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Letter from the president

Dear Baptist Missionary Association of Texas,

It is a great honor and privilege to serve you in the presidential capacity. This is something I never dreamed or even considered in the realm of possibility for my life, but God knew. I only wish my late grandfather, Don Collins, were here to witness it! He so loved the BMA and the people and churches who represented the association.

As I considered the state meeting this year, choosing the theme and key passage was almost immediate. Undoubtedly, the Holy Spirit led this, and it seems for good and clear reason. There is so much turmoil and division in our nation, even more so than in recent years it seems. In times like these, the lost clamor for answers and hope, yet the Church stands firm, clinging to its hope in Christ and the Truth in His Word. When there is unrest, the nations should see the Church as a beacon of Gospel light.

Specifically, our nation seems more politically divided than ever before. The lines are clearly demarcated—Left versus Right, Liberal versus Conservative, Blue versus Red—and the list goes on. Unfortunately, this great divide over political and social issues has crept its way into many churches across the nation, and world, and has begun informing how the Church is to operate and respond to various cultural issues. Although Jesus prayed for unity among the brethren in John 17, it seems the Church has gradually become more divided over world problems. It seems many local churches, and individual Christians, have chosen to place their faith and hope in who sits on the throne of the White House rather than He Who reigns on the Throne in Heaven. This is a major problem.

Thus, the theme for this year's BMA of Texas Meeting became clear; Thy Kingdom Come, focusing on Psalm 2. Despite man's best efforts to claim power in this world and to deny Jesus of His glory, God literally laughs in Heaven at these schemes. As the Divine Creator, everything and everyone are His. He reigns and rules for eternity, even now. Therefore, our faith should be in King Christ alone, not a man of flesh and blood in a position of earthly authority. His/her rule is imperfect and will end, while Christ is eternally perfect and will reign forever!

The call will be simple this year: Let us come together and be unified in our resolve to stand for Christ and worship Him as King! Let us truly recognize the sovereignty of God and fully trust in His plan, rather than placing our faith in whoever wins the next presidential and all subsequent elections. Our world, our country and our state, now more than ever, need to see the Church standing faithfully for Christ, filled with hope in our King! May His Kingdom come and may we of the BMA of Texas represent Him well!

Bro. Ryan Burchett
Baptist Missionary Association of Texas
President



▲ Ryan Burchett

2022 Annual BMA of Texas Meeting Schedule

Theme: “Thy Kingdom Come” (Psalm 2)

Monday & Tuesday, November 7-8, 2022

First Baptist Church

106 Colt Road, Livingston, Texas

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:00 a.m. Meeting & WMA Registration

First General Session

- 1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
Welcome/Introduction of Officers
Welcome Petitioning Churches resent Proposed Constitutional Changes
- 2:00 p.m. Concert by Jacksonville College Singers
- 2:30 p.m. President's Message – Ryan Burchett
- 3:05 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions
1. BMAT 101
Heith Mitchell, presenter (Barger Room)
 2. Emerging Issues Facing the Church-Top Legal Trends
Brant Mathis, presenter (Location TBD)
 3. Engaging Your Community
Kevan Wood, presenter (Children's Room)
 4. Pastoral Self-Care
Lee Poe, presenter (Assembly Room)
 5. Reflecting Christ Through Christian Ministries—For Not Only Pastors' Wives but Every Lady Who is Willing to Serve Christ
Charlotte Johnson, presenter (Youth Room)
 6. Reaching Your Spanish-Speaking Neighbor
Elvis Garcia, presenter (Sun Room)
 7. Children, Youth and Worship Swap Meets
First, Livingston staff, presenters (Exhibits Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Dinner Break

Second General Session

- 6:00 p.m. Concert by The Erwins
- 6:45 p.m. Message –
Todd West, BMAT Pastor
Connections Coordinator
- 7:30 p.m. Offering/Dismissal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 8:00 a.m. Fellowship (Exhibits Room)
WMA Registration
- 9:00 a.m. WMA Meeting (Youth Room)
- 10:00 a.m. Leadership Conference
David Crain, speaker (Exhibits Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Exhibits Room)

Third General Session

- 1:30 p.m. Congregational Singing
- 1:40 p.m. Coordinating Committee Report
Election of Coordinating Committee Members
- 1:50 p.m. Nominating Committee Report
- 2:00 p.m. Texas WMA Report
- 2:10 p.m. Election of BMA of Texas Officers
Election of 2023 Annual Speaker and Alternate
- 2:20 p.m. TBHC Report
- 2:30 p.m. Baptist Missionary Loan Association Report
- 2:40 p.m. Baptist Progress Report
- 2:50 p.m. Jacksonville College Report
- 3:00 p.m. Vote on Proposed Constitutional Changes
Miscellaneous Business
- 3:15 p.m. Offering
- 3:20 p.m. Break
- 3:45 p.m. BMA Texas Missions Report & Commissioning Service
- 4:15 p.m. Worship
Special Music
- 4:25p.m. Annual Message –
James Schoenrock, speaker
Robbie Caldwell, alternate speaker
- 5:00 p.m. Enrollment and Finance Report
Adjournment
Final Announcements

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at
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Nov. 7, 2022 at 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Fun for an avid player or someone new
to the game interested in trying a new hobby.

If you have never played,
you will need a starter disc set of four discs.

Register for the tournament by
emailing doug@bmatexas.org by Nov. 2
or showing up 15 minutes early
to the tournament.

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JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

INCOME	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 PROJECTED ACTUAL	2023 PROPOSED (UNOFFICIAL)
Tuition/Fees	3,400,000.00	3,285,254.00	3,634,000.00	3,303,810.00	3,452,300.00
BMA	480,000.00	369,055.00	522,500.00	471,973.00	496,375.00
Gifts/Private Donations	520,000.00	437,882.00	595,650.00	524,414.00	565,868.00
Investments/Other	1,000,000.00	1,325,780.00	1,015,050.00	943,946.00	964,298.00
TOTAL INCOME	5,400,000.00	5,417,971.00	5,767,200.00	5,244,143.00	5,478,840.00
EXPENSES					
Academic	1,075,000.00	954,742.00	1,141,640.00	997,518.00	1,084,558.00
Students/Aux Services	1,391,000.00	1,167,468.00	1,624,002.00	1,418,986.00	1,542,802.00
Administration/ Operations	2,534,000.00	3,045,016.00	2,997,000.00	2,618,655.00	2,847,150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,000,000.00	5,167,226.00	5,762,642.00	5,035,159.00	5,474,510.00



JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE 2022-2023 Recommendations

