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Letter FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear BMAT,

It seems like every organization, business and cause has a mission statement. The mission statement for Conroe, my hometown, is “to protect and serve the citizens of Conroe and exceed their expectations.” As a citizen of Conroe, I find great comfort knowing that there is a deliberate and intentional attempt from my community leaders to watch out for my best interests.



▲ Wes Pratt

As with any mission statement, however, reality does not always meet the expectation; there is always room for re-assessment and improvement. This is true for every city, organization, cause and church as well. God has given us His mission statement in Matthew 28:18-20 to be a church that follows His Great Commission. We all attempt to fulfill this mission statement from our Lord, and at times, we need to re-focus our mission to align with God’s expectation. God has given us a blue print of what to do. He has also given us the freedom of how we do it. I want to encourage every church leader to re-focus and to re-commit your involvement in the mission that God has given. Commitment to the mission will be the theme and emphasis of the annual meeting this year. Our theme is “Following Jesus, Focusing on Others” from Matthew 4:19, “Then He said unto them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” As we carry out this mission in the cities where we are planted, I believe God will honor His word and “give the increase” (1 Corinthians 3:7).

I want to invite every pastor, worship leader, youth and children’s leader to make a special effort to be in Waxahachie on Nov. 14 and 15, 2016. You may not think you need to be at the meeting, but the meeting needs you! We are going to have two full days of preaching, worship, workshops and fellowship. You do not want to miss out! Please be in prayer for the meeting as we gather as an association to encourage each other to carry on the mission of Christ. See you in November!

Wes Pratt

Baptist Missionary Association of Texas
President

FOLLOWING
JESUS:
NOV 14-15



FOCUSING ON
OTHERS
Matthew 4:19

BMA TEXAS ★ 2016 MEETING

116TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BMA OF TEXAS Farley Street Baptist Church, 1116 Brown Street, Waxahachie, Texas

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00 p.m. – General Session

- Worship
- Welcome
- Enrollment/ Finance Committee
- Celebration Video
- President’s Message, Following Jesus, Focusing on Others

2:00 p.m. – Worship

2:15 p.m. – Message, Jerry Jolly

3:00 p.m. – Brian Free & Assurance

3:15 p.m. – Message, John Bisagno

4:00 p.m. – Ministry Question & Answer Session

4:50 p.m. – Greeting from Southern Baptists of Texas, Casey Perry

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Brian Free & Assurance Concert

8:00 p.m. – Message, Jonathan Falwell

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:30 a.m. – Department and Missionary Meet and Greet

9:00 a.m. – WMA

10:00 a.m. – Leadership Conference, Hispanic Ministries

12:00 p.m. – Lunch Sessions

- Web/ Social Media w/Jason Collins
- Pastoral Health w/TBD

General Session

2:00 p.m. Worship

2:10 p.m. Texas Baptist Home

2:20 p.m. Jacksonville College

2:30 p.m. Baptist Progress

2:40 p.m. Mission Department

2:50 p.m. Baptist Missionary Loan Association

3:00 p.m. Administrative Committee

3:05 p.m. Elections

3:15 p.m. WMA

3:25 p.m. Master’s Builders

3:35 p.m. Miscellaneous Business

3:40 p.m. – Break Out Sessions

• Activate – Todd West

• Missional Church – Larry Barker w/vision from Heith Mitchell for State Missions

4:40 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. –

• Worship

• Jacksonville College Choir

• Annual Message, David Snelson

8:00 p.m. – Missionary Commissioning Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. – Open House at BMA Building, 632 Farley Street, Waxahachie and Texas Baptist Home for Children, 629 Farley Street, Waxahachie



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Sunday School Lessons

2 John—Truth

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: November 6, 2016

TEXT: 2 John 1-13

John chose not to identify himself in this brief letter and addressed it to the “chosen lady” which is either an influential member of the congregation, or a metaphorical reference to the local church.

Although the letter is brief, John covers many areas pertinent to the believer’s walk.

1. He prays for grace, mercy and peace upon the people. verse 3

2. He commends the people for their diligence to walk in truth. verse 4
3. He admonishes them to demonstrate a spirit of servitude in ministering to the needs of the flock. verse 5
4. He encourages them to walk in love, and according the precepts of the Word. verse 6. In 1 Corinthians 13 we find a beautiful description of the type of unconditional love God bestows on His children.
5. He warns them of the deception of false prophet, namely those who

denied the incarnation of Christ.

6. He cautions believers to be aware and discerning of deceivers posing as Christians, and not to be drawn away by heretical dogma. verse 7-8
7. He identifies one who is not content with the true gospel, but chases after other false doctrine, is not of the Father. verse 9
8. He admonishes believers not to keep company with those who are immersed in false doctrine, nor to bid them God-speed. verse 10-11

3 John—Hospitality

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: November 13, 2016

TEXT: 3 John 1-14

John addressed his third epistle to church leader, Gaius.

There are several references to a Gaius - one in Acts 19, a traveling companion of Paul; Later, Gaius of Derbe, was named as one of Paul’s traveling companions, who waited for him at Troas. In Romans 16, reference is made to Gaius as Paul’s “host” which many believe was in Corinth. Paul also made reference to Crispus and Gaius when he was rebuking the church

at Corinth for following their favorite church leader — Paul, Apollos and Cephas (Peter) He said, “I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius.” 1 Corinthians 1:14. It is believed by many that all references were to the same Gaius.

John prayed that the church would be successful, and healthy, both physically and spiritually; He commends them for walking in the truth, for the love they expressed to strangers who passed through, and for their monetary support given to traveling teachers of the gospel.

John had words of rebuke for a particular church member, Diotrephes, who wanted control of the congregation, placed himself on a pedestal, and refused traveling brethren who came to teach God’s Word. He used Diotrephes as an example of evil, and admonished the church not to imitate evil, but to imitate the good, such as was witnessed in Demetrius, an exact opposite of Diotrephes. Demetrius received a very favorable report from the church, being one who lived according to the truth of God’s Word.

