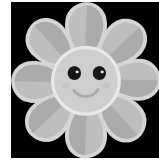


The Pine Torch



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 8
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 19

REMEMBER THERE IS NO PINE TORCH IN JUNE

NRBA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND LADIES MINISTRY MEETING

MAY 10, 2011 - 5:30 PM

Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist
Church, Trinity

♪♪ Reminder ♪♪

May is Music Month

If you or your church group wants to sing at our meeting May 10 please contact Rodney McCaleb at the church, 936-594-3822 so the program can be planned.

NO JUNE MEETING
NEXT MEETING JULY 12

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 5, 2011
6:30 PM

Program will be held on the East side of the
Courthouse in Crockett

Please pray each week for one of our Neches River Association Pastors/Churches. Following is the list for May/June.

Lake	Pastor	Bill Martin	May 1 - May 7
Lakeway	Pastor	Marvin Martin	May 8 - May 14
Latexo	Pastor	Dr. Jeff Taylor	May 15 - May 21
Mt Vernon	Pastorless		May 22 - May 28
New Pleasant Grove	Pastor	Winston Spencer	May 29 - June 4
Oak Grove	Pastor	Dennis Morgan	June 5 - June 11
Oaklawn	Pastor	Lester McAdams	June 12 - June 18
Open Door	Pastor	Davis Thornton	June 19 - June 25
Pearson Chapel	Pastor	James Gunnels, Jr.	June 26 - July 2

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DOM..... Dr. Bill Jones
Home phone 936-544-0555
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Moderator..... Keeney Dickenson
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Treasurer..... Arnold Winkler
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OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Afternoons (Contact Brother Bill by cell)
Closed Friday afternoon

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DIRECTORS THOUGHTS

TOGETHER WE CAN...

Let me share several reminders with ALL of our churches as I begin this months article:

1st: Our monthly meeting will be held at Dorcas Wills Baptist in Trinity, Tx on May 10. This is our music emphasis. We always have a great program. If you plan on singing you MUST contact Rodney and give him details. I also want to share one reminder: When you get up to sing please do not speak. This causes our program to go too long and we want to hear your words through whatever music God has placed on your heart.

2nd, May is Associational Emphasis Month. We would ask you to do 2 things: #1: Pray for us all during the month of May. #2: Remember that our association has approved a special offering named in honor of Estella Brown (who will celebrate her 100th birthday this summer). This offering is used for special mission projects carried out through the association during the year. Each church sets aside just one Sunday sometime during the month of May to take a special love offering and send it along with your regular monthly contribution to the associational office. (Be sure and mark the amount of the special offering if you chose to send just one check).

We have seen God do some great things because of those who have prayed and contributed to this very special associational love offering.

I have discovered that sometimes people do not understand what Jesus meant when he said, "If any man would follow be my disciple he must take up his cross daily and follow me." Sometimes I have heard remarks like this, "I have (and they name a physical ailment or problem), so I'll just have to bear my cross."

This is not what a cross is. So to help us better understand what Jesus meant, read the following:

"If any man would be my disciple he must take up his cross daily and follow me."

A CROSS...

- 1) voluntarily choosing something that will contribute to the fame of the Lord Jesus;
- 2) choosing something that can cause personal loss, or suffering;
- 3) a choice made daily; moment by moment;
- 4) Something we endure because of the joy set before us;
- 5) not things beyond our choice or control, but, how we respond to things beyond our control;
- 6) not the results of our poor choices.

"Lord, what can I choose today that you consider 'taking up my cross'?"

Finally, below is the 3rd of seven points from our Jim Gatliff's article about church revitalization:

#3. Attempts to "attract" new members may not work.

Many plateaued and declining churches are trying very, very hard to come up with ways to draw people to their church's ministries and worship services. These "attractual" approaches, however, are often unsuccessful. Furthermore, they can waste huge amounts of precious financial resources and burn up lots of volunteer hours in projects that ultimately do not result in growth of the church.

Unfortunately, the un-churched in most communities are not combing the streets of town looking for a church with a freshly painted nursery, a new children's playground, new carpet, or even a contemporary worship service.

The churches that are actually able to draw hoards of new people are typically those that are already growing, have large numbers of new members who know other un-churched people, and have established an atmosphere of excitement. In contrast, declining churches may rarely see guests in their services and at their special events.

As a rule, most un-churched people will go to the church where they have been invited by a friend, and they will stay at the church where they are fed and loved. To reach them, however, someone from the church must first establish a relationship with them. Most will not go to a church event without a personal invitation.

The revitalizing church member's most important skill is conversation. Chief among revitalizing church's most valuable assets are the relationships of its people with un-churched people. Here's the goal: Real, live church members inviting real, live un-churched people to church and to a personal relationship with Christ. Revitalizing churches must actively and continually go after the people!

Awaiting the Shout,
Brother Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY/JUNE 2011

5 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 8 - MOTHER'S DAY
 10 - EXECUTIVE BOARD & LADIES MINISTRY
 Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church, Trinity
 30 - MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE
 OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE

19 FATHER'S DAY

CONGRATULATIONS!

TWO PASTORS IN OUR ASSOCIATION HAVE EARNED SEMINARY DEGREES

DR. SIMON GONCHARENKO, Ph.D
 Doctor of Philosophy

DR. JASON BURDEN, DMIN
 Doctor of Ministry

Pineywoods Baptist Encampment
2011 SUMMER CAMPS

June 6 – June 10 Kingsland Baptist Church
 June 13 – June 17 Pineywoods Girls Camp
Director – Reida Davis 936-632-5225
 pwgirlscamp@suddenlink.net

June 20 – June 24 Pineywoods PowerPlus Youth I
Director – David May 903-561-0174
 brodave7875@nctv.com

June 27 – July 1 Pineywoods PowerPlus Youth II
Director – Jason Hoffman 903-683-5494
 fbcs71@gmail.com

July 4 – July 8 Pineywoods PowerPlus Youth III
Director – Matt Walton 325-949-9633
 matt@southlandbaptist.org

July 11 – July 15 Pineywoods PowerPlus Youth IV
Director – Kelly Johnson 409-246-2750
 kjohnson@crestwoodbc.com

PowerPlus Youth Camp Executive Director – Steve Boyd 936-642-1723

July 17– July 20 Tryon-Evergreen/Neches River Preteen Camp I
 July 20– July 23 Tryon-Evergreen/Neches River Preteen Camp II
 For Information – Barbara Lambert 936-856-2001
 blambert@teba.org

July 24– July 27 Pineywoods PowerPlus Preteen Camp
 Director – Barry Phillips 281-572-1000
 barry@fellowshipporter.org

July 28 – August 1 Over the Edge Preteen Camp I
 August 2 – August 6 Over the Edge Preteen Camp II
Director – Dave Benefield 903-677-3185
 davebenefield@yahoo.com

August 7 – August 12 Lufkin High School Band

August 8– August 12 AIM Boys Camp
Director – Chad Bixler
 Pineywoods 936-642-1723
 eric@pineywoodscamp.com

GIFTS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Yr to Date	
		Mar 2011	3/20/11
1001 · Antioch	Jared Burt	106.79	434.36
1002 · Apple Springs	J. Lindsey Nimmons	113.70	558.52
1003 · Austonio	Pastorless	239.64	472.22
1004 · Bible Believers	Tracy Henderson IP	0.00	200.00
1005 · Calvary Nogalus	James Whittlesey	483.60	1,688.48
1006 · Calvary Trinity	Dr. Randy Lowe	1,207.00	1,957.57
1007 · Carlisle	Pastorless	176.71	462.29
1008 · Central	John Goss	1,221.79	1,620.93
1009 · Dorcas Will Memorial	Dr. Jason Burden	323.63	1,064.64
1010 · Faith	Kyle Coston	75.00	150.00
1011 · Family of God	Slim Evans	0.00	87.00
1012 · FBC Crockett	Keeney Dickenson	1,565.44	5,715.48
1013 · FBC Friday	Albert Harris	0.00	0.00
1014 · FBC Glendale	John Valenta	75.00	275.00
1015 · FBC Grapeland	Pastorless	669.82	2,632.92
1016 · FBC Groveton	Lewis Jones	0.00	2,484.87
1017 · FBC Kennard	Jim Durham	100.00	400.00
1018 · FBC Lovelady	Pastorless	288.87	1,155.48
1019 · Georgia Camp	Rex Harrell	50.00	100.00
1020 · Lake	Bill Martin	32.63	98.49
1021 · Lakeway, Carlisle	Marvin Martin	0.00	88.77
1022 · Latexo	Dr. Jeff Taylor	247.19	750.43
1023 · Mt. Vernon	Pastorless	125.00	125.00
1024 · Oak Grove	Dennis Morgan	102.83	397.59
1025 · Oaklawn	Lester McAdams	600.00	1,200.00
1026 · Open Door Mission	Davis Thornton	47.68	157.80
1027 · Pearson Chapel	James Gunnels	28.26	112.98
1028 · Pleasant Grove	Kenneth Myers	300.20	636.60
1029 · Porter Springs	Carl Standley	283.69	931.17
1030 · Primera Iglesia Bautista	Pablo Palma	0.00	140.00
1031 · Ratcliff	Dr. Bob Lacey IP	147.71	609.89
1032 · St. Lukes	Larry Mouton	25.00	100.00
1033 · San Pedro	Tommy Hutto	646.34	936.39
1034 · New Scrub Creek	Dudley Austin	100.00	230.00
1035 · Shady Grove	Terry Gibson IP	0.00	216.99
1036 · Shady Grove 1st	Dr. Charles Lowery	37.05	197.85
1037 · Trinity Pines	Mark Gray	223.56	446.80
1038 · Weldon	Pastorless	207.00	482.00
1039 · West Side	Steve Meadows	355.94	719.70
1040 · Zion Hill	Dee Queen	180.00	431.10
1041 · Groveton Hispanic Mission	Oscar Campos	0.00	46.46
1042 · New Pleasant Grove	Winston Spencer	100.00	400.00
1043 · Iglesia Bautista Jesucristo	Oscar Campos	0.00	0.00
1044 · Truly God's Country Cowboy	Gene Kellum	25.00	75.00
1045 · Ho. County Cowboy Church	Will Yates	200.00	200.00
1046 · Grapeland Baptist	Charles Pyle	25.00	100.00
1047 · 21 Fellowship	Dr. Simon Goncharenko	36.00	186.00
1048 · Calvary, Crockett	Pastorless	9.86	49.75
1099 · Association Meeting Offering		0.00	0.00
Total		10,782.93	31,526.52

* Church numbers are for bookkeeping purposes only !

Pulpit Supply	Phone #
Dee Black	936-594-9574
Jim Turner	903-729-1529
Leroy Brown	936-594-6469
Don Mize	936-544-8298/544-9832
Paul Knight	936-222-5250
Roye Blackmon	936-544-3540
Archie Smith	936-707-1148

Music Supply	Phone #
Jeff & Carolyn Cuellar	936-594-2463
Randy & Betty Welborn	936-436-0046
Billy & Judy Seamans	936-594-6539/594-7331

Pulpit Supply	Phone #
Don Burkhalter	936-594-7515
Fred Lintelman	936-687-4177
Thomas Potter	903-729-2387
Charles Goodson	281-252-0347
Willie Reagan	903-764-5986
Jeffrey Conner	936-215-1187

Music Supply	Phone #
Delbert Salisbury	936-687-2163
Tom Dixon	936-642-2186
Roye Blackmon	936-544-3540

May Birthdays

10 Lewis Jones
 12 Darla Goss
 23 Bill Martin
 25 Winston Spencer
 28 Terrie McAdams
 31 Darleen Jones

June Birthdays

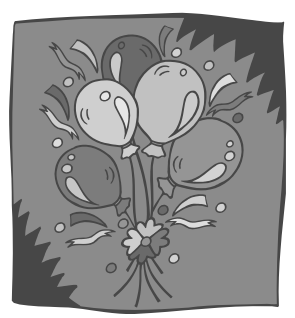
14 Bill Jones
 14 Olga Campos
 17 Charles Pyle
 19 D'Ann Dickenson
 19 Sue Evans
 23 Nita Lowrey
 24 Wanda Myers
 26 Albert Harris

May Anniversaries

4 Kenneth & Wanda Myers

June Anniversaries

1 Keeney & D'Ann Dickenson
 3 Jason & Kristi Burden
 7 Dennis & Patricia Morgan
 13 Charles & Amber Pyle
 13 Lindsey & Jackie Nimmons
 28 Steve & Terri Meadows



Happy Mother's Day

May 8, 2011

Happy Father's Day

June 19, 2011

Share some special time with your Mom/Dad or do something to honor their memory.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT A PASTOR:

Austonio
 Mt Vernon
 Weldon
 Shady Grove
 FBC Lovelady
 FBC Grapeland
 Carlisle
 Calvary, Crockett

CENTRAL BAPTIST CROCKETT

WELCOMES

NEW WORSHIP LEADER

JIM IVINS

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Brother John Valenta will be retiring from First Baptist Church Glendale effective June 30. Brother John has served as the pastor for 27 years. The church will honor Brother John and his family sometime in May.