1. That churches and individuals would prayerfully consider giving Jacksonville College an “End-of-Year” offering
2. That churches would prayerfully consider sending a mission team to support next summer’s 52 Day, Rebuilding for Fall campaign to renovate the campus
3. That churches would encourage prospective students to attend Jacksonville College
4. That churches would promote daily prayer for the ministry of Jacksonville College and the other departments of the BMA of Texas and participate in the United Thanksgiving Offering

BMA TEXAS MISSIONS



BMA TEXAS MISSIONS 2022-2023 Recommendations

1. We recommend that the 2023 Budget be adopted.
2. We ask that everyone stand in honor of two churches (Nat Community Church of Cushing, TX and Antioch Baptist Church of Palestine, TX) that have come to the end of their ministry, but not the end of their legacy. Both of these churches chose to invest their resources forward in the planting of new churches that would share the gospel and multiply disciples.
3. As a result of their faithfulness and the faithfulness of all of the churches of the BMA of Texas, we recommend that the following be elected as missionaries as presented in the budget.
 - a. John Aderogba (Lead Missionary) in Spring, TX
 - b. Jeremiah Akintunde (Lead Missionary) in Duncanville, TX
 - c. Abner Nunez (Associate Missionary to Cesar Leal) in San Antonio, TX
 - d. Peter Oyeniran (Lead Missionary) in Mission Bend, TX
 - e. Luis H. Perez (Lead Missionary) in Katy, TX
 - f. Fidel Torres (Lead Missionary) in Denton, TX
4. We recommend that the following projects be supported as presented in the budget.
 - a. Omar Pina, Sr. to DFW in partnership with BMAA Missions
5. We recommend that Director Heith Mitchell and the staff of BMA Texas Missions be given a rising vote of appreciation for their continued faithful and dedicated service to the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas.

Instruments needed by state missionaries

A number of state missionaries need musical instruments such as guitars, keyboards and drums. Anyone wishing to donate instruments should contact BMA Texas Missions at 972-923-0757 or email hmitchell@bmatexas.org.

INCOME	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 PROJECTED ACTUAL	2023 PROPOSED
Donations (Churches)	445,000.00	395,577.53	445,000.00	437,334.10	475,000.00
Notes Receivables / Interest Income	75,000.00	74,828.95	127,600.00	59,289.14	111,500.00
Property Income	0.00	115,662.50	170,000.00	59,100.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	50,000.00	16,946.08	50,000.00	7,767.94	50,000.00
Investment Withdrawal	565,000.00		600,000.00	366,000.00	900,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,135,000.00	603,015.06	1,392,600.00	929,491.18	1,536,500.00
EXPENSES					
Advertising/Promotion	2,500.00	2,058.19	2,500.00	4,800.00	7,500.00
Attorney/Legal	5,000.00	32,067.48	8,000.00	9,670.00	8,000.00
Audit	10,000.00	9,100.00	10,000.00	18,300.00	9,500.00
Computer Maint & Equip	1,500.00	1,245.54	1,500.00	2,541.34	1,500.00
RBC Broker Fees	6,500.00	8,875.67	6,500.00	9,549.70	10,000.00
Office Maint & Equipment	1,500.00	1,132.60	1,500.00	1,465.52	1,500.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,075.78	1,500.00	3,582.48	1,750.00
Building Maintenance	12,780.00	13,958.00	15,480.00	16,730.66	16,380.00
Office Expenses	2,000.00	2,099.98	2,000.00	922.92	2,000.00
Postage	1,600.00	1,245.75	1,600.00	1,606.02	1,700.00
Bank Charges	3,250.00	1,537.11	3,250.00	1,998.64	2,500.00
Property & Personnel Liability	6,500.00	25,366.33	15,675.00	15,675.00	25,000.00
Christmas Bonus	6,000.00	6,269.38	6,500.00	6,500.00	7,181.36
Director Salary	49,595.63	43,788.00	53,546.03	47,738.40	57,106.23
Director Housing	29,412.28	27,600.00	29,412.28	27,600.00	30,000.00
Director Retirement	5,000.00	5,369.65	5,000.00	4,956.60	5,226.37
Director Insurance	7,620.00	7,620.00	7,620.00	7,620.00	7,620.00
Director Phone	1,488.00	1,488.00	1,488.00	1,488.00	1,488.00
Director Travel/Training	24,000.00	26,767.38	24,000.00	26,642.60	26,500.00
Financial Assistant	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Director Assistant/Pastor Connections	8,300.00	0.00	36,000.00	18,360.00	26,838.00
Office Manager	17,760.00	17,760.00	18,225.00	18,225.00	18,304.00
Director's Assistant				9,494.00	18,304.00
Staff Retention				0.00	2,000.00
Director's Sabatical (7-yr)					9,995.26
Church Planter Salary	510,300.00	337,983.52	642,875.00	564,628.18	763,187.40
Church Planter Training/Travel	36,000.00	48,400.58	42,000.00	74,452.88	50,000.00
Church Planter Coaching	15,500.00	26,566.58	35,000.00	31,626.78	33,500.00
Church Planter Assessments	6,000.00	20,410.58	6,000.00	11,844.94	6,000.00
Payroll Taxes (FICA & Medicare)	47,000.00	56,486.23	55,000.00	56,226.08	57,000.00
Future Missions	109,285.62	91,119.15	121,285.62	94,673.78	100,000.00
Supported Mission Projects	144,600.00	150,198.04	183,600.00	162,398.00	180,734.04
Staff Training & Travel	1,000.00	1,269.91	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Trustee Expenses	3,000.00	1,638.20	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,000.00	5,381.02	2,000.00	482.58	1,500.00
Activate Assistance	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Hispanic Ministry Travel & Training	27,600.00	26,400.00	28,800.00	26,490.60	28,800.00
Baptist Progress Subscriptions	1,000.00	942.50	1,000.00	1,877.00	1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,129,091.53	1,020,599.29	1,386,856.93	1,296,167.70	1,532,114.66