CHURCHES IN REVIEW

OCTOBER 2, 2016

Church	SS	Worship	Additions
Antioch, Gilmer	40	95	
Calvary, Ennis	22	43	
First, Omen	36	70	1 by baptism
First, Palmer	64	106	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	15	50	
Harvest, Lufkin	75	90	
Jackson, Joaquin	64	125	1 by baptism
Little Flock, Lufkin	10	10	
Nat, Cushing	11	20	
New Hope, Mineola	61	115	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		44	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	40	47	
Pine Brook, Tyler	38	51	
Rosewood, Gilmer	152		1 by baptism, 2 by letter
Security Calvary, Cleveland	24	40	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	13	18	

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Church	SS	Worship	Additions
First, Blooming Grove	212		1 by letter
First, Palmer	63	91	2 by baptism
Glade Creek, Gilmer	20	45	
Harvest, Lufkin	57	65	2 by letter
Jackson, Joaquin	62	133	
Little Flock, Lufkin	14	17	
Nat, Cushing		15	
New Harmony, Tyler	281	361	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		71	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	40	47	
Pine Brook, Tyler	35	53	
Rosewood, Gilmer	132	254	1 by baptism, 1 by statement
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	18	25	

For publication, statistics for Churches in Review must be received by Monday at 5 p.m. on Monday.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

ASSOCIATION EXPENSE FUND

INCOME	2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET	2015-2016 ACTUAL	2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
General Fund (minute money)	14,300.00	13,013.90	15,355.00
Association Offering	1,250.00	795.00	850.00
Interest Income	50.00	5.76	10.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	3,256.96	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	15,600.00	17,071.62	16,215.00
EXPENSES			
Audit	750.00	765.00	765.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,062.00	1,100.00
Supplies (UTO, State Mtg, etc.)	250.00	927.25	1000
Miscellaneous	350.00	305.75	350.00
Administrative Committee	2,600.00	1,106.60	2,000.00
Committee of 15	350.00	0.00	0.00
Clerk Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Annual Meeting	2,000.00	1,871.21	3,200.00
Printing Minutes	7,000.00	6,012.75	6,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,600.00	13,150.56	16,215.00



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

2015-2016 Recommendations

1. That the Association Expense Fund proposed budget be approved.
2. That recommendations from the Salary and Benefits Subcommittee be approved.
3. That the 117th Annual Session of the BMA of Texas be held at New Harmony Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas Nov. 14-15, 2017.

RECOMMENDED DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS SALARIES AND BENEFITS

A. Salary: That the departmental directors for the BMA of Texas receive no increase in their annual salaries and that salaries remain as follows:

	Jacksonville College	State Missions	Texas Baptist Home	Baptist Progress	BMLA
Base Salary	\$94,000	\$64,000	\$76,600	\$63,200	\$42,300

B. Revivals: Departmental directors may keep the proceeds from four revivals with the understanding that if the proceeds are kept that no mileage reimbursement may be received.

C. Pulpit Supply: Departmental directors have a choice of:

1. Turning in the proceeds to his department and being reimbursed for mileage, or
2. Keeping the proceeds and not receiving mileage reimbursement.

D. Mileage Reimbursement: Associational business miles will be reimbursed at or below the IRS acceptable amount. Due to the high mileage of some departments, the board of trustees of each department have the option to provide a vehicle for the use of the departmental director

E. Vacation: Up to 10 years of service—receive two weeks; after 10 years – receive three weeks.

F. Sick Leave: After one year of service, six days per year, accumulative to 30 days. Unused sick leave pay is forfeited at termination.

G. Miscellaneous Benefits: Christmas bonus equal to one week's salary, health insurance for director and his family, longevity pay (\$100 per year of service), one-half of FICA (7.65 percent of salary), and retirement (6 percent of salary)

EVENTS

OCTOBER 20, 2016

Baptist Progress Ministry
Connection Workshop:
Understanding Generations
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: BMA of Texas
Building, Waxahachie
WHO: Jerry Burnaman,
manager, Baptist Missionary
Loan Association

OCTOBER 29, 2016

October Festival &
Chili Cook-off
WHEN: 4 to 6 p.m.
WHERE: First, Omen

OCTOBER 29-30, 2016

Homecoming
WHEN: Oct. 29 @ 6 p.m.,
Oct. 30 @ 11 a.m.
WHERE: Union Baptist
Church, Springtown
WHO: T.C. Melton,
guest speaker
Lunch following,
afternoon singing
Past pastors and members
welcome

OCTOBER 31, 2016

BMA of Smith County
WHEN: Supper at 6 p.m.,
Meeting at 7 p.m.
WHERE: First Baptist Church,
Omen

PERSONNEL & POSITIONS

AVAILABLE MINISTERS

EDDIE BALLARD is available for pulpit supply. Contact him in Waxahachie at 936-635-4195.

DR. BLANTON FEASTER is available for pulpit/worship supply, as well as educational training. Contact him at 972-935-2986 or blantonfeaster@yahoo.com.

ROGER MANNING is available for service as pulpit supply, interim, or permanent pastoral duties. His injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident on Dec. 7 are healed and he is now anxious to serve and preach God's Word. Roger was ordained in the Southern Baptist denomination and has over seven years preaching experience. He lives in Waxahachie and can be reached at roger@rogermanning.com or by calling 402-510-3019.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

YOUTH—Grace Temple, San Angelo (Grace Temple Ministries) is seeking a bivocational youth/student minister. Mail resume to Chris Sweet, 105 Guthrie Street, San Angelo, Texas 76901 or to pastorchris@gtministries.com. ^{11/2}

PASTOR—Blackjack, Troup is seeking a bivocational pastor. Send resume to the church at blackjackbaptistchurch@gmail.com or PO Box 605, Troup, Texas 75789. ^{12/16}

YOUTH—New Harmony, Tyler is seeking a full time youth minister. Talents or abilities desired. Education and experience in Theology and Counseling. Bilingual plus, but not required. Remit resume to New Harmony Baptist Church, 10251 FM 724, Tyler, Texas 75704, fax 903-593-2500, email nhbc@nhbc.us. For questions or information, call our office 903-593-5811. ^{10/19}

