Office work experience required: All basic office equip.
MS Office - Account./bookkeeping QB helpful but not required
Excellent organizational skills - send resume to
info@fbcgalveston.org

GBA Executive Board Meeting

Monday, July 15 @ Noon

Highlands Baptist Church
2908 Cedar Dr., La Marque

Guest Speaker:
Jonathan Williams
Senior Pastor Wilcrest Baptist Church,
Houston Texas

Please contact
GBA office for lunch reservations,
office@galvestonbaptist.org or 409-938-8942

Open Admin Team Positions

Nominations will be received at the Executive Board Meeting for the following open Admin Team position:

Betty Sumners rotating off 3 year term

"Help Me Preach Exodus"

We are hosting an event for pastors called "Help me Preach Exodus." The idea is to come in for an all-day intensive and spend about 45 minutes in study of the major sections of Exodus and then about 15 minutes in sermon thought and preparation. A pastor would leave with sermon chunks and material that he should be able to turn into sermons fairly easily. Here are the details:

July 2, 8:30-5:00

Led by Dr. Nathan Lane, Asst. Provost at Palm Beach Atlantic

Free to all pastors (and if they bring an associate pastor or someone, that's fine)

Event held at:
Heritage Park Baptist Church
2732 FM 528
Webster, TX 77598

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VBS LOCATIONS

Where: Primera Iglesia Hitchcock

When: July 8-11, 5:30-8:30 PM

For: Pre-school - 6th grade

Where: First Baptist Church Texas City

When: - July 8-11

For: 4-year olds through 6th grade, 8:45am - noon FREE

Where: First Baptist Church Galveston

When: July 28-August 1

For: Grades K

Where: Northside Baptist Church

When: July 22-24, Noon – 3 PM

For: PreK – 6th grade

July 25, VBS Family Night, 6 PM

Where: Texas Ave Baptist Church

When: July 22-25 9am-12pm

For: 4 years – grade 5

Register at www.tabctexas.org

SUMMER CAMPS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TEXAS CITY

Completed Kindergarten through 6th grade, noon to 3:30pm \$50.00

Youth Camp - July 15-19

Completed 7th through 12th grades, Woodlake, TX \$300.00

Camp Sonshine - July 22-26

Completed Kindergarten through 6th grade, 9:00am to 3:30pm \$130.00



TEXAS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

July 15-19 - "One Camp" for youth

For more information contact Rob Kessler at 361-972-2717 or rob@texasbaptistencampment.org.

Faith Bible Institute **Summer** Elective - Scientific & Biblical Creationism FBC Alta Loma

Tuesdays @ 10 AM and Thursdays @5:30 PM

Beginning the week of June 4

This 8 session course will answer your questions about the Creation/Evolution debate, the dinosaurs, the flood, the age of the earth, the fossil record, the gap theory, the canopy theory, and the origin on man. A great course to help you strengthen and defend your faith!

- Anyone at least 14 years of age and in the 9th grade may enroll.
- You do not have to be enrolled in FBI's 3 year program to take this elective course

Cost: \$84 due with application (*Tuition discounts available for family members living in the same household*)

A paper enrollment form must be completed to enroll! Pick up one in the Connection Center or the church office. Contact 409.925.3505 with any questions.

July

Upcoming Events

- 1 Executive Director/Pastor Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Kelley's La Marque
- 2 Help Me Preach Exodus, more info page 3
- 3 Grayson Glass Prayer Time @ noon, New Life Fellowship
- 4 Independence Day (Office Closed)
- 9 Adults on Missions @ 11:30 AM, GBA
Sr. Adult Game Day @ 1:30 PM, GBA
Sisters Who Care @ 6 PM, TMBC
- 10 Grayson Glass Prayer Time @ noon, New Life Fellowship
- 11 GBA Prayer time @ 9:30 AM, GBA
Admin Team Meeting, 1:30 PM
- 14-21 Glass Missions Week of Prayer
- 15 Executive Board Meeting, noon, Highlands
- 17 Glass Prayer Time @ noon, New Life Fellowship
- 18 GBA Prayer Time @ 9:30 AM. GBA Office
- 24 Grayson Glass Prayer Time @ noon, New Life
- 25 GBA Prayer time @ 9:30 AM, GBA Office
- 30 WMU Leadership Meeting @ 6 PM, Northside
- 31 Grayson Glass Prayer Time @ noon, New Life

August

- 3 Sexual Abuse Training, Northside
- 15 Ex. Director/Pastor Breakfast
- 8 Admin Team Budget Mtng 2 pm
- 10 Hispanic Fellowship Nominating Committee, Primera Galveston

September

- 2 Labor Day, Office Closed
- 9 Ex. Director/Pastor Breakfast
- 7 WMU Enrichment Seminars
- 20-21 GBA Renovate Conference@
FBC Friendswood

Host Churches Needed

2020 Executive Board Meetings

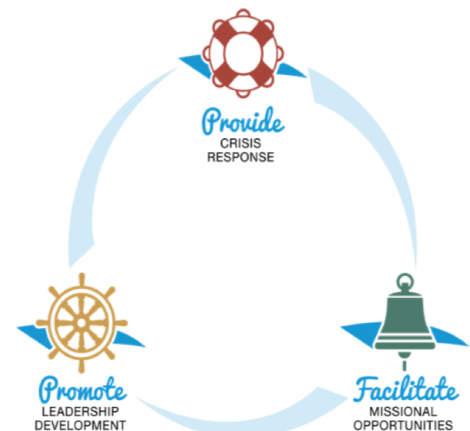
January 21, Noon	July 20, Noon
April 20, 6:30 PM	October 20, 5 PM
(no meal necessary)	(annual meeting)

Christmas Party

December 2, 2019, 6:30 PM
December 7, 2020, 6:30 PM



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Impact the Kingdom*



RENOVATE

Regional Church Revitalization Conference

Helping Churches Today Succeed Tomorrow!

September 20-21, 2019

\$29

Speakers Include:

Tom Cheyney
Karl Vaters
Jim Grant

Ron Smith
Terry Rials
Chris Irving

Kenneth Priest
Richard Taylor
Johnathan Smith



First Baptist Friendswood

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Friendswood, TX 77546

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Grayson Glass Offering 2019

GOAL: \$15,000

To Support Five Summer Interns and
Other Church Mission Projects in 2020