BAPTIST MISSIONARY LOAN ASSOCIATION

INCOME	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 PROJECTED ACTUAL	2023 PROPOSED
Interest Income - Loans	260,874.26	214,311.04	250,000.00	304,987.25	300,000.00
Interest Income - Investments	284,892.00	385,322.00	350,000.00	294,723.67	300,000.00
Income - Miscellaneous	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Churches	5,000.00	23,753.19	5,000.00	27,500.00	5,000.00
Donations - UTO	9,000.00	10,660.00	12,500.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Donations - Unified Budget	0.00	840.79	800.00	1,129.90	1,000.00
Donations - Trust Fund	0.00	296.93	500.00	294.41	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	560,766.26	635,183.95	618,800.00	641,635.23	619,500.00
EXPENSES					
Advertisement / Pomotion	3,000.00	609.50	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Annuity	2,871.00	5,235.36	3,900.00	2,613.98	3,000.00
Bookkeeping	2,000.00	2,427.00	3,300.00	2,220.00	3,000.00
Computer Expense / Software	13,500.00	13,257.25	13,500.00	16,778.93	15,000.00
Employee Compensation:					
Director Salary	18,800.00	18,000.03	19,600.00	19,599.96	20,972.00
Director Housing	28,200.00	28,200.00	29,400.00	17,150.00	31,458.00
Director Insurance	8,000.00	8,000.03	9,360.00	9,360.00	10,560.00
Director Longevity	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	200.00
Director Retirement	2,820.00	2,820.00	2,940.00	2,940.00	3,146.00
Business Manager Salary	25,000.00	25,000.08	26,500.00	26,500.00	28,355.00
Office Manager Salary	0.00	0.00	24,960.00	9,591.43	26,707.20
Asst. Business Manager Salary	6,000.00	18,410.25	3,300.00	0.00	0.00
Office Mgr. Salary Support	7,800.00	8,160.00	8,820.00	3,675.00	0.00
Christmas Bonuses	1,585.00	1,932.01	1,931.00	1,931.93	2,067.16
Payroll Taxes	6,000.00	7,784.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	9,204.43
Insurance Bond/D&O	1,700.00	1,938.00	1,850.00	1,688.00	1,850.00
Insurance-Lender Placed	0.00	199.98	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Interest Expense-Certificate	306,731.00	393,215.14	350,000.00	419,934.62	400,000.00
Interest Expense-Demand		2,693.15	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Legal / Accounting	8,300.00	9,015.48	10,000.00	9,263.70	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	650.00	0.00	650.00	2,000.00	650.00
Office Equipment (Assets)	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Office Expense	0.00	3,801.08	500.00	400.00	500.00
Office Rent	12,780.00	13,987.00	15,480.00	15,480.00	500.00
Postage	1,000.00	768.75	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Property Maintenance	1,000.00	5,421.22	1,000.00	966.66	1,000.00
Property Tax-Tauch	8,500.00	8,880.12	9,500.00	8,502.21	9,500.00
Staff Training	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	1,000.00	906.80	1,000.00	1,400.00	1,000.00
Telephone Reimb/Teleconf	1,680.00	1,852.67	1,680.00	1,680.00	1,680.00
Travel Expense	4,000.00	944.41	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Trustee Expense	500.00	155.69	500.00	200.00	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	475,917.00	583,615.00	559,871.00	592,576.42	594,349.79



BAPTIST MISSIONARY LOAN ASSOCIATION 2022-2023 Recommendations

1. That the 2023 proposed budget be adopted
2. That associations, churches and individuals provide consistent support through regular offerings to the Baptist Missionary Loan Association and thereby financially assist mission churches in purchasing property and constructing new buildings
3. That the Baptist Missionary Loan Association also help established churches when funds are available (We currently have sufficient funds for several church loans.)
4. That churches, local associations and individuals be encouraged to place funds, either interest-bearing or interest free, on loan to the Baptist Missionary Loan Association
5. That Director Jerry Fulton and the staff of the Baptist Missionary Loan Association be given a rising vote of appreciation for their continued faithful and dedicated service to the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas



TBHC

2022-2023 Recommendations

1. That we pray for the legacy of TBHC, and the legacy of all those who have invested in this ministry, to continue for another 113 years
2. That we celebrate the work of caring for children (this past year TBHC cared for 183 individual children, 27 children found forever homes by being adopted, and 10 found an eternal Father in heaven by accepting Christ into their lives!)
3. That we, the churches of the BMA of Texas, commit to giving \$560,000 in the coming year to care for children as part of TBHC's budget of \$4,431,080
4. That we thank the churches of the BMA of Texas for their continued generosity and the SBTC for their support through the cooperative program (TBHC's continued ministry and growth greatly depend on these ministries)
5. That President Jason Curry and the administration of TBHC be shown appreciation for their leadership and service during the challenging times

	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL	2023 PROPOSED
INCOME			
Church Donations	560,000	526,964	560,000
Individual & Business Donations	682,840	930,212	1,121,900
Designated Donation Carryover	230,000	87,800	142,200
Reimbursement for Services	1,864,800	1,977,134	2,309,180
Endowment Interest	204,800	206,179	210,600
Interest (Other)	8,100	6,337	6,800
Oil & Gas Royalties	36,000	48,028	42,000
Rent & Misc.	22,500	55,800	38,400
TOTAL INCOME	3,609,040	3,838,454	4,431,080
EXPENSES			
Accounting	27,600.00	25,764.00	27,000.00
Auto (Gas & Maintenance)	9,060.00	8,237.00	9,600.00
Cash & Gifts to Children	14,940.00	11,294.00	11,040.00
Children's Activity	1,800.00	3,270.00	9,000.00
Clothing	32,280.00	30,725.00	29,280.00
Compassionate Hope			76,000.00
Computer	75,240.00	96,389.00	95,700.00
Contract Labor	49,380.00	38,743.00	46,900.00
Dues & Fees	35,400.00	29,866.00	45,160.00
Food	1,800.00	976.00	960.00
Foster Home	958,400.00	952,718.00	1,201,270.00
Furnishings	7,800.00	3,900.00	10,800.00
Household	4,500.00	3,257.00	3,240.00
Insurance (Group)	228,760.00	212,250.00	305,025.00
Insurance (General)	156,180.00	168,216.00	179,200.00
Legal	8,900.00	8,285.00	6,800.00
Medical & Dental	480.00	0.00	240.00
Medicine	540.00	172.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	12,120.00	9,639.00	11,700.00
Office Supplies	23,280.00	21,408.00	20,160.00
Postage	9,900.00	6,654.00	7,320.00
Printing	28,200.00	21,656.00	20,700.00
Public & Church Relations	67,200.00	83,969.00	88,000.00
Property Repairs	67,860.00	62,924.00	54,900.00
Rental Property Exp.	82,600.00	76,019.00	62,000.00
Resource Development	3,660.00	444.00	2,400.00
Retirement	52,120.00	44,508.00	57,210.00
Psychological Services	37,800.00	39,348.00	37,080.00
Longevity	500.00	500.00	600.00
Salaries	1,272,730.00	1,287,998.00	1,644,725.00
School	900.00	4,926.00	900.00
Staff Training	21,660.00	15,039.00	24,020.00
Taxes (Property)	660.00	1,700.00	800.00
Taxes (Payroll)	97,370.00	98,533.00	125,830.00
T. E. C.	3,600.00	1,097.00	1,800.00
Travel	109,260.00	85,650.00	124,560.00
Utilities	103,960.00	89,747.00	88,380.00
College, Ind. Living, & Vocational	600.00	237.00	480.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,609,040.00	3,546,058.00	4,431,080.00

