

MISSION MESSENGER



Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands **FIRM** in the heavens. Psalms 119:89
July, 2010



I pray your 4th of July was full of remembrances of all the ways GOD has blessed America. May we strive to be a blessing to GOD by our discipleship!

The Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fl. Has concluded. There was much discussion about the recommendations of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force Recommendations. After the discussion, all recommendations were accepted by Convention vote. Much of the discussion centered around the Cooperative Program for funding the work of Southern Baptists around the globe. It is my prayer that each of you and each church will continue to give to the cooperative program because this is the way we as Baptists have been able to penetrate much of a dark world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We can do so much more when we work together than if we work as individuals. I know that economic times are not the best, but we need to remember it is GOD who owns all of it so we need to be faithful with what he has given to give to further his kingdom. Support your church and it's commitment to the Cooperative Program so we all can better help reach the lost of our world.

As Hurricane Alex winds down, pray for those affected by this hurricane and about how we might help the victims in this time of need. I look forward to seeing you at one of the July Associational meetings. Be praying for upcoming Mission opportunities.

In Christ's service,

Brother Charles

Mescalero Mission Trip

Dates: July 24th—31st

Last date to turn in your money is July 22nd. Your full fee must be paid by this date.

Last date to make your reservation for transportation is July 8th. If your reservation is not made by this date, we will assume that you are providing your own transportation to and from New Mexico.

For VBS we still need someone to lead the worship rally, to lead the music rotation, and to lead recreation. Please call Brenda at the FIRM office if you are willing to help. 254-697-6505 or send an e-mail to firmbaptistarea.org.

The **last date** to make a reservation for a room is July 15th. Please turn in your reservation form by this date.

Please save any Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS material that your church has left, so that we can use it in Mescalero.

Please begin praying for this trip for safety, for workers, and for those who we will meet that we will show Jesus to them.

August Pastor Anniversaries

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Jack Chelf, Jr., FBC Rockdale	8
Corby Brizendine, FBC Somerville	1
Seth Summers, FBC Chilton	1
Louie Watson, Henry Prairie	1

August Birthdays

	Date
Becky Cooley, FBC Cameron	1
Basilio Montez, Tierra Santa	10
Stephen Ponder, FBC Brenham	13
Loren Johnson, Lone Oak	13
Claudia Samford, FBC Lyons	15
Debi Wells, Elliott	22
Monte Byrd, Mill Creek	24
Kay Donaldson, Fellowship, Brenham	25
Celia Ponder, FBC Brenham	26
Molly Houser, Blue Ridge	31

August Wedding Anniversaries

	Date
Glenn & Jessica Scruggs, FBC Thrall	2
Terry & Sherry Williams, Common Ground	5
Carl & Sue Jennings, FBC Rosebud	7
Jimmy & Tina Haile, Blackjack	6
Gary & Claudia Samford, FBC Lyons	6
Rick & L'Dena Mitchell, Calvary Caldwell	11
Jimmy & Karen Sanders, Gause	12
Darren & Kay Donaldson, Fellowship	13
Marcus & Wendy Lawhon, House of Worship	13
Ellis & Brenda Burns, FIRM	21
Jim & Molly Houser, Blue Ridge	28
Wayne & Jeanie Kirk, Marlow	29

Found At Pre-teen Camp

A silver and blue necklace was found at Latham Springs during pre-teen camp. If you think that it is yours, please call the FIRM office at 254-697-6505.

Church News

FBC Caldwell had 1/7 of the children in their community attend VBS.

Gause Baptist Church has paid off the loan on their fellowship hall. Congratulations!

FBC Cameron has paid off the note on their building remodel. Congratulations!

Brenham County Cowboy Church had 40 attendees at their first tea.

AIM Camp saw 30 children make professions of faith. Praise to the Lord.

Upcoming Events

July 20-23: Alleluia Voices at Baylor

July 30-31: Un Vaso Para Honra in Ft. Worth

Aug 1-5: Student Life at Tx Women's Univ.

Aug 2-6: Lifeway Worship Leader Conf at Glorieta

Aug 13-14: Childhood Ministry Summit at Dallas Baptist Univ.

Aug 14: Children's Choir Clinic at Great Hills in Austin

Aug 13-14: Equipping Churches Conference in Houston

Aug 16-21: Sent Vision Tour to Peru

Aug 21: Love & Marriage At FBC Dallas

Aug 26: Youth Ministry Webinar

Aug 29: Offering for World Hunger Day

2009 Lottie Moon Offering

The total amount received through the 2009 offering is \$148,984,819.41, which was \$7.6 million above the 2008 offering. Because of Southern Baptist support, missionaries and their national partners were responsible for baptizing more than 506,000 believers and starting 24,650 new churches across the globe in 2008. Thank you to all the churches that participated.

August Planning Meetings

Have been moved!!

The Falls meeting will be on August 23rd. The Milam meeting will be on August 24th, the Robertson meeting will be on August 25th, and the Independence meeting will be on August 26th. The times and locations have not changed.

August Association Meetings

Falls: FBC Chilton at 6:15 pm on August 9. The topic is Associational Missions.

Milam: Gause at 6:00 pm on August 10. The topic is Discipleship.

Independence: Blackjack at 6:00 pm on August 12. The topic is Associational Missions.

Robertson: Progressive at 6:00 pm on August 17. The topic is Stewardship.

August Prayer Guide

August 1-7: Please pray for the 15 pastorless churches in the FIRM Baptist Area.

August 8-14: Please pray for the association meeting being held this month that the attendance will be high and that the messages will touch lives.

August 15-21: Please pray for our teachers and students as they begin to prepare for a new school year.

August 22-28: Please pray for the association planning meetings being held this week.

August 29-31: Please pray for yourself and that you will know the Lord's will for your life.