

## MISSION MESSENGER



We have this hope as an anchor for our souls, FIRM and secure, which reaches behind the curtain, where Jesus, our forerunner, has gone on our behalf, having become a high priest forever...Hebrews 6:19  
March, 2010



### *UBS Clinics*

April 10, 2010  
First Baptist Church  
Calvert, TX

April 17, 2010  
First Baptist Church  
Caldwell, TX

8:30—11:30 a.m.

Attend the clinic of your choice.

Recently I have been reading a book of biographies on various well known and not so well known people of faith. One of the biographies is about a pastor who served in England in the 17th century. This man of God was praying to the Lord late one night about how his sermons seemed to fall on deaf ears and the Lord spoke to him about how he should be relying on the Holy Spirit and not on his messages. So in response to the Lord he burned all of his sermons and sermon notes. Then he went a step further and began to pray that God would send a Lazarus to his church. He felt that the only way his church would awaken to the urgings of the Holy Spirit would be if God would send someone from the dead to the church. Shortly after he began praying for a "Lazarus" the local drunk came to church. This man was known throughout the locale for drinking and fighting. He was a very mean and hard man. After this man who was "dead to Jesus" accepted the Lord as savior, he brought his family to church and they too accepted Jesus. A family and a church were changed because God sent a "Lazarus" to the church in response to the prayers of their pastor. My thoughts this week have been on our churches and our need to pray for the lost. For the lost are "dead" to Jesus and need his salvation. Please join with me for a "Lazarus" to come to your church and for revival to begin in Texas.

Your Brother in Service,

*Charles*

#### Upcoming Events

March 1-2: Panhandle Plains Pastors' and Laymen's Conference at Wayland Baptist University.  
March 4-Ministries Network, Free Lunch at Anderson Mill Baptist Church in Austin, TX. Network opportunity for ministers of preschool, children, students, young adults, senior adults, music, and college.  
March 5-6-Single Adults, Lost & Found at Crestview Baptist Church in Georgetown.  
March 5-6-Women's Regional Conference "Redefined Confidence" at Greenwood Baptist Church in Weatherford and April 30-May 1 at Friendly Baptist Church in Tyler.  
March 12-13-Hot Hearts 2010 for Youth at Highland Lakes.  
March 6-Love & Marriage Conference in Nashville at Lifeway Christian Resources  
March 15-17-Senior Adult Retreat at Marriott, Legacy Towncenter in Plano, TX.  
March 22-23-Annual Statewide Christian Life Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in McAllen, TX.  
March 25-Ministry Webinar on Collegiate Students: Why are they missing from our churches, and what you can do about it.  
March 26-28-Family Camp "Write It On Their Hearts" at Highland Lakes.  
March 27-Sunday School Directors equipping conference at FBC Pflugerville, TX.  
April 9-10-State Regional Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament at Spring Baptist Church, Spring, TX.  
April 16-17 at First Baptist in Euless. State Finals on April 24 in Grapevine.  
April 10-Super Summer Reunion Event at Dallas Baptist University.  
April 15-17-Ministers' Wives Fellowship at Riverbend Retreat Center.  
April 16-17-Heart of the Child: Preschool and Children's Leadership Convention at FBC Broken Arrow, OK.  
April 16-17-Sent Missions conference at Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston, TX.  
April 19-22-Exponential 10 in Orlando Florida.  
April 24-Simulcast Event "So Long, Insecurity" by Beth Moore.

Next month look for your newsletter the first week in April. Since so many of our churches do their letters at the end of the month, we are going to delay our letter so that we may have more "church news" .

From now through March 15 you can receive 5 free music downloads when you check-out at [www.LifewayWorship.com](http://www.LifewayWorship.com) by using the promo code "YOU CAN2".

**Buckets of Hope** are due in the FIRM office by noon on March 12. If you need additional information please call the FIRM office or e-mail Brenda at [bleacole@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bleacole@sbcglobal.net). Remember the only 2 substitutions are 4 one pound bags of beans instead of 2 two pound bags and 2 twelve ounce cartons of sugar instead on one 20 ounce.

### March Anniversaries

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Buddy Sipe-Cottonwood          | 17 yrs |
| Jim Manning-FBC Franklin       | 17 yrs |
| George Nelson-Grace Fellowship | 13 yrs |
| Charles Cole-FIRM Area         | 5 yrs  |

### March Birthdays

|                                | Date |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Sue Jennings-FBC Rosebud       | 2    |
| Darren Donaldson-Fellowship    | 11   |
| Jessica Scruggs-FBC Thrall     | 12   |
| Seth Summers-FBC Chilton       | 15   |
| Frances Hertless-Meadowbrook   | 16   |
| George Nelson-Grace Fellowship | 17   |
| Rick Hertless-Meadowbrook      | 20   |
| Scott Talbert-McDade           | 21   |
| Aterna Buhl-True Love          | 26   |
| Dean Meade-Calvary Brenham     | 26   |

### March Wedding Anniversaries

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| Charles & Marsha Childers-Trinity Memorial | March 4 |
| Chris & Becky Cooley-FBC Cameron           | March 8 |

### April Anniversaries

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| Jimmy Sanders-Gause       | 22 yrs |
| Wayne Shuffield-Battetown | 7 yrs  |

### April Birthdays

|                                      | Date |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Leslie Clayton-FBC Giddings          | 4    |
| Windgale Edwards-New Beginnings      | 4    |
| Lanelle Cooper-FBC Dime Box          | 6    |
| Arthur Vestal-Little Deer Creek      | 14   |
| Susan Perdue-FBC Lott                | 16   |
| Sandy Alfred-Crossroads Community    | 17   |
| Kerry Spears-Milam County Cowboy     | 24   |
| Jack Meeker-Cowboy Church of Brenham | 25   |
| Tim Clayton-FBC Giddings             | 26   |
| Jack Chelf, Jr.-FBC Rockdale         | 26   |
| Corby Brizendine-FBC Somerville      | 26   |

### April Wedding Anniversaries

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| Bill & Susan Perdue-FBC Lott | Date<br>29 |
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### Church News

FBC Rosebud will be celebrating their 120th anniversary March 26, 27 & 28.

FBC Marlin will be hosting the Blackwood Gospel Quartet on March 13 at 5:00 pm. The church has 8 new members, 4 by baptism.

Tanglewood has added 3 by baptism. Trinity Memorial in Marlin has a spinet piano and seat for any of the FIRM churches that have a need.

Cowboy Church of Brenham will baptize 9 on Feb. 28.

Common Ground Cowboy Church has added 2 by baptism.

FBC Cameron has added 2 by baptism. Cottonwood has added 7 by letter and 3 by baptism.

Reagan held their 5th baptism service since June, 2009 on Feb. 21.

Pleasant Grove has added one by baptism.

Primera Marlin has added one by baptism.

Elliott raised \$2200 for Lottie Moon Offering in 2008. In 2009 they exceeded their goal of \$3,000 by \$1,000, for a total of \$4,000 on 2-1-2010.

Milam County Cowboy Church will celebrate their 3rd anniversary on March 7.

Trias will host an open house on March 20.

FBC Hearne will be hosting a revival March 28-31.

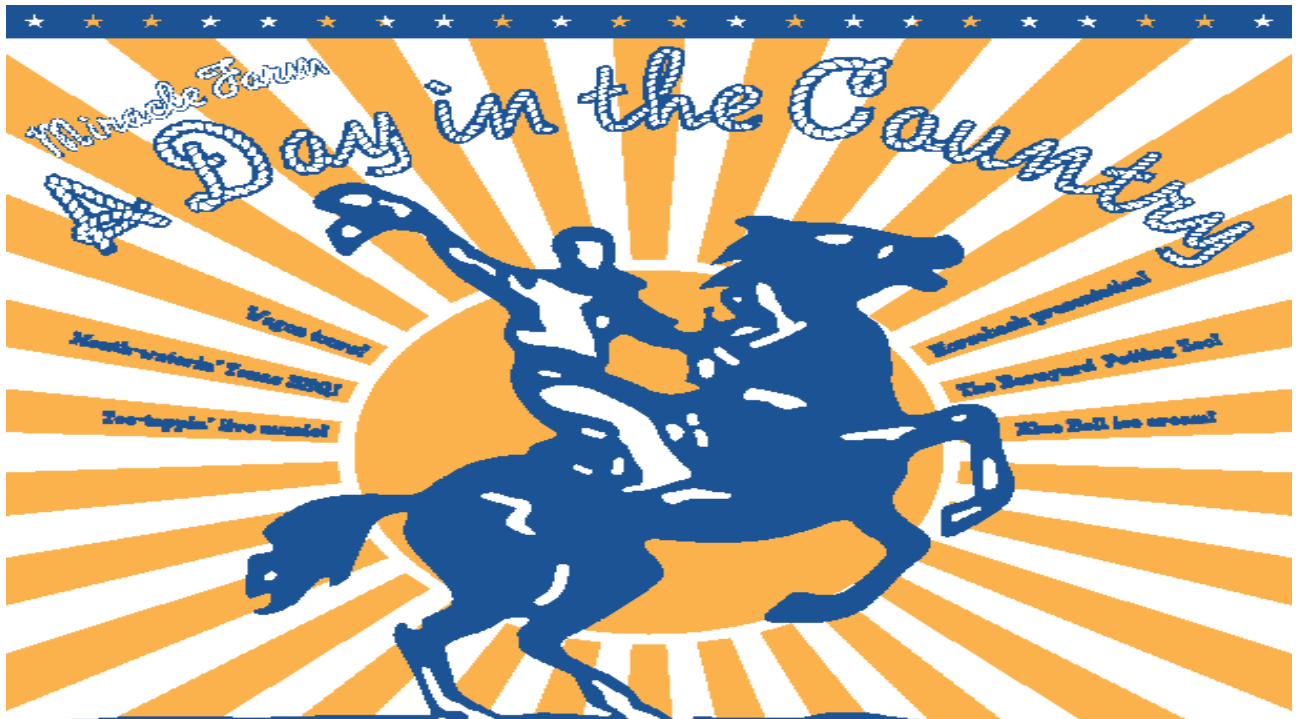
### MARCH ASSOCIATION MTGS

Milam Association will meet on March 9 at FBC Thrall and the program will be on family ministry.

Independence Association will meet on March 11 at Harmony. Kevin Mahrs will bring a program on Western Heritage ministry.

Robertson Association will meet on March 23 at FBC Hearne. The speaker will be Iris Blue who has a powerful testimony of how her life was changed by the Lord.

Falls Association will meet on March 28 at FBC Lott. This will be the music festival. Please bring a salad or a dessert.



**Saturday • April 3, 2010**

**10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine)**  
**BBQ Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Reserved BBQ Meal**  
 Adults and Kids \$8.00  
 Children Age 3 and Under - Free  
**Reservation Deadline**  
 By 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29

**Information and Reservations**  
 Miracle Farm in Brenham (979) 836-0901  
[info@miraclefarm.org](mailto:info@miraclefarm.org)  
[www.miraclefarm.org](http://www.miraclefarm.org)  
*No pets at event, please.*



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LOADS OF HAPPINESS