THE COMMUNIQUÉ

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM BMA OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS



BMA Texas Missions



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WAITING ON THE LORD

In a post COVID world that is full of change may I declare, "God is faithful and His mission is alive and well!" I see Him at work throughout our BMA Family. He is providing. Souls are being saved. Baptisms are happening. Disciples are surrendering to God's call on their lives. Men are saying yes to God's call on their life to lead. God is giving missionaries a burden for lost souls.

COVID has taught me that waiting on the Lord is a beautiful thing. I have never enjoyed waiting because waiting requires inactivity. Waiting on the Lord is nothing like that. To wait on the Lord is an active pursuit. This waiting is filled with excited anticipation. We prepare and pray with faith that while we wait, God is at work. He always is actively working for His glory and His servants good, right? He is always about His mission and purpose through His church. We know He is with us until the end of the age as we are about His mission (Matthew 28:20),

COVID reminded all of us the beauty of waiting on the Lord. Everything stopped but God remained active. Will you rejoice with me over the faithfulness of God!

Your Texas Missions movement is focused on waiting on the Lord. We strive to stay centered on the principles and instructions of scripture. We walk in sound doctrine. We avoid pragmatism and doing what is right in our own eyes. We avoid methodology and stay away from patterning after the blessed path of another. We don't recruit men but wait and follow the call and burden from the Lord. We try to faithfully walk in obedience to the Word and in step with the Spirit. It is fun to wait when you are waiting on God. God will amaze you!

You are currently supporting 36 new mission churches! The gospel is going out in cities and communities across Texas. Souls are being saved. Discipleship is happening. Leaders are being equipped. New Testament churches are forming. Churches are acquiring buildings and becoming financially independent. New churches are becoming participating members of the BMA family. It is humbling and exciting. We must rejoice and be thankful. There is nothing happening among our little BMA of Texas family

that we can take credit for. We give glory to God together.

While we wait, He is growing our family. He is growing His Kingdom. What will God do next while we wait?

THIS YEAR:

Your BMA of Texas Mission staff has grown and changed. We work to provide well for missionaries together.

Todd West serves as BMAT Pastor Connections Coordinator and oversees training and coaching for us. He is preparing encouragement, fellowship and equipping opportunities for pastors and staff.

Chris Driver and Elvis Garcia are providing missionary care in English and Spanish. They are doing a good job of looking after your missionaries. Elvis stands ready to help you



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Baptist Progress



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Baptist Progress

A YEAR OF BLESSING

Our Lord continues to bless the *Baptist Progress*, the informing and equipping ministry of the BMA of Texas, in a couple of ways. First of all, He continues to financially bless the department. Second, the Lord continues to bless us by allowing us to offer ministry to BMA pastors and churches.

The services *Baptist Progress* provides are the following:

MONTHLY PUBLICATION AND E-NEWS UPDATES

Each month, we publish the official publication of the BMA of Texas. Each issue contains special interest stories, BMA of Texas and BMA of America news, as well as news from churches. We encourage our readers to inform us of exciting ministry taking place throughout the state so that we might inform other subscribers.

Currently, over 3,000 people subscribe to *Baptist Progress* by mail and/or email.

You can receive 12 issues of *Baptist Progress* by mail for \$27 per year or by email for \$21 per year.

Churches are encouraged to join the *Baptist Progress* church plan, providing all 12 issues of *Baptist Progress* by mail for each church member household at a discounted rate of \$2 per month (\$24 per year) per subscription or by email at a

discounted rate of \$1.50 per month (\$18.00 per year) per subscription.

Please note that email subscribers receive more news than mail subscribers because in addition to the monthly publication, email subscribers receive the e-News Update—news between issues—as well as other news alerts. We highly encourage everyone to become an email subscriber to help *Baptist Progress* save on the costs printing and mailing.

EVERY SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

We have a large selection of bulletins in different sizes, styles and quantities that you can order through our website, www.baptistprogress.org. Visit www.baptistprogress.org > Resources > Every Sunday Bulletin Service. Bulletins are delivered to your door each quarter—enough bulletins for each Sunday of the quarter.

MINISTRY CONNECTION WORKSHOPS TO RETURN

Baptist Progress offered numerous Ministry Connection Workshops throughout the year. We were especially excited to offer our Interim Pastor Training with certification to potential interim pastors as well as *Leading the Smaller Church Without Settling for Less*, with author, blogger and

small church pastor Karl Vaters. More Ministry Connection Workshops are being planned for 2023 that will benefit pastors, church staff and church members. Stay tuned for details!

INTERIM PASTOR PLACEMENT

Should your church find itself without a pastor and in need of an interim pastor, please contact *Baptist Progress*. We have some very qualified and certified men who would readily serve your church as interim pastor. We strongly encourage churches to secure an interim pastor before electing a pastor search team or beginning the pastor search process. Just email editor@baptistprogress.org or call 972-923-0756 for more information.

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM MANUAL

Furthermore, should your church find itself seeking a pastor, please contact *Baptist Progress* for a *Pastor Search Team Manual*. The manual will walk your team step by step through the pastor search process.

Thank you for being a blessing to the ministry of *Baptist Progress* with your financial support and participation in our Ministry Connection Workshops. We pray that the Lord will allow us to be a blessing to you in the coming year!

BMA Texas Missions cont.

prepare to make disciples among the Spanish speaking people in your community.

Letty Lopez and Doug Strube are serving your mission movement from the BMA of Texas Missions office. They are both new this year and have a heart for missions.

Gary Southard continues to serve faithfully in heading up the assessment of potential new missionaries.

All of the BMA are participants in this movement. Churches are partnering, sending, praying and encouraging. Baptist Progress is informing and equipping. The Baptist Missionary Loan Association is partnering in property purchases. The BMA

Seminary is partnering in equipping. BMA of America Missions is partnering in planter support. Daniel Springs is partnering in equipping. Ministers Resource Services partners in care. Lifeword partners in translation. Jacksonville College and TBHC partner in ministry connections. I love our BMA family. There are no others I would rather wait on the Lord beside.

