

The view around Parker County and the Parker Baptist Association

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September, 2010

# 2010 Annual Meeting of the Parker Baptist Association

Sunday, October 24th  
North Side Baptist Church  
910 N. Main St.  
Weatherford, TX

Registration begins at 3:30pm  
Afternoon Session at 4:00pm

- Business Meeting and Worship
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dan Crawford

Dinner break 5:30pm  
Evening Breakout Sessions at 6:30pm

Topics:

- Prayer Strategies for your community
- Acts 1:8 mission opportunities for your church
- The Pastor as a Missions leader



Mark Your  
Calendar

## September

- † 6 Office Closed  
Labor Day Observance
- † 12-19 Texas Missions/  
Mary Hill Davis State  
Offering
- † 13 Pastor / Staff Lunch  
Association Office at  
11:30am  
**CALLED** Executive  
Board meeting at noon
- † 14 WMU Mission Fair  
6pm at Center Point  
Baptist Church
- † 19-26 Reach Texas State  
Missions Offering
- † 25 9th Annual "Delight  
Yourself in the Lord" at  
FBC Dennis 9:30-3:30

## October

- † 11 Pastor/ Staff Lunch  
Association Office at  
11:30am.
- † 24 Annual Meeting  
North Side Baptist  
Church

## Weekly Schedule

Fall 2010 Semester

### Monday

Community (Small) Groups

Day devoted to Meeting Students on Campus

### Tuesday

Old Testament Survey

11:00 - 12:15

(BSM)

Prayer walking Campus

12:45-1:15

### Wednesday

Refuel (Free Lunch)

**NEW TIME**

12:30 - 2:00

### Thursday

Old Testament Survey

11:00 - 12:15

(BSM)

Prayer Groups

Meet at BSM

12:45 - 1:15

Thursday Nights Ministry

7:00 - 9:00 pm

### Friday

Summit 7:24

Bible Study

12:00 - 1:00

# WEATHERFORD COLLEGE BSM

August 2010

## The Story of BSM



Acts 1:8; "and you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and all Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (NIV)

### REFUEL SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2010

9/1 - North Side Baptist  
9/8 - FBC- Horseshoe Bend  
9/15 - Spring Creek Baptist  
9/22 - \_\_\_\_\_  
9/29 - Lakeshore Drive  
10/6 - FBC - Brock  
10/13 - Emmanuel Baptist  
10/20 - Friendship Baptist  
10/27 - Greenwood Baptist  
11/3 - FBC - Poolville  
11/10 - Brazos Trails C C  
11/17 - FBC - Weatherford

### Vision Statement for BSM

*We exist to develop authentic followers of Christ expressed in the personal and community life through worship, discipleship and missions. The lives we touch with Christ's love will in turn touch the lives of others.*  
(Working statement)

### 2009-2010 Texas BSM Report

*Students Reached - 113,703  
Regular Participants - 27,144  
Weekly Involvement - 9,759  
BSM Leaders - 2,301*

- 381 Student Professions of Faith
- 688 other Professions of Faith
- 35,276 Spiritual Conversations
- 2,181 Trained in Evangelism
- 4,773 in Small Groups
- 5,652 in Discipleship Training

### Missions Involvement

- 3,667 Students involved in Local mission projects
- 1,018 summer or Semester Missionaries
- 2,211 students involved in mission trips
- \$874,861 invested in students being involved in missions

### CHURCH LIFE

- 628 Churches assisted by BSM students & staff
- 80+ persons serving local churches as college ministers (full time, part time, combination)
- 7,000+ contacts with local churches made by BSM Staff



### **WE would love to hear from our former BSM students.**

We want to share what we are doing now with you also. Drop by the office, email, facebook, or call us so we can re-connect with you. We are looking to do something during our Homecoming this Spring.

Every May Seniors will graduate from High School and decide to further their education at a college or university. It is the BSM's desire to partner with these students while they are at school helping them to grow spiritually. Can you help us make contact with them by going to [www.texasfreshmen.com](http://www.texasfreshmen.com) It is a website devoted to connecting your student to their BSM director at the school they are going to.

**Personally, I have seen several come to the BSM through this site.**

# Pray...

Pray for God to be glorified through  
the ministry  
of churches in Parker County.