YOUTH/STUDENTS—Farley Street, Waxahachie is seeking a student pastor. Send resume to resume@farleystreet.com. ^{TFN}

PASTOR—Bauman Road, Houston is seeking a pastor. Contact Danny Koonce at 281-652-7821 or dannykoonce@gmail.com. ^{TFN}

PASTOR—Enon, lola is seeking a bivocational pastor. Parsonage available. For information, call 281-731-7850. ^{TFN}

PASTOR—Myrtle Springs, Quitman is seeking a pastor. Send resume to Myrtle Springs Baptist Church, 2185 FM 2225, Quitman, Texas 75783. ^{TFN}

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2016-2017 Recommendations

TEXAS BAPTIST HOME

2020

MICHAEL VESTAL (2012)
LEON ROSS (2016)
MATTHEW WARD (2016)
JOHNNY WILLIAMS (2016)

2019

JIM RAMSAY (2014)
DAVID ERICKSON (2015)
KERRAH TURNER (2015)

2018

ZETH SMITH (2014) SBTC
CHARLES JOHNSON (2010)
JERRY WILSON (2010)

2017

PHYLLIS TANNER (2013)
DEAN EASTERLING (2013)
BEVERLY FERRELL (2013)
JEREMY FRANKLIN (2013)
AARON CLAYTON (2016) SBTC

BAPTIST MISSIONARY LOAN ASSOCIATION

2020

STEVE SINCLAIR (2012)
DANNY VAUGHN (2016)
ROY PRATHER (2016)
MIKE CHISM (2016)

2019

SCOTT NIVEN (2014)
JASON WILLIAMS (2015)
REX COULTER (2015)

2018

DORENE WALKER (2010)
RICHARD MURRAY (2014)
ARNOLD OLIVER (2014)

2017

LARRY ELLIOTT (2009)
RON CRADDOCK (2008)
MARY WILKERSON (2013)

BMA TEXAS MISSIONS

2020

ROBERT LEE (2016)
TIM BOURNE (2012)
BILL STRICKLAND (2012)
GRADY CASHION (2015)

2019

DAVID TAYLOR (2011)
RAY THOMPSON (2011)
DAVID MARTIN (2014)

2018

CLINTON EVERITT (2014)
BRETT LESTER (2014)
CHRIS DRIVER (2016)

2017

DAVID PICKARD (2013)
ROBBIE CALDWELL (2013)
SHELBY RACE (2009)

BAPTIST PROGRESS

2020

ROBERT EASTERLING (2012)
LARRY WOOD (2014)
WES PRATT (2016)

2019

TOMMY HALL (2011)
MICHAEL ANTHONY (2015)
JAMES DORMAN (2015)

2018

PAUL GAUNTT (2010)
MICHAEL WAITS (2010)
MIKE THORNHILL (2012)
RAIF TURNER (2012)

2017

EDDIE BALLARD (2011)
THOMAS AYRES (2013)
FRANK ESCAMILLA (2015)

JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

2020

KEN PERKINS (2012)
PAUL BURKHART (2013) AT LARGE
KENNETH CLINE (2016)

2019

DWAYNE ORR (2015)
CHARLOTTE JOHNSON (2011)
RICHARD SMITH (2011)
JASON MARTIN (2015) SBTC

2018

CAROL LYBRAND (2014)
BOB PEARL (2014) SBTC
DENNIS MORRIS (2014)
MARK MOORE (2014) SBTC

2017

JAMES SCHOENROCK (2009)
STEVE MCCEIG (2009)
JOE ED ANDERSON (2013)
VERNON LEE (2013)

* Names in bold indicate nominees to be elected or reelected in 2016.

JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

INCOME	2015-2016 BUDGET	2015-2016 ACTUAL	2016-2017 PROPOSED
Students	3,900,000.00	3,420,000.00	4,100,000.00
SBTC/BMA	600,000.00	802,000.00	800,000.00
Scholarship	60,000.00	68,000.00	68,000.00
Endowment	200,000.00	73,000.00	75,000.00
Designated	30,000.00	73,000.00	75,000.00
Auxiliary	10,000.00	14,000.00	15,000.00
Bookstore	150,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
Organizations	50,000.00	61,000.00	65,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	5,000,000.00	4,636,000.00	5,323,000.00
EXPENSES			
Academic	747,000.00	84,000.00	1,000,000.00
Dean of Students	76,000.00	45,000.00	50,000.00
Security/Housing	187,000.00	97,000.00	100,000.00
Athletics	460,000.00	493,000.00	560,000.00
Operations	1,878,000.00	1,433,000.00	2,300,000.00
Administration	1,579,000.00	1,992,000.00	1,300,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,927,000.00	4,144,000.00	5,310,000.00



JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

2017-2018 Recommendations

1. That every church promotes daily prayer for the Ministry of Jacksonville College.
2. That every church encourages prospective students to attend Jacksonville College.
3. That churches and associations consider having a Jacksonville College Rally. The choir asked to sing and the President to share information about the college and preach. The purpose is to promote the college, aid in recruitment of prospective students and financial support.
4. That churches and individuals give monthly to the operational needs of the college and special gifts to be "Debt Free in Three."
5. That churches and associations give to special "End-of-Year" financial gift.
6. That Sunday May 7, 2017 be designated as "Jaguar Day Across Texas" and a special financial gift be given to the college.
7. That Dr. Smith, the Administration, Faculty, and staff of Jacksonville College be given a vote of appreciation for their leadership and service.

An expression of everlasting love

Many of our friends choose to honor or remember a family member, a friend or an associate with a gift for the children of the Baptist Home. Texas Baptist Home, in turn, notifies the appropriate person. Listed in capital letters are those honored or remembered from Aug. 1-31, 2016.