You are giving more to Texas Missions and to the resourcing of your Texas missionaries than you ever have. Thank you. The Lord continues to provide more opportunities and more can be done. Is there more you can give to the Great Commission in Texas?

The gospel is penetrating all parts of Texas from small towns to urban centers to suburbs to the coastal

region. Different cultures are being reached such as Spanish-speaking, Nigerian, Chinese, Indian, Arabic and Nepali. There is so much more to do with Millions needing the gospel in our state.



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Texas Baptist Home for Children



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A THREE-YEAR PLAN

TBHC is overwhelmed with all who have continued support during such a challenging time in our country. God remains steadfast in the face of uncertainty across our land. We remain grateful to you for your continued support and hope that we assure you with what God has entrusted to your stewardship. I humbly submit this report so that you will join in our excitement and joy for the work ahead of us!

As many of you know TBHC has expanded to the Permian Basin. We have made many connections to SBTC churches. We are grateful to Mission Dorado Baptist Church for allowing TBHC to share the need with their church family and have opened their church to us as an office. We also thank Emmanuel Baptist Church for their support.

We have identified churches in the area that are willing to go above and beyond, seeing the desperate need to serve children in the Permian Basin. Pray that God would touch the hearts of pastors and strong followers of Jesus to step up to care for children from hard places. The need is great.

Over half the children removed by CPS and placed in foster homes are living outside their region. A vast majority of these are being placed in Dallas and Houston. Our ministry is extending to that area to help kids come back to the Basin.

As well as our new office, you would remember our newest program, Teen Pregnancy Care. The start has been slow with foster parents continuing to be difficult to identify and recruit to care for this needed population. As there are many who may be called on by the Lord to help these young mothers, please go to our website to find out more about joining our ministry so that you may help young teen moms experience a place that can help with a looming difficult journey.

As last year proved to be the launch of two new programs this year, we are excited to be launching our three-year plan. We know God is in the works to accomplish His plan no matter what the state of the world may be in. Over the next years, we see a need to hire many new staff across our offices. Each will help in the ministry being built to help children heal after trauma.

We are not simply looking at our ministry as relegated to Texas but grasping at what God has laid before us across the world. We are excited to announce our inclusion of an international ministry called Compassionate Hope. This ministry, founded by a longtime staff, Joanna Noggle and her late husband Russ has been building its reach for over a decade and we are excited to bring it under TBHC's umbrella.

We have launched a section of our website to introduce the ministry to you and our constituents. Its ministry is not intended to be adoption motivated, but of equipping pastors and assisting orphanages as they help lead children to Jesus Christ!

Over the next three years, TBHC will absorb every facet of the work. Its ministry currently serves in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. This new facet of our ministry no longer restricts us to a portion of Texas but will help us reach my dream of the sun never setting on our ministry. Pray for the children displaced this year by the tragedy of war. Pray that its continued reach would allow the children and pastors it serves to lead to more and more coming to know Jesus and His love.

DFPS has demonstrated a growing need in foster care across Texas and that is why we are launching research into a fourth office in East Texas. The need in this region continues to grow and projections of children being removed continue to escalate. As we see our ministry growing to care for kids across the state, I would pray that you would help not only with your financial support but also with your commitments to be a church that would help raise up God's called people to care for children that need healing after trauma. We need your help to preach, pray, and regularly talk about foster care needs so that through education we might reach those that would step in obedience to God and take in foster children.

With the changes in needs across the state we are seeing a future of TBHC not only being a place, but a bridge—a bridge of hope for children overseas, children who need stable and self-worth affirming homes of true healing found only through Christ. With that as our mission we are going to begin not only planting offices but to reimagine our campus. With fewer and fewer foster families living on



campus it is more and more difficult to recruit and retain foster parents to live in our existing housing.

After much prayer and petition to God we are stepping out in faith to see our campus become a headquarters of an ever-growing operation. With the grant from the SBTC we have been able to secure an architect and designer to help give shape to the campus remodel we anticipate achieving. The work, as you would all expect, is just getting started. If you would like to be a part of the groundwork effort and join us, we would ask you to contact us.

It is with humility that we take these steps to reach goals of care and support for children. We will continue to keep everyone abreast of the potential in our three-year plan and know that God is doing something amazing and using ordinary men and women to do extraordinary things. As many who read this report are pastors, I wish to encourage and challenge all of you as we figuratively are knocking on your doors. We are reaching out through this report asking you to help fulfill true religion.

I would challenge you to live up to that description. Many churches are generous with their resources. But most of all we need families willing to courageously stand up for children by opening their homes to them. Our greatest need is for families to do what many think is impossible for them. Pray for us this year by joining our monthly email list and asking us about our annual prayer guide.

TBHC's purpose reflects the church's purpose to glorify God and our unique role is that we care for children. We are an extension of true religion for your church. Do not just support us, learn more about serving with us! Go to our website for more information.

In light of Roe vs Wade being overturned, now is not the time to step back but to step up. Join in the effort to reach the lost by caring for the stranger. Hebrews 13:1-2 says, "Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

We are to continue in love and care for strangers. Pray how you can help TBHC care for children after trauma and thanks for helping bring kids home.

Jacksonville College



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FOR THE RISING GENERATION

Dr. J.M. Newburn, a founding trustee and the third President of Jacksonville College stated that our institution was born in a “Baptist pastor’s home, amid earnest prayers and the unyielding loyalty to the faith of the fathers and the rising generation.”

God blessed the vision of our founders with an institution that today is the only private Christian junior college in the state of Texas. Jacksonville College currently enrolls over five hundred full-time

equivalent students from all over the state, nation, and world. This fall, we recorded the largest international class in the college’s history. It is a reminder of the opportunity God has given the college to impact the world.

The vision of our founders is fresh in our hearts. God has given us a seven-year vision of doubling the size of our student body. To step into this vision, we have been developing our programs, processes, people, partners, and property accordingly. Some of the development included major renovations in our

dining and residential facilities. Despite COVID-19 and inflation, God accomplished more than we thought was possible.

Thank you for your continued support and unyielding loyalty to the rising generation. Your generosity enables us to provide Christ-centered teaching and training that prepares students to lead meaningful lives that transform the world. I am grateful for your earnest prayers for our faculty, staff, and trustees as we continue to step in faith toward the vision God has for Jacksonville College.