Join us in praying weekly for Parker Association churches once each quarter:

- August 29 - September 4: North Side, Oak Ridge, Parker County Cowboy, Poolville-FBC
- September 5 - September 11: Primera, Rock Creek Road, Saddle Up Cowboy
- September 12 - September 18: Shady Grove, Silver Creek, Soda Springs, Spring Creek
- September 19 - September 25: Walnut Creek, Weatherford-FBC, West Parkway
- September 26 - October 2: Whitt, Willow Park-FBC, Zion Hill
- October 3 - October 9: FBC-Aledo, Baker, Ballew Springs, Bethel
- October 10 - October 17: Beulah, Brazos Trail Cowboy, FBC-Brock, Calvary
- October 18 - October 24: Center Point, Central, Christway, Clear Fork
- October 25 - October 31: Community, Crossroads, FBC-Dennis, Emmanuel, Fellowship

Pray for these pastorless churches: Ballew Springs      Emmanuel      FBC-Weatherford

## CHURCH NEWS

**North Side Baptist Church** is hosting **Divorce Care and DC4K** (Divorce Care 4 Kids and blended families) beginning Sunday, September 12th, from 5:00 – 6:30pm. For more information call 817.599.8612 or visit [www.nsbweatherford.com](http://www.nsbweatherford.com). Cost: \$20 per person with some scholarships available.

**Indian Creek Baptist Church** in Mineral Wells is looking for a full time secretary. Compensation includes health care benefits. 30-40 hours per week. \$8 to \$10 per hour depending on experience. Please stop by the church office at 104 Indian Creek Road to pickup an application Monday through Thursday 9 -4pm. The church phone number is 940.325.8174.

### 2010 Annual Church Profile

The ACP will be going out soon.

**We will host a training session on Tuesday, September 14th from 2-3pm**  
at the Association office located at 118 East Park Avenue.

If you have any questions about how to fill out the ACP, mark this date down on your calendar and plan to attend.

#### How does filling out an accurate ACP help your church?

Every year, our office receives requests from churches to assist them with planning for building, strategy, or organization. We rely on the reports that you submit each year to create a profile of trends in your church for a period of time (i.e., ten years). This profile is one of many tools that you will use for future planning. Accurate information on your ACP this year allows us to give you accurate information in the future to assist your church.

# Equip..

Equipping healthy leaders and healthy churches to introduce people to Jesus Christ, help them grow in a relationship with Christ, and to meet people's needs in Jesus' name.

## *Leadership Survey*

Watch your e-mail and regular mail for surveys of Pastors, staff members and lay leaders from the Church Health Team. We want to know how to better assist you as you perform your role in your Church.

- What are your greatest challenges?
- What brings you the greatest joy in serving Christ?
- How do you disciple others?

Let us know how we can help you, and we can partner you with others who can learn from your gifts and strengths.

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**All women invited**

### **You are invited to celebrate life! at a Purple Tea**

A colorful program for women to learn about the importance of breast cancer awareness and mammography.

Date: Saturday, October 9, 2010

Time: 2pm

Place: New Hope Baptist Church located at 107 South Bowie Drive in Weatherford.

RSVP / Contact: Diane Brazzell at 817.596.0163 by 10/1/2010

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**9<sup>th</sup> Annual**

"Delight Yourself in the Lord" Ladies Conference/Luncheon

September 25, 2010

## **Beauty by The Book : Becoming a Biblically Beautiful Woman**

*"Clothe yourselves...with the beauty that comes from within." 1 Peter 3:4 NLT*

**First Baptist Church of Dennis**

[www.fbcdennis.org](http://www.fbcdennis.org)

(7600 FM 1189 next to Sugar Tree Golf Course)

**COST:** \$15 per person

Ladies 6th grade and up are invited to join us.

**TIME:** 9:30 to 3:30 (Lunch is provided)

**Speaker:** Laurie Cole of Priority Ministries    **Music Leader:** Christy Newberry, Music Evangelist

**WHAT TO BRING:** An open heart, Bible, friend, and a sweater in case you get cold

**Registration will begin at 8:45 AM; please NO early arrivals.** A nursery will not be provided for this event (please no nursing babies so you will be able to give your full attention to the Lord).

**If you have any questions please call Sue Zacharias at 817.599.9939**

# Serve...

Strategically meeting needs in  
Parker County and throughout the world as witnesses  
for Christ.

## Parker Baptists Respond During Weatherford Water Crisis

City of Weatherford residents awoke on the morning of August 2 without household water due to a break in the City's water system. A pipe failure at the Water Treatment Plant cut off water to all customers from the early morning on Monday for more than 24 hours. City workers scrambled to bypass the break in order to restore service while Emergency Officials worked to assist residents with their water needs.

Members of the **Parker Baptist Disaster Relief Team** responded on Monday evening and Tuesday morning as members of the Parker County Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). Team members passed out bottled water to residents at local fire stations. CERT is sponsored by the Parker County Office of Emergency Management. DRT members also assisted at the Emergency Operations Center with the arrival of a water purification unit from Texas Baptist Men.

On Tuesday morning, three members of PBA Disaster Relief joined two volunteers from Texas Baptist Men to deploy a Water Purification Unit at Cartwright Park. The unit is capable of purifying 30,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. During setup, the City reported that the temporary bypass had been completed and was functioning properly, so the TBM unit was deactivated. The end result of the exercise was valuable experience for the PBA team members regarding the setup and operation of the unit.

The City of Weatherford expressed its

thanks to the Texas Baptist Men and the Parker Association volunteers for their quick response to assist during the crisis.



## How can you get involved?

**What is the Disaster Relief Team?** The team is composed of Parker Baptist volunteers who want to serve the victims of disasters in the name of Christ.

**What is required to join?** Genuine compassion for people and the willingness to work alongside other volunteers as a team. You will also be required to attend a 3-hour orientation and take specialized training to participate in specific areas of ministry (i.e., food service, communications, etc.).

**What kind of unit does PBA have?** Right now, we are hoping to build a shower unit that can be supported by our team. Team members have also been trained in food service, communications, and water purification.

**Do I have to travel?** Some members will deploy for as much as a week during disasters as they are able. Others will only deploy locally. You can commit to whatever your schedule allows.

**How do I join?** Go to our website and find the link on the side of the page with the Disaster Relief ministry logo. On that page, you can fill out and return an interest form. We will let you know when the next "Yellow Cap Orientation" will be held.



## BFC Trip- Oct. 4-8, 2010 Searcy County Baptist Church

**Where:** Marshall, Arkansas which is north of N. Little Rock

**Housing:** Campers on site or air mattress in church

**Food:** Cooking at the church

**Cost:** \$50.00 for food

**Project:** Sheet rocking, tape and bedding, trimming and building stairs, and installing doors.

If you are interested in going, let me know by Sept. 1, 2010 or before.

I would need to update you personally, via email or phone.

Willie Evans, Builders for Christ, Coordinator

# Share...

Creating multiple partnerships through which churches can share the gospel of Christ.

## Resort Ministry Sponsors Fishing Tournament

Thirty-one anglers young and old registered for the second annual fishing tournament at Lake Mineral Wells State Park sponsored by the **Lake Mineral Wells Resort Ministry** (LMWRM). The tournament lasted from 8am until 6pm with divisions for adults and children. Resort ministry workers Alex Zummo and Garrick Lancaster conducted a fishing clinic during the afternoon to help novice fisherman learn casting and knot-tying techniques.

The winning fish in the adult category was a 27-inch, 10 pound catfish. The youth category winner was also a catfish measuring 18 inches and weighing 3.5 pounds.

At the evening awards ceremony, prizes were given to every youth participant as well as the category winners. The ministry staff brought a devotional about Jesus' call to follow Him and be "fishers of men."

LMWRM would like to express thanks to the Park Store for offering prizes and assistance with the tournament, as well as a banner to advertise the ministry. LMWRM is a ministry of the Parker Baptist Association.

## FBC, Willow Park Commits to REAP Agreement

Members of FBC, Willow Park cemented its commitment to the Aymara People of Southern Peru by vote of the congregation on August 22. This vote establishes a two-year REAP Team agreement to the Aymara concentrating on the town of Comina.

The Aymara are considered an unreached people group, and the church will partner with IMB missionaries to share the gospel with them. REAP is a church planting strategy that stands for *Rapid Entry Advancement Plan*, and was formerly known as a partnership for Strategy Coordinator Churches. REAPSouth is the specific strategy for unreached groups in South America, and more information can be learned at [www.reapsouth.org](http://www.reapsouth.org).

FBC has already sent small teams to Peru as part of its growing missions involvement. As part of its Acts 1:8 strategy, the church has identified this commitment as the global component while still involving church members in other areas of missions.

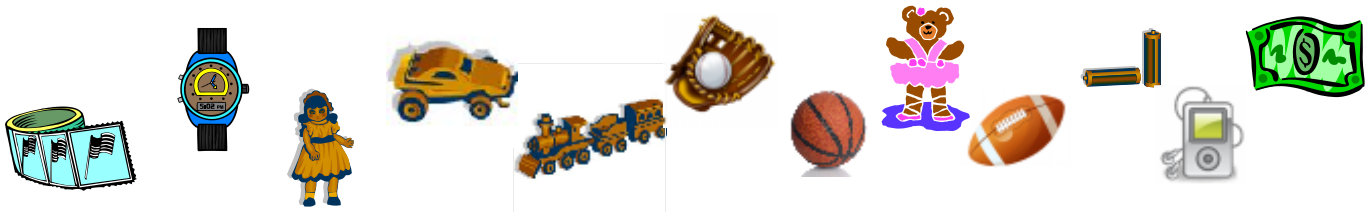
For more information about an Acts 1:8 missions strategy, be sure to attend the Breakout Session at the PBA Annual Meeting.

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## WMU Mission Action Project

# Huntsville House

Hospitality House in Huntsville will be looking forward to our delivery just in time for Christmas. Please collect toys that are safe for younger and older children such as board games, mp3 players with headsets (please provide the batteries), small trains and cars, stuffed animals, dolls, baseball gloves, balls and bats, footballs, basketballs and watches for boys or girls. Money and stamps are welcome items also.



Thank you for helping the Huntsville Hospitality House with this month's project!

Please bring your collected items to the Association Office by Friday, November 5th.

WMU Leadership Team

## Along the Journey...

When FBC, Dennis prepared for its first mission trip to Newbury, Vermont this summer, pastor Danny Shearman trained the group in prayer walking. Like most of us, prayer walking is a relatively new activity and most people are a bit hesitant when it is introduced.

When the team arrived in Vermont, Danny said to his team that he wanted every person to prayer walk at least one time. The group went out in teams of 3-5 in the mornings and evenings and team members that were initially reluctant soon became avid participants.

One story that Danny told at our recent Executive Board meeting is worth repeating. The pastor at the Newbury Bible Church where FBC was working made a request of the prayer walkers. Later in the summer NBC planned to have a booth at the annual community festival. Each year a Wiccan also sets up a booth. The pastor asked the group to pray that the influence of this self-proclaimed witch would be minimized at this year's event.

FBC, Dennis members faithfully prayer-walked the park where the community event would be held. Danny later received a phone call from the Newbury pastor telling him the Wiccan did not show up for the festival for the first time in 15 years!

Does prayer walking work?

I am asked that question quite often when the topic arises. What difference does it make if you pray for something here in Texas or there in Vermont? Do you really have to travel in order to pray?

I must admit that as an analytical person, those questions make sense to me. I once wondered those things myself so perhaps a couple of examples from my own life can help.

As a seminary student in 1988 I went to Sydney, Australia with an 11-member team from SWBTS along with about 550 other Texas Baptists to participate in the Texas/Australia partnership. Part of my assignment during the week was to spend a day with another SWBTS student at a boys school in Sydney. One of the teachers at the school is a Christian and he was given permission to allow us to speak to the students. We talked to them about American culture and also shared our

personal testimonies.

This was a rough school. One class was interrupted by a student who collapsed with a concussion he received from a fight between class periods. The students challenged us about our faith. Some were receptive, most were skeptical, and a few were contemptuous. During the times I was not speaking, I realized that all I could do was pray. I prayed for the students in the room as I looked at them. I prayed for their families, their needs, and their struggles. I prayed for their hearts to be open toward Christ. As we walked around the school I prayed in the courtyards and hallways. I did not know I was prayer walking. I was just doing the only thing I thought was left to do.

Weeks after we returned to the U.S. I received reports of revival on that school campus with more than 200 students receiving Christ. Through our presence and our prayers as well as the consistent faithfulness of that teacher, the Holy Spirit had gained a foothold in the hearts of those young men and had drawn them to Christ.

I learned a valuable lesson. While we might enjoy the immediate response of evangelistic efforts, the results of prayer walking are often seen long after we have gone as the Holy Spirit continues to work.

In 2000, I prayer walked in Denia, Spain alongside Spanish Baptists. We prayed at the police station, the courthouse, City Hall, and in neighborhoods. I listened as my new Spanish friends poured out their hearts for their city, asking God to break down the strongholds of darkness all around them. They inspired me, and I hope that my presence encouraged them as we prayed together.

Yes, it does make a difference "to pray on site with insight." God can open our eyes to things we