ENDOWMENTS

MYRA STOKES: Mr. Bill Stokes
E ANN PACE: Karl & Martha Pace

HONORARIUMS

BRO. CALDWELL'S 50 YEARS IN MINISTRY: Charles & Charlotte Johnson
PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES EVERYWHERE: Roy & Elizabeth Talbot
NOAH PRUITT, JR.: Allbright Insurance Agency, Hot Springs, AR

MEMORIALS

BETTY ADAMS: Larry & Jean; Joe & Linda Dodson
BERNIECE AYRES: Charles and Charlotte Johnson
WALTER BECKER: Dennis & Ilona Myrice
BRIAN BORDERS: Jerry & Terri Hudson
HASKELL BROWN: Jerry Null
CLYDE DAVIDSON: Tommy Gipson
JOE DETRICK: Eunice SS Class at South Park Baptist Church
SONNY & J. DUNAVANT: Margaret Wolf
VIRGINIA ELLIS: Friendship SS Class at First Baptist Church, Carthage
DENNIS GIPSON: Charles & Charlotte Johnson
BILLIE GRIMES: John Grimes
VERDO HARRIS: Eunice SS Class at South Park Baptist Church
VERDA HASLEY: David and Dianne Wisener
HEATH: Jimmy Ray & Cynthia Green
HALEY JOHNSON: Terry Barnhill
THEO JOHNSON: Johnny & Phyllis Howell
BECKY JONES: Linda Lewis
DARLENE KING: Community Baptist Church, Killeen
WANDA KING: Community Baptist Church, Killeen
ROBERT LAWRENCE: Friendship SS Class at First Baptist Church, Carthage
ERNESTO LOPEZ: Charles & Charlotte Johnson; Rosewood Baptist Church, Gilmer
FRANKIE MCKINLEY: Charles & Charlotte Johnson
VICKI MCNEW: Duane & Charlotte Turner
MELISSA ANN MILLER: Harold & Jean Jacobs; Daniel & Gina Wilson
WILLIAM R. MILLER JR.: Johnny & Phyllis Howell
LOUISE ODOM: Charles & Charlotte Johnson; Palmour & Bertha McCool; F.B.I. Class at Rosewood Baptist Church; George & Pamela Hurd
RONNY PERRY SR.: Liberty Baptist Church, Henderson
DORTHEY PRUITT: Allbright Insurance Agency, Hot Springs, AR
JOHN REX "BUCK" QUINN, SR.: Rosewood Baptist Church, Gilmer; Charles & Charlotte Johnson
E. G. SCARBOROUGH: Johnny & Phyllis Howell
MRS. JACKIE SPENCER: Johnny & Phyllis Howell
CLAUDIA TIDWELL: Travis & Brenda Floyd
TIM THOMPSON: Johnny & Phyllis Howell
FRED TURNER: Lakeridge Baptist Church
HAYLEIGH RAE WILLIAMS: Galen & Joyce Williams

Association of Baptist Students Active at Stephen F. Austin State University

By **JOHN SHACKELFORD**
ABS Director

Freshman Orientations went great. We met hundreds of students and 135 filled out surveys, and we have right at 140 on our "remind list." They receive a devotional daily, as well as invitations to our events. They don't all come to our events yet, but only two have asked to be removed from the text message list. The whole family hands out flyers and tracts at orientations.

We had our first meeting on the first day of classes. It was a hectic time, but we had some visitors at our Bible study. The key verses were Matt. 6:31-34, and the theme was "Seek first and don't worry — Who is your King?"

On a hot September day, we sat up a table and 40 students came by and filled out spiritual surveys. We were able to add 30 names to our daily Scripture list. Emily Attebery led out in this event. She is the daughter of Dr. Philip and Stephanie Attebery from our BMA Theological Seminary family. Her father was an ABS director for 10 years at Tyler Jr. College before accepting the dean of students position at BMATS.

We are starting up several different small groups this semester. We will have our regular group meeting on Mondays at 5 p.m., and the small group meetings will be held during the week. One group is led by Emily Attebery on campus at her dorm room, and another is being held at a home hosted by Drs. Dale and Shelia Hill in Nacogdoches on Sundays at 6 p.m. We are also working on setting up two other group meetings.

HELPING STUDENTS

I recently had lunch with a student from Nigeria, and found out that he and his roommates were sleeping on the floor of their apartment. We were able to provide mattresses for them, plus some pots and pans. We are continuing communication with them and are sharing Christ often. We were also able to help Funso, who attends a small group at ABS, to find a job. Praise the Lord! Funso has attended church at Keltys First Baptist Church in Lufkin.

PERSONAL LOSS

My wife, Katie lost her dad unexpectedly two weeks ago. Bob Herndon was 69 years old. PawPaw Whiskers' death was sudden and unexpected. Katie misses her dad, and the kids miss their Grandpa. Life is a vapor — make sure you are ready to meet Jesus!



State Meeting HOTEL INFORMATION

The following hotels have rooms blocked for the 116th Annual Session of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas Nov. 14 and 15, and have guaranteed room rates as specified below. However, it is the decision of the church as to which hotel in Waxahachie that you choose to use.

When making reservations, please specify that you are with the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas in order to receive the group rate. You must bring a copy of your Texas hotel tax exempt certificate with you. The hotels will not be able to provide one.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites (\$69.00 per night)
 311 Stadium Drive
 Waxahachie, TX 75165
 (972) 937-5525
 Continental Breakfast Included

Comfort Suites (\$86.99 per night)
 131 RVC Plaza
 Waxahachie, TX 75165
 469-517-1600
 Continental Breakfast Included

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (89.99 per night)
 984 US Hwy 287 Bypass West
 Waxahachie, TX 75165
 (972) 938-3300
 Continental Breakfast Included



Auxiliaries

Sharing God's hospitality

By SHARON COLE

Ladies, if you missed the 2016 Ladies' Retreat, you really missed a blessing. The State WMA theme, "Open Homes—Open Hearts," will be continued at the State WMA meeting in Waxahachie November 15, 2016. We will meet at 9 a.m. in the auditorium of Farley Street Baptist Church. All ladies are invited to attend and enjoy the business meeting and program then visiting together with friends you sometimes only see once a year.