Baptist Missionary Loan Association



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HERE TO HELP

We at the Baptist Missionary Loan Association (BMLA) are thankful for the opportunity to serve the churches of the BMA of Texas, and offer financial assistance to growing churches. The purpose of the BMLA becomes a reality when a loan is made. The BMLA assists churches with financial needs to purchase property, construct new buildings, remodel or add to existing buildings and refinance current loans. In the past associational year, the BMLA provided five new loans to churches.

If your church plans to build, remodel or purchase property, it would be a joy to talk with you about a loan. There are three ways to financially support the Baptist Missionary Loan Association:

1. Any church or individual can simply make a contribution.
2. Any individual or church may make an interest free deposit. Interest deposits compound quarterly. As of Sept. 1, 2022, we continue to pay 2 percent on share accounts and 2.5 percent on Investment Certificates. Note: Rates may change during the year depending on the financial climate.

3. Your prayers and monthly financial support are essential for the Baptist Missionary Loan Association to have a part in assisting the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas to plant churches and provide funds for growing churches.

During the past year, the BMLA has taken measures to ensure that all investor dividends are covered by the interest we receive from loans. We are almost there! For this, we praise the Lord!

Anyone can invest in the BMLA and any BMA church throughout the United States is encouraged to apply for a loan from the BMLA.

BMA Texas Missions cont.

THE FUTURE:

I am excited to wait on the Lord as He creates 100 new churches in the BMA of Texas family. We are waiting and holding faithfully to the vision of your Texas mission movement. Equipping Missionaries who follow Christ in building Missional churches with the support and intimate involvement of local BMA churches.



BAPTIST PROGRESS

INCOME	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL	2022-2023 PROPOSED
Donations	35,000.00	23,063.11	33,600.00
Subscriptions	75,000.00	71,574.31	75,000.00
Advertising	7,000.00	6,775.00	10,000.00
United Thanksgiving Offering	14,300.00	10,248.71	15,000.00
Baptist Progress Anniversary Offering	10,000.00	10,464.00	15,000.00
Interest Income	500.00	3,014.93	3,250.00
Auxiliary Page	900.00	1,350.00	900.00
Every Sunday Bulletin Service	10,000.00	10,385.30	11,000.00
Trust Fund Distribution	300.00	296.40	0.00
Other Sales & Services	500.00	0.00	0.00
Ministry Connection Workshops	2,000.00	156.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	22,571.56	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	155,500.00	159,899.32	163,750.00
EXPENSES			
Employee Compensation:			
Editor's Salary	14,580.00	14,580.00	15,600.00
Editor's Housing	21,870.00	21,870.00	23,400.00
Editor's Retirement	2,187.00	2,187.00	2,340.00
Editor's Longevity	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,800.00
Editor's Health Insurance	9,360.00	9,360.00	10,560.00
Editor's Christmas Bonus	701.00	701.00	750.00
Office Staff Compensation	8,820.00	9,555.00	9,450.00
Office Staff Christmas Bonus	0.00	0.00	500.00
Graphic Artist Compensation	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,900.00
Graphic Artist Christmas Bonus	500.00	500.00	500.00
Payroll Taxes	4,250.00	4,433.25	5,500.00
General Expenses:			
Building Repairs	0.00	6,387.88	0.00
Church Relations	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Computer Maintenance/Contracts	2,000.00	3,473.68	3,500.00
Digital Communications	2,250.00	3,126.50	3,250.00
Equipment/Furnishings	5,500.00	0.00	3,000.00
Every Sunday Bulletin Service	9,000.00	8,971.82	9,500.00
Gratuity for Writers/Proofreading	5,000.00	1,300.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,882.00	2,752.74	3,000.00
Office Postage	2,000.00	1,394.26	2,000.00
Office Utilities & Expenses	6,000.00	6,098.00	6,400.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	373.94	1,000.00
Professional Fees	5,000.00	4,342.00	3,000.00
Telephone (Editor's Cell Phone)	500.00	480.00	500.00
Travel	6,500.00	2,478.03	5,000.00
Trustee Expense	600.00	210.00	300.00
Expenses for Printing & Mailing:			
USPS (Postage)	11,000.00	11,673.70	13,000.00
Fielder Ink, LLC	18,000.00	18,818.00	20,000.00
Expenses for Workshops & Resources:			
ww	8,000.00	1,134.47	8,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	155,500.00	144,201.27	163,750.00

Baptist Progress

BAPTIST PROGRESS 2022-2023 Recommendations

1. That *Baptist Progress* publish 12 issues per year (one publication per month)
2. That *Baptist Progress* publish e-News 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 – \$2.00 per month
 - b. Church Plan email subscriptions – \$1.50 per month
 - c. Individual mail subscriptions – \$27.00 per year
 - d. Individual email subscriptions – \$21.00 per year
4. That advertisement rates be as follows:
 - a. Full page (10.5 x 11.75 w/border), \$600.00
 - b. Half page (10.5 x 5.75 w/border), \$300.00
 - c. Fourth page (5.25 x 5.75 w/border), \$150.00
 - d. Classified (Up to 7 lines w/o border), \$15.00
5. That churches receive a special anniversary offering for *Baptist Progress* in June
6. That churches subscribe to the *Baptist Progress* Every Sunday Bulletin Service
7. That churches add *Baptist Progress* to their monthly budgets to cover the costs of Ministry Connection Resources and church relations efforts
8. That the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 associational year be approved
9. That Director Jerry Fulton and the staff of *Baptist Progress* be given a rising vote of appreciation for their continued faithful and dedicated service to the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2022-2023

Recommendations

BMLA

2026

Larry Elliott (2018)
Carol Taylor (2022)
Rick Cundieff (2022)

2025

Wayne Speir (2017)
Don Martin (2021)
Kim Harris (2022)

2024

Phil Knott (2020)
Christa Williams (2020)
Mike Chism (2016)
Danny Vaughn (2016)

2023

Charles Turner (2018)
Tom Mayes (2018)
Rex Coulter (2015)

BAPTIST PROGRESS

2026

Eddie Ballard (2018)
Frank Escamilla (2022)
Mike McEuen (2018)
Kerry Moore (2018)

2025

Cameron Burgess (2022)
Chris Driver (2021)
Paul Gauntt (2021)

2024

Phil Berry (2020)
Wayne McKay (2020)
Robert Easterling (2016)

2023

Thomas Ayres (2022)
Michael Anthony (2015)
James Dorman (2015)

TBHC

2026

Barry Calhoun (2018) SBTC
Russ Jackson (2018)
Matt Walker (2018)

2025

Dustin Guidry (2017) SBTC
Wendy Byers (2019)
Cody Craig (2020)
Charlotte Johnson (2020)
Amara “Maurie” Bratcher (2021) SBTC

BOLD indicates newly elected/renominated in 2022
Dates in parentheses indicate year first elected

2024

Steve Jeter (2020) at large
Ricky Thompson (2020)
Leon Ross (2016)
Justin Hardin (2021)

2023

Jimmy Preuninger (2019)
Carl Word (2022) at large
David Erickson (2015)

BMA OF TEXAS MISSIONS

2026

Joe Caudle (2020)
Daniel Reynolds (2021)
Collin Jones (2022)

2025

Ricky Robinson (2017)
Andy Slater (2018)
Chris Sweet (2019)

2024

Adam Key (2022)
Jason Collins (2017)
Buddy Sadler (2017)
Grady Cashion (2015)

2023

Robert Forrest (2020)
Ricky Williams (2020)
Nick Kerry (2019)

JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

2026

Robbie Caldwell (2019)
Neil Dumas (2022)
Bart Barber (2020) SBTC

2025

Debbie Berry (2017)
Ray Thompson (2017)
Billy Byrd (2021)
Sam De’Ville (2021) SBTC

2024

Robert Fannette (2020) at large
Shelby Race (2020)
Wes Pratt (2020)

2023

Sherry Bryant (2019)
Charles Johnson (2019)
David Perish (2019) SBTC
Clay Reed (2022) SBTC
Dwayne Orr (2015)

events

2022 BMA OF TEXAS MEETING

DATE: Nov. 7-8, 2022
PLACE: First Baptist Church, Livingston

2022 NATIONAL SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE

DATE: Nov. 15-17, 2022
PLACE: Chateau on the Lake, Branson, Missouri

2023 BMA OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: April 25-27, 2023 **CORRECTED DATES!**
PLACE: Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas
HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: To be decided

2023 SOAR

DATE: July 3-5, 2023
PLACE: Gaylord Texan, Grapevine, Texas

personnel

&positions

AVAILABLE MINISTRY POSITIONS

STUDENT PASTOR—First, Carthage is seeking a full time student pastor who is passionate about leading the youth of our church an implementing biblical teaching, discipleship and evangelism. We are looking forward to partnering with someone who will be committed to the shared vision of our church. Email resume to James McRight at james@firstbaptistcarthage.com.

PASTOR—Calvary, Arlington is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resume to Calvary Baptist Church, 2101 S. Davis, Arlington, Texas 76013 or resumes@calvarybaptistarlington.org. For more information, call or text 214-762-9807. 11/22

YOUTH MINISTER—Greenpond, Como is seeking a youth minister. Send resume to Pastor Terry Bolton at terrywbolton@yahoo.com or mail to Pastor Terry Bolton, c/o Greenpond Baptist Church, 1911 CR 2425, Como, Texas 75431. 10/22

PASTOR—Pine Brook, Tyler is seeking a bivocational pastor. Send resume to Pine Brook Baptist Church, P.O. Box 7121, Tyler, Texas 75711 or pinebrookpastorsearch@gmail.com. 10/22

PASTOR—Immanuel, Nashville, Arkansas, is seeking for a full-time pastor. Send resume to Immanuel Baptist Church Search Committee, P.O. Box 212, Nashville, Arkansas 71852. 10/22

YOUTH/ASSOCIATE PASTOR—Southgate, Moore, Oklahoma is seeking a full-time youth/associate pastor. Send resume to 740 SW 4th Street, Moore, Oklahoma 73160 or southgatebaptistmoore@gmail.com. For more information, visit southgatebaptistmoore.com. 10/22

PASTOR—Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden (Alba) is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resume to jesmith_1956@yahoo.com. 10/22

YOUTH PASTOR/MINISTER—New Harmony, Tyler is seeking a full time youth director/minister. Send resume to the church at 10251 FM 724, Tyler, Texas 75704 or to Russ Jackson at rgjackson63@yahoo.com. TFN

YOUTH/STUDENT MINISTRY—Afton Grove, Jacksonville is seeking a biblically qualified candidate. This is a bivocational position. We are looking for a minister with a heart for God, a heart for students and who is ready to plunge into the work. The candidate will love the Lord and love and lead our students in a growing relationship with Jesus. Please send your resume to Eddie Richardson at fasteddie999elr@gmail.com. TFN

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JAMES TEAGUE is the new pastor of Elwood, Wills Point.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

ASSOCIATION EXPENSE FUND

INCOME	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL	2022-2023 PROPOSED
General Fund	12,000.00	12,553.08	12,000.00
Association Offering	1,000.00	216.00	1,000.00
VANCO	800.00	850.22	1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	13,800.00	13,619.30	14,000.00
EXPENSES			
Audit	700.00	750.00	750.00
Legal	170.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	1,000.00	764.51	1,000.00
Supplies (UTO, State Mtg, etc.)	1,200.00	2,206.54	1,850.00
Miscellaneous	350.00	0.00	300.00
Banking	800.00	1,010.36	1,000.00
Coordinating Committee	1,500.00	1,072.40	1,500.00
Clerk Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Annual Meeting	3,500.00	2,897.14	3,500.00
Printing Minutes	3,200.00	2,446.00	3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,520.00	12,246.95	14,000.00



COORDINATING COMMITTEE 2022-2023 Recommendations

1. That the Association Expense Fund proposed budget be approved
2. That Jack Cook, a member of South Park, Fort Worth, and Brian Upchurch, pastor of Shady Grove, Purdon, stand as nominees to serve on the BMA of Texas Nominating Committee with term ending 2025
3. That the 123rd Annual Session of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas be held at Crossroads Church in Rowlett, Texas Nov. 6-7, 2023

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Baptist Progress to Present The Erwins at 2022 BMA of Texas Meeting



▲ The Erwins

By JERRY FULTON

Baptist Progress Director/Editor

There is something captivating about the blending and swelling of sibling harmony. When that is combined with pure talent and a servant’s heart for people, you have the incomparable ministry of The Erwins. The Erwins started singing as soon as they were each able to talk.

Appearing at over 270 dates a year, they have been traveling full-time their entire lives singing in concerts, revivals and conferences all across the country. It is with prayer, determination, and focus that The Erwins are blazing new trails in Christian music.

The Grammy-nominated group is no stranger to the Baptist Missionary Association, as they have appeared numerous times at both BMA of Texas and BMA of America annual meetings.

Made possible through a private donation, Baptist Progress, the informing and equipping ministry of the BMA of Texas, is pleased to present The Erwins in concert during the 2022 BMA of Texas Meeting at the First Baptist Church in Livingston at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, 2022.

David Crain to speak and entertain during BMA Texas Missions Leadership Conference

By JERRY FULTON

Baptist Progress Director/Editor

Each year, in conjunction with the BMA of Texas Annual Meeting, BMA Texas Missions presents a leadership conference. This year, David Crain, a high-energy Christian musician and speaker will be the featured guest. Crain, who is not stranger to the BMA, having spoken or performed at numerous BMA conferences, will inspire and challenge you. He travels nationwide using music, humor and a very direct approach to reach people of all ages.



▲ David Crain

Come to the leadership conference for a time of refreshing. The conference will take place in the exhibits room at First, Livingston, at 10 a.m. Nov. 8.

West and Schoenrock to speak during 2022 BMA of Texas Meeting

By JERRY FULTON

Baptist Progress Director/Editor

Two well-known personalities of the Baptist Missionary Association will preach God’s Word during the 2022 BMA of Texas Meeting at First, Livingston Nov. 7 and 8.

Todd West, head of Todd West Ministries, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Plumerville, Arkansas and pastor connections coordinator for the BMA of Texas, will preach at 6:45 p.m. Nov. 7. West has traveled much of the nation preaching during revival meetings and city-wide crusades. He is no stranger to pastors in Texas.



▲ Todd West

James Schoenrock, pastor of Sheppard Drive Baptist Church in Euless, who has served numerous churches as pastor and is a former BMA of America Missions Director, will preach at 4:25 p.m. Nov. 8.

Please pray for these brethren as they prepare to share God’s Word with those in attendance at the annual meeting.





▲ James Schoenrock

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Auxiliaries

Texas WMA to Meet November 8 in Livingston

By **GLENDAM CHAMBERLAIN**

The Texas Women's Missionary Auxiliary will meet in the youth room of First, Livingston on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Registration starts at 8 a.m., with the meeting beginning at 9 a.m. President Kristi Key will preside over the business portion. WMA ladies will have an opportunity to hear from National and Texas Miss GMA Audrey Johnson and Texas Junior Miss GMA Aileen Maynard. A new project will also be selected for the coming year.

There will be a special time for praise and worship. 2nd vice president Diana Morris has a great speaker lined up for the meeting. A new slate of officers will be elected and installed for the coming year and a delicious lunch will be provided. The meeting should conclude by 1:30 p.m.

All ladies are encouraged to attend, you will be blessed.

"CREATED TO WORSHIP" 2023 SPRING RETREAT IN LUBBOCK

LakeRidge, Lubbock have plans well underway for a Spring Retreat March 31-April 1, 2023. Theme for the event is "Created to Worship" taken from Psalm 95:6. Special guest speaker will be award-winning Babbie Mason. She is a two-time Dove Award-winning Christian singer, songwriter, author and TV talk show host, who remains a favorite artist to a very dedicated audience. A Christian Music Hall of Fame inductee, Babbie Mason has 26 recorded projects to her credit and authored eight books.

The retreat will feature 14 amazing workshops, and you will have the opportunity to attend four of your choosing. Meals will include a light supper Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, as well as snack stations throughout the retreat. Registration is open now, the cost is \$65 per person, and if you make the early-bird registration by Jan. 31, 2023 the cost includes a special retreat t-shirt. You can access the online registration through this link: <https://form.jotform.com/222336193598161>.

A block of rooms are reserved at the Ashmore Inn & Suites, 4019 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, 79423. Cost is \$90 per room with two queen beds. You can make your reservation by calling the hotel directly at 866-844-0460 and mention you're with WMA to get the discounted rate. You must call before March 17, 2023 for the discounted rate.

Barbie Reynolds is the retreat coordinator. She can be reached by calling or texting 806-470-9384. Mail your registration and check to LRBC-WMA Spring Retreat c/o Barbie Reynolds, 4601 82nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79424. For more information email: SpringRetreat2023@mylakeridgebaptist.org or check out the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/lubbockspringretreat2023

DISTRICT NEWS

Cherokee District Women's Missionary Auxiliary met July 12, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville. A delicious meal was served at 6 p.m. and enjoyed by all attending.

Following the meal, President Cindy Allen called the meeting to order. The WMA motto was recited, and Second Vice President Nancy Washburn read scripture, Psalm 135. Rosemary Hallum led opening prayer. Sarah Spunaugle welcomed all to First Baptist Church.

Carol Murph led the congregation in singing "America" with Loretta Stephens accompanying at the piano. After prayer by Cindy Allen, an offering was taken up. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Sims conducted the roll call of ladies, visitors, and ministers.

Loretta Stephens sang a special in song, "Who Am I". Betty Hensley of First Baptist introduced the speaker. Mrs. Johnnie Ross of the Latch Missionary Baptist Church, Latch, Texas, spoke on the subject of "The Shadowing of Christ in the Old Testament." Jesus didn't just suddenly appear in Matthew. In the Old Testament, God presented us with shadows or the essence of a Son, and she used scripture references to show how Jesus was foreshadowed in the Old Testament. We never see portraits or the full image of Jesus until the New Testament. An appreciation token of the Cherokee District WMA was presented to Mrs. Ross for her program.

The Cherokee District WMA business was then attended to: minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting at Sardis, report of Income and Expenses. Election of officers for 2022-2023:

President-Cindy Allen; Vice President-Nancy Washburn; Secretary/Treasurer-Lugene Sims; Pianist-Eloise Thomas; Historian-Alicia Johnson; Prayer Chairman-Alicia Johnson;

Meetings were planned for the upcoming year, the dates and churches listed: Oct. 9, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. – First Baptist Church, Maydelle, partner, Cornerstone; January 2023 – Afton Grove, partner, First, Jacksonville; April 2023 – Cornerstone, partner, First, Maydelle; July 2023 – Enterprise, partner, Sardis.

There was a discussion of the attendance banner becoming a memory due to several auxiliaries/members with health issues not able to attend the district meetings. A motion was made, seconded, approved by the messengers, and the keeper of the banner will be the WMA of Afton Grove, Jacksonville who had the most in tonight's attendance. Felicia Mayo of Afton Grove's WMA extended words of appreciation for the hospitality and warm welcome given by FBC, Jacksonville. Prayer requests were spoken and prayer given by the Prayer Chairman Alicia Johnson. President Cindy adjourned the meeting.

Glenda Chamberlain is the Texas Women's Missionary Auxiliary (WMA) editor. Contact her at gcham33@yahoo.com. For more information about the Texas WMA, visit www.texaswma.com.





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2022

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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