



GALVESTON

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2019

Dr. Jim's Gems

Remain Steadfast and Unmovable; always abounding in the Work of the Lord

I have been inundated by social media, newspapers, newscast and Christian web sites that solidify a “doom and gloom” future for America and the world. There are more books being written about how these are the “Last Days.” If these are the Last Days, why are we [the Church] not more concerned about the Lost instead of our own comfort and convenience? In 1 Kings 8:28 – is the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the Temple he built. A parallel passage which is more familiar is 2 Chronicles 6&7 [2 Chron. 7:14]. King Solomon focused not “if” but “when” the people of Israel drifted and departed from worshiping the true God to worship of cults and idols. He was the wisest man; he knew that the people were fickle and would drift away from God. So, he outlined several situations where he knew the people would be found unfaithful, and asked God to “hear their cry” and deliver them from their own generated dilemma.

As we look at the United States, much of the news is about how bad conditions are here. There has been a lot of publicity about Prayer and prayer groups. I know in our own denomination there is the rally cry for people to pray about another “Great Awakening.”

Just as God told Israel if they would obey His commands and statutes, they would be blessed, and their enemies would receive the wrath of God. However, if Israel wouldn't obey the LORD, then the wrath intended for the pagans would become Israel's fate, and the unbelieving nations would receive the blessings.

There is a danger with disobedience and departure from God. I believe that a person, church, community and nation can become so far removed by disobedience, that the Glory of God will depart and eventually God will not hear the cry of His people. In Jeremiah there are several passages that tell Jeremiah not to pray for the people for God will not hear their cry. [Jer. 16:5; 14:11; 11:14]

My greatest concern with the conditions of America and the world is have we come to the stage of global apostasy and anarchy that God no longer listens, and His wrath is soon to be poured out. Ezekiel 22:30-31, tell us that Judah got to the point where there was no one who had the heart of God, no one was praying and seeking the LORD.

Now that I have painted such a gloom and doom picture; I must still hold out for hope. Passages such as 2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 Kings 8:28 and Jeremiah 29:10-14; give us hope. We must pray, but we must become desperate for the heart of God. Like the nation of Israel in Egypt crying out for deliverance and the lamenting songs sung by so many, yearning for freedom; we must desperately seek out and call upon the LORD. We must come to the end of ourselves and Hope that our prayers are not too late where God has turned a deaf ear!

God is still sovereign, and He still is on His throne. We cannot allow ourselves to become easily shaken by the worldview that pervades over our lives. We must continue to hold fast to our faith in God. His Church is going through a lot these days; but God has said “It is my Church; I will build it and the gates of hades will not prevail over it. [Matt 16: 18, paraphrased]

Blessings in the Lord;

Dr. Jim



Senior Adult Game Day
Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Tuesday, Aug. 13 @ 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, August 12
@ 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 –
Sexual Child Abuse Training Aug.
3, 11 AM – 2 PM (RSVP); fee \$20
covers workbook cost and lunch.

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

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).

Church Messengers – don't forget
to register and vote on messengers
for your church to be able to vote
at the annual meeting in October.

Donations will be greatly appreciated. Call Pastor Johnny Grimes, Truth
Missionary Baptist Church for details, 409-451-7328.

Truth Missionary Baptist Church

4032 FM 1765, Texas City

C.O.O.L. Addiction Program

Meets every Tuesday @ 6:30 PM

Contact 409-457-7382.

You're Invited!!!

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

Tuesday, August 13, 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 showing the "dirty pour" technique, 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, August 14 @ 9:30 AM

Items needed for this week are:

Soaps & washcloths

Crayons & colorbooks

Jump ropes

Play doh

GIRLS

Little girl's jewelry
barrettes, head bands Bubbles

BOYS

Balls - small
YoYos

Teenagers

Playing cards and card games (SkipBo, etc.)

Journals & pens, notepads

Jewelry

Flashlights

Summer Missionary Interns

The Glass Missions Offering will provide support for five Summer Missionary Interns to serve in the associational churches in the summer of 2020 but we have to request them now. They will serve 8-10 weeks between May 25-Aug. 3, 2020. Please let us know by **Thursday, Aug. 8** if you would like to request an intern to serve in your church; call the GBA Office at 409-938-8942 or email office@galvestonbaptist.org.

What is needed is a very specific and inclusive description of what the person will be doing at your church. Things that need to be identified are what qualifications do you need the person to have and what hours and locations of their support and concisely what ministry objectives the intern is needed for.

Annual Book of Reports

The GBA Annual Book of reports is currently being updated, the new one will be published in September.

Please check the information listed for your church and notify the GBA Office of any changes you would like to see published in the October 2019 book.

The Team and Ministry reports are also due by Sept. 24.

Open Admin Team Positions

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

Betty Summers, rotating off 3 year term.

Vounteers are needed to fill positions on all Teams: Pastoral Care, Crisis Response, Church Planting/Revitalization and Leadership Development.

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



Nathaniel Grimes

May 8, 1921 – June 20, 2019

Members of the Galveston Baptist Association send their condolences to Johnny and Connie Grimes and the congregation of Truth Missionary Baptist Church in the recent death of Johnny's father.

RENOVATE
Regional Church Revitalization Conference

Helping Churches Today Succeed Tomorrow!

September 20-21, 2019

Speakers Include:

Tom Cheyney	Ron Smith	Kenneth Priest
Karl Vaters	Terry Rials	Richard Taylor
Jim Grant	Chris Irving	Johnathan Smith

RENOVATE Regional Conference

GALVESTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

First Baptist Friendswood
111 E. Heritage Dr.
Friendswood, TX 77546

RenovateGalveston.com

Conference Schedule September 20-21, 2019

Friday Evening Schedule

- 5:30 pm Registration
- 6:00 pm Welcome and Worship Celebration Band
 - 6:20 pm Introduction of Keynote #1
- 6:30 pm Main Session 1 – **Dr. Ron Smith**
- 7:30 pm Break
 - 7:45 Introduction of Keynote #2
- 7:45 pm Main Session 2 – **Dr. Terry Rials**

Saturday Morning Schedule

- 7:45 am Registration
- 8:15 am Welcome and Worship Celebration Band
 - 8:30 Introduction of Keynote #3
- 8:30 am Main Session 3 – **Dr. Karl Vaters**
 - Introduction of Keynote #4
- 9:15 am Main Session 4 – **Dr. Jim Grant**
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:30 am Breakouts #1
- 11:30 am Breakouts #2
- 12:15 pm Lunch/Learn – “Who’s Your One”-
Dr. Richard Taylor

Saturday Afternoon Schedule

- 1:15 pm Worship Celebration Band
 - Introduction of Keynote #5
- 1:30 pm Main Session 5 – **Dr. Tom Cheyney**
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Breakouts #3
- 4:00 pm Farewell

Pastors we are less than 60 days before the Galveston Renovate conference held at 1st Baptist Friendswood. So far registration is bleak. In order to determine classroom space, refreshments and other variables for the conference; I need you to register yourself and other individuals as soon as possible. Go to renovategalveston.com to register. Your timeliness on this will be greatly appreciated. If at all possible register by September 1st. The revitalization conference is open all ministerial staff and lay leaders in your churches; and to anyone else regardless of denomination. Pass the word on!

Thanks in Advance.

Speakers Include:

Dr. Karl Vaters, Author and Pastor Teaching Pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Orange County, California Author of Small Church Essentials and The Grasshopper Myth

Dr. Tom Cheyney, Founder & Directional Leader of the Renovate National Church Revitalization Conferences

Dr. Terry Rials, Senior Pastor of Crestview Baptist in Oklahoma

Dr. Jim Grant, Galveston Baptist Association Executive Director

Dr. Kenneth Priest, Southern Baptist of Texas Convention Strategist

Dr. Richard Taylor, Southern Baptist of Texas Associate Director of Personal Evangelism & Fellowships

Dr. Ron Smith, Lead Pastor of Waterstone Church, Director of Renovate Coaching Network

Jonathan Smith, Connections Pastor 1st Baptist Friendswood



Upcoming Events

- 1 GBA Prayer time @ 9:30 AM, GBA
- 3 Sexual Abuse Training, Northside (more inside)
- 5 Executive Director/Pastor Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Kelley's La Marque
- 8 GBA Prayer time @ 9:30 AM, GBA
- 10 Hispanic Fellowship Nominating Committee, 10 AM @ Primera Galveston
- 13 Adults on Missions @ 11:30 AM, GBA
Sr. Adult Game Day @ 1:30 PM, GBA
Sisters Who Care @ 6 PM, TMBC
- 15 GBA Prayer time @ 9:30 AM, GBA
Admin Team Budget Meeting, 1:30 PM
- 17 WMU Breakfast @ FBC La Marque, 8:30 – 10 AM
- 22 GBA Prayer Time @ 9:30 AM. GBA Office
- 27 WMU Leadership Meeting @ 6 PM, Northside
- 29 GBA Prayer time @ 9:30 AM, GBA Office



Remember to pray for students
and teachers!

September

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

October

- 27-30 SBTC Convention, Odessa
- 31-Nov 3 Lone Star Motorcycle Rally

November

- 17-19 BGCT Convention, Waco

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

Impacting Churches to Impact the Kingdom