Speakers for the program will be Johnnie Ross, Texas WMA 2nd Vice President, who will speak on God's hospitality towards us. Pat Quesenbury, member of Texas WMA Project Selection Committee, will speak on sharing God's hospitality with others. Then, after a short video, Charlotte Johnson, Texas WMA Assistant Corresponding Secretary, will share how we as a State WMA will show hospitality to the National WMA when the BMAA meets in Arlington next year.

This meeting is important as it brings to a close the current project, raising funds toward the purchase of a front-end loader tractor/mower for Jacksonville College. Over \$11,000 has been raised for this project so far and we are praying by November 15th that we reach our goal of \$15,000. Jacksonville College really needs this tractor to maintain the landscaping and appearance of the campus and make other maintenance jobs easier. Pray about giving to this project to the glory of God. Designate your offerings for Texas WMA Project and send them to: Jo Strong, 149 NW Suzanne Terrace, Burleson, TX 76028. Contact her at 817-480-0888, Jokenstrong@juno.com. We need everyone to participate if at all possible.

God blesses us each and every day in countless ways. Many times we are guilty of taking His hospitality for granted. Let us daily consider that His hospitality came our way through great cost. Let us never be guilty of living our lives as if we were given cheap grace; and in view of that let us show His hospitality toward others. The apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." In order to show hospitality, we have to have a genuine love for people. The most important part is being interested in the eternal destiny of every person we meet.

We must be excited about what Jesus did for us in order to share His love with others. It all has to start with prayer. When we spend time with God, then we will be prepared to share the gospel with power and confidence. This is what "Open Hearts" means; letting care and concern radiate in our words and actions. "Open Homes" means you invite people to share in your home. You may feel a little reserved about opening your home

up to people. But God wants us to share what God has given us to bless others. Some of you may think that you have to have everything picture or magazine perfect to invite people in. That is not important. They are coming to enjoy your company, not examine the quality or style of your house. Just be yourself.

If God asks us to do something, He equips us for the job. If we allow God to open our hearts we will open our homes. We will not worry about anything except pleasing Him.

Many times we stereotype people or even ourselves, thinking, "Why should I ask that person?" Or, "I feel so inadequate, why would they listen to me?" Jesus didn't make those analogies. He saw people for who they were and what they needed and knew he had the solution that was more important than what he looked like or what the person had done.

In Acts 16 we see an example where God opened the heart of Lydia as she opened her home to Paul and Silas after she believed in Jesus. She showed hospitality to those who brought the good news of the gospel and wouldn't take no for an answer, for she pleaded with them to come. Lydia was building a bridge between herself and others. She was building relationships. She was ministering to people, fulfilling a need. She was showing love in the only way she knew how. Everyone is different so we all will show God's love in different ways. Jesus showed his disciples love with a towel, washing their dirty, weary feet.

Although we may think a whip is a strange way to show love, Jesus showed his love for the temple by driving out the money changers who were cheating the people by charging them exorbitant prices for sacrificial animals. Most of all, He loved with a Cross. Doing good, showing love, doesn't have to be some heroic action in a major crisis.

Often we let the small opportunities pass such as taking a meal to a family whose mother is in the hospital; inviting a new family to share a social occasion; or just dropping by and listening to someone who is depressed. All we really need to do is be sensitive to the Holy Spirit leading and the still small voice of God guiding us in showing hospitality.

Sharon Cole is the editor for the Texas WMA. Contact her at S9Co@aol.com. For more information on the Texas WMA, visit www.texaswma.com.



Too busy

By TAMRA BOLTON

The day began as others would,
Full of worries and heaps of shoulds.
I glanced at my Bible by my chair,
But hurries on, for I had many cares.
Things to do and places to be,
I thought to myself, "I'll get back to you... you'll see.
First, I'll take care of the most pressing thing,
But that led to another and another, an ever-widening ring.
So it went throughout my day--
Running here and there till my nerves were frayed.
This evening as I passed my little chair,
I saw my bible lying there.
Still waiting, still hoping I'd spend some time,
Still waiting to help me untangle my mind.
I sat down and opened it and once again,
I realized how foolish I had been.
He was there waiting patiently all day for me,
Only I was moving too fast to see.
To see He had more for me—he wanted more for my life.
Than I ever thought it could be.
But I was too busy and impatient to wait
And created a life that has been mostly fake.
With all of the rushing around that I do,
Some are good things, but they are too few.
Lord help me to stop and consider the costs
When I am too busy for a world that is lost.

upcoming events

FALL THEATER PRODUCTION

Dear Liar

October 21-22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary S. Lewis Theater
Tickets: \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 23 in the JC Cafeteria

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

October 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Norman Library

FALL CONCERT

November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Buckner Chapel

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

November 21-25 (Offices will be closed)

CHRISTMAS SHOW

Presented by the JC Theater and Music Programs
December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Buckner Chapel

REGISTRATION

Early registration for Winter 2016 is ongoing.
Early registration for Spring 2017 begins on November 16.

BMA TEXAS MISSIONS



BMA TEXAS MISSIONS 2016-2017 Recommendations

1. That the 2017 Budget be adopted.
2. That the following continue to serve as missionaries as presented in budget.
 - a. Gary Southard – Porter (Lead Missionary)
 - b. Will Hutchinson – Hutto (Lead Missionary)
 - c. Matthew Prather – Midlothian (Lead Missionary)
 - d. Rick Sydnor – Lindale (Lead Missionary)
3. That Arnulfo Maldonado continues to serve as the Texas Hispanic Mission Coordinator.
4. That the following be elected as missionaries as presented in the budget.
 - a. Cliff Robertson – Lake Jackson (Intern)
 - b. Brandon Durham – Houston (Lead Missionary)
 - c. David Smart – Midlothian (Associate)
 - d. Toby Goodman – Jacksonville (Intern)
 - e. John Harris – verify location (Lead Missionary)
5. That Heith Mitchell stand as nominee for Executive Director of State Missions.

INCOME	2015-2016 BUDGET	2015-2016 ACTUAL	2016-2017 PROPOSED
Income			
Donations (Churches)	400,000.00	350,339.70	500,000.00
Sale of Bookstore	-	78,382.13	-
Local Assn for Districts	8,000.00	415.00	-
Notes Receivables	45,000.00	168,258.70	83,500.00
Interest Income / Investment Withdrawal	125,000.00	28,458.05	277,031.00
Loan Supplement			
Director/Secretary Insurance	3,100.00	2,758.29	-
Director/Secretary Salary	38,967.00	42,008.34	-
Total Income	620,067.00	670,620.21	860,531.00
Expenses			
Advertising/Promotion	1,500.00	-	3,000.00
Attorney/Legal	5,000.00	31,010.95	5,000.00
Audit	8,000.00	10,280.00	9,680.00
Bookstore Expenses	-	6,085.85	-
Computer Maintenance & Equipment	1,000.00	1,261.84	1,500.00
Insurance Bond	100.00	100.00	-
Office Maintenance & Equipment	1,500.00	4,781.89	1,630.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	4,683.31	4,000.00
Office Rent	9,000.00	9,000.00	12,000.00
Office Expenses	-	-	1,000.00
Postage	2,000.00	784.48	2,300.00
Bank Charges	850.00	1,168.50	550.00
Property & Personal Liability	25,000.00	29,367.42	14,000.00
Christmas Bonus	2,088.00	5,019.29	2,700.00
Director Salary	47,133.00	50,540.12	45,000.00
Director Housing	22,687.00	25,186.95	20,000.00
Director Longevity	1,700.00	1,700.00	-
Director Retirement	4,188.00	9,830.00	3,900.00
Director Insurance	8,433.00	8,263.32	7,000.00
Director Phone	-	1,168.11	1,488.00
Director Travel/Training	19,000.00	10,329.28	22,000.00
Secretary Salary	38,792.00	33,706.11	-
Office Assistant			8,190.00
Director Assistant			11,550.00
Financial Assistant			10,000.00
Secretary Retirement	1,500.00	2,085.39	-
Secretary Insurance	1,800.00	55.00	-
Office Assistant	4,680.00	5,982.61	-
Janitor		4,113.37	-
Church Planter Salary	145,500.00	175,612.00	223,200.00
Church Planter Housing	97,200.00	90,000.00	62,400.00
Church Planter Insurance		18,072.00	-
Church Planter Coaching & Training	24,000.00	33,852.19	16,000.00
Church Planter Coaching			18,000.00
Church Planter Assessments			5,000.00
Payroll Taxes	24,000.00	33,640.92	25,000.00
Future Missions	98,436.00	21,029.16	281,243.00
Support Missions Districts	20,000.00	-	-
Staff Travel/Training	3,000.00	1,637.22	1,000.00
Trustee Expenses	1,000.00	3,840.29	2,000.00
Property Support (Ends June '17)			3,000.00
Activate Assistance			7,200.00
Misc. Expenses		26,308.97	5,000.00
Hispanic Ministry Travel & Training			24,000.00
Baptist Progress Subscriptions			1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	620,067.00	660,496.54	860,531.00

BAPTIST MISSIONARY LOAN ASSOCIATION

INCOME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2014-2015 ACTUAL	2015-2016 PROPOSED
Interest Income	355,000.00	392,112.00	443,147.00
Donations - Churches	8,500.00	6,030.00	9,500.00
UTO	15,500.00	15,105.00	15,500.00
Other Income	1,500.00	1,480.00	1,500.00
TOTAL	380,500.00	414,727.00	469,647.00
EXPENSES			
Annuity	16,800.00	16,800.00	2,400.00
Property Maint	2,000.00	3,190.00	2,500.00
Property Tax	5,500.00	7,288.00	9,400.00
Property Insurance	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,200.00
Computer Maint & Equip	3,500.00	10,754.00	5,000.00
Office Maint & Equip	1,500.00	5,008.00	1,500.00
Office Rent	9,000.00	9,000.00	12,000.00
Supplies	750.00	255.00	1,200.00
Postage	1,000.00	925.00	750.00
UTO	200.00	200.00	200.00
Insurance (Bond)	100.00	100.00	100.00
Legal & Accounting	6,000.00	7,274.00	7,035.00
Promotion	4,000.00	2,635.00	3,000.00
Staff Training	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Trustee Expense	750.00	70.00	750.00
Travel Expense	6,500.00	3,404.00	6,500.00
Telephone	N/A	N/A	1,620.00
Christmas Bonus	2,328.00	2,328.00	1,485.00
Supplement Ins (Dir & Sec)	3,100.00	2,392.00	N/A
Supplement Ret (Sec)	Secretary Combined	Secretary Combined	N/A
Supplement Sal (Dir & Sec)	38,967.00	47,066.00	N/A
Supplement Sal (Sec)	Secretary Combined	Secretary Combined	N/A
Office Assistant	12,480.00	5,708.00	N/A
Director Salary	N/A	N/A	27,300.00
Director Housing	N/A	N/A	15,000.00
Director Insurance	N/A	N/A	7,888.00
Director Retirement	N/A	N/A	3,012.00
Director Longevity	N/A	N/A	1,800.00
Secretary Salary	N/A	N/A	27,020.00
Secretary Retirement	N/A	N/A	1,622.00
Payroll Taxes	N/A	N/A	4,909.00
Interest Expense	155,000.00	207,458.00	228,600.00
Miscellaneous Expense	N/A	2,061.00	650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	272,475.00	335,416.00	376,941.00



Baptist Missionary Loan Association

2016-2017 Recommendations

1. That the 2017 budget be adopted.
2. That consistent support from associations, churches, and individuals, provide funds for the BMLA to financially assist mission churches for purchasing property and constructing new facilities.
3. That we also help established churches when funds are available; we currently have sufficient funds for several church loans.
4. That we encourage our churches, local associations, and individuals to place funds, either interest-bearing or interest free, on loan to the BMLA.
5. That Jerry Burnaman stand as nominee as business manager of the BMLA.
6. That we give a rising vote of appreciation to Jerry Burnaman for his service for Business Manager of BMLA.

TEXAS BAPTIST HOME



TEXAS BAPTIST HOME

2016-2017 Recommendations

1. That we give praise, honor, glory and thanksgiving to our Lord for His blessings on the ministry of Texas Baptist Home during its 106 year history;
2. That we give utmost praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the precious souls saved during the past year among the Home's residents;
3. That we express gratitude to churches and individuals for the faithful support in making special campaigns such as "Change for Children", "Build-a-Backpack", North Texas Giving Day, 5K Runs and Christmas appeal great successes and encourage a greater involvement from the supporting churches in participating in Home activities;
4. That we extend our sincere thanks to those who have remembered the Home in their wills, estates and in faithful prayer support;
5. That we give a special word of thanks to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention for their faithful and sacrificial service to the Home and for their support of .75% of their in-state cooperative program budget receipts;
6. That the proposed budget of \$3,928,030 be approved for the next BMAT fiscal year with \$560,000 coming from churches of the BMA of Texas and encourage churches to consider including the Home in their annual budget.
7. That we ask churches and individuals to pray fervently for the Home due to recent changes in the foster care system at the state and federal levels;
8. That we glorify and praise our Lord and Savior for the 42 adoptions placed through Texas Baptist Home in the past year to give these children permanent homes and encourage members of our supporting churches to consider adoption and fostering;
9. That \$15,000 of President Marsh's salary be designated as housing allowance, and
10. That Bro. Eddie Marsh stand as nominee for the position of President of Texas Baptist Home and that he and the Home staff be given a rising vote of appreciation for their faithful, unselfish and dedicated service to the Home's ministry.

	2015-2016 BUDGET	2015-2016 ACTUAL	2016-2017 PROPOSED
INCOME			
Church Donations	560,000	546,878	560,000
Individual & Business Donations	488,040	471,010	450,960
Reimbursement for Services	2,849,840	2,901,190	2,691,760
Endowment Interest	195,860	181,376	188,650
Interest (Other)	7,400	4,552	5,500
Oil & Gas Royalties	24,000	9,388	12,360
Rent	19,200	18,107	18,800
TOTAL	4,144,340	4,132,501	3,928,030
EXPENSE			
Accounting	22,700	21,630	21,400
Auto (Gas & Maintenance)	22,470	27,324	23,880
Cash & Gifts to Children	38,280	36,035	26,250
Children's Activity	44,920	36,027	32,600
Clothing	55,500	50,765	49,980
Computer	23,460	44,539	36,000
Contract Labor	28,220	38,460	30,300
Dues & Fees	32,580	34,044	25,980
Food	35,940	31,537	23,280
Foster Home	1,377,230	1,339,445	1,279,140
Furnishings	14,160	10,329	9,660
Household	13,200	12,774	12,480
Housing	15,000	15,000	15,000
Insurance (Group)	405,780	374,906	389,280
Insurance (General)	98,280	108,952	106,145
Legal	6,000	2,450	5,700
Medical & Dental	3,180	485	1,260
Medicine	600	826	600
Miscellaneous	16,920	13,266	15,120
Office Supplies	25,260	34,570	23,220
Postage	13,320	7,916	12,780
Printing	30,720	30,473	29,700
Public & Church Relations	17,040	23,897	19,840
Property Repairs	54,820	61,605	56,580
Rental Property Exp.	58,000	64,175	67,500
Resource Development	6,120	3,938	4,800
Retirement	44,460	47,278	51,310
Psychological Services	38,400	41,500	38,520
Longevity	1,200	1,200	1,300
Salaries	1,292,410	1,249,854	1,227,220
School	3,600	3,969	3,660
Staff Training	22,200	22,236	19,260
Taxes (Property)	1,500	1,449	1,600
Taxes (Payroll)	98,870	95,690	93,885
T. E. C.	1,200	7,422	9,000
Travel	72,120	66,626	63,840
Utilities	106,580	95,303	99,360
College, Ind. Living, & Vocational	2,100	223	600
TOTAL	4,144,340	4,058,118	3,928,030

BAPTIST PROGRESS

INCOME	2015-2016 BUDGET	2015-2016 ACTUAL	2016-2017 PROPOSED
Subscriptions	110,000.00	105,805.81	106,000.00
Website Building/Maintenance	-	230.00	-
Advertising	13,000.00	6,670.70	7,000.00
United Thanksgiving Offering	15,000.00	14,030.33	15,000.00
Baptist Progress Anniversary Offering	15,000.00	14,479.30	15,000.00
Interest Income	400.00	712.61	700.00
Auxiliary Page	1,800.00	1,350.00	900.00
Every Sunday Bulletin Service	15,000.00	11,317.35	11,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	34,320.95	-
Designated Income	-	11,291.48	-
Trust Fund Distribution	-	444.88	450.00
Other Sales & Services	2,500.00	287.35	500.00
Contributions	35,907.38	21,534.08	36,507.38
TOTAL INCOME	208,607.38	222,474.84	193,557.38
EXPENSES			
Employee Compensation:			
Editor's Salary	37,920.00	37,920.00	37,920.00
Editor's Housing	25,280.00	25,280.00	25,280.00
Editor's Retirement	3,792.00	3,792.00	3,792.00
Editor's Longevity	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
Editor's Hospitalization Insurance	11,000.00	14,068.38	11,000.00
Editor's Christmas Bonus	1,215.38	1,215.38	1,215.38
Office Staff Compensation	10,400.00	12,375.10	10,500.00
Office Staff Christmas Bonus(es)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Graphic Artist Compensation	7,200.00	7,740.00	6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	6,400.00	8,278.90	6,500.00
Payroll Expenses	100.00	31.49	100.00
General Expenses:			
Professional Fees	3,250.00	5,566.55	6,000.00
Digital Communication/Printing	-	1,730.74	1,800.00
Computer Maintenance/Contracts	2,000.00	1,592.65	2,000.00
Equipment/Furnishings	2,000.00	5,936.62	2,000.00
Every Sunday Bulletin Service	8,500.00	10,021.95	10,250.00
Gratuity for Writers	3,000.00	1,550.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00	4,192.22	3,000.00
Office Insurance	-	-	700.00
Office Postage	1,250.00	1,207.78	1,250.00
Office Utilities & Expenses	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,577.10	2,000.00
Proofreading	2,400.00	1,000.00	-
Travel	3,500.00	986.59	3,000.00
Trustee Expense	-	206.71	500.00
Expenses for Printing & Mailing:			
USPS (Postage)	35,000.00	33,387.85	17,500.00
Texoma Printing	30,000.00	27,603.50	20,000.00
Expenses for Ministry Connection:			
Conference	-	-	6,750.00
Workshops	-	-	2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	208,607.38	217,661.51	193,557.38

Baptist Progress

Baptist Progress

2016-2017 Recommendations

1. That due to increased printing and postage costs and fewer church plans, due to church closings and church budget cuts, *Baptist Progress* reduce print publication from 24 twelve page issues per year to 12 sixteen page issues per year.
2. That *Baptist Progress* publish eNews Updates by email on most weeks when print issues of *Baptist Progress* are not published.
3. That subscription rates be as follows:
 - a. Church Plan mail subscriptions—\$18 per year
 - b. Church Plan email subscriptions—\$15 per year
 - c. Individual mail subscriptions—\$24 per year
 - d. Individual email subscriptions—\$18 per year
4. That advertisement rates be as follows:
 - a. Full page (10.5 x 11.75 w/border)
Color \$500
Grayscale \$475
 - b. Half page (10.5 x 5.75 w/border)
Color \$250.00
Grayscale \$225.00
 - c. Fourth page (5.25 x 5.75 w/border)
Color \$125.00
Grayscale \$100.00
 - d. Classified (Up to 7 lines w/o border)
\$15.00
5. That churches receive a special offering for *Baptist Progress* in June and the overall goal be \$15,000.
6. That churches subscribe to the *Baptist Progress* Every Sunday Bulletin Service.
7. That churches and individuals order supplies, books, Bibles, music and more through the BMA of Texas website, www.bmatexas.org.
8. That the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 associational year be approved.
9. That Jerry Fulton stand as a nominee for editor of *Baptist Progress*.



Debt free in THREE 2020

By DR. MIKE SMITH

Jacksonville College President

When I was a boy, I remember crying, "Mama, my legs hurt." She would rub them and attempt to console me, "Those are growing pains." I thought to myself that it sure does hurt to grow. Today, Jacksonville College is experiencing growing pains. Our enrollment has grown every semester, and the increase in student population creates stress on our infrastructure. In December, we had major plumbing problems in the cafeteria. Five large air conditioning units across campus have gone out, and the working units are under stress trying to keep up with AC demands. In addition, the Joe Wright property cannot be completed until a new roof is put on.

Continued student growth over the past few years has also created a need for more student housing. Houses adjacent to our campus were old and required renovations before they could be used as student residences. Thanks to volunteers like The Master's Builders and alumni groups, we saved labor costs, but the materials were expensive. In order to maintain our facilities, we have borrowed against ourselves; now the need is to pay our investments back and become debt free.

In order to become debt free, Jacksonville College needs your help. First, thank you for your faithful support. Please continue because this pays our operational expenses. In addition to your regular support, we ask you to consider giving one third more than usual in order to help pay off the debt. For example, if you and/or your church gives \$100 a month please continue; this support is essential. Plus, add \$33 more a month for three years. If

every person, association, or church would give a third more, JC would be debt free by 2020. "Debt Free in Three." Your support will help Jacksonville College continue its ministry of educating students from a biblical worldview.

WHY I WORK AT JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

"Working at Jacksonville College is a blessing. I not only get to work with Christian co-workers, but my job also gives me the opportunity to work with so many of our BMA supporters whom I have known and loved through the years. Truly, time spent at Jacksonville College is more of a mission that just a job."

Buddy Aultman, Director of Development
Member of First Baptist Church,
Jacksonville

WHY I ATTEND JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

"I came to Jacksonville College to further my education and to learn and grow in Christ. I came to learn from teachers who have been in the ministry. I love how we are taught from a biblical worldview."

Lance Eubanks, student from Ben Wheeler,
Texas

Member of First Baptist Church, Ben
Wheeler

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

STUDENT: Mother, I got a 100 today.

MOTHER: What did you get a 100 in?

STUDENT: I got a 60 in reading and a 40 in math.



120th Homecoming

LEGGETT BAPTIST CHURCH
162 Freeman Farm Road
Leggett, Texas

OCTOBER 30, 2016

- Sunday School 9:45am
- Morning Worship 11:00am
- Lunch Served After Morning Worship
- Old Time Gospel Singing After Meal

Leggett Baptist Church, established: 1894

Everyone is cordially and prayerfully invited to come and be a part of ongoing history and ongoing fellowship that gives all the glory and honor to the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ!

Bro. Tim Thompson, Pastor
Phone 936-328-6280



DEBT FREE IN THREE

_____ (Your name/church)
commits to pray for Jacksonville College and to give:

_____ a month for operating expenses

_____ a month for "Debt Free in Three"

_____ as a special gift for "Debt Free in Three"

_____ Amount enclosed

(Cut out and mail this form to: Jacksonville College, 105 B.J. Albritton Drive, Jacksonville, TX 75766)



2016

United Thanksgiving Offering

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Overall goal: \$125,000

Goal per church: \$1,500

The offering benefits Baptist Missionary Loan Association, Baptist Progress, Jacksonville College, State Missions and Texas Baptist Home for Children.

Mail offerings to BMA of Texas,
P.O. Box 73, Waxahachie, Texas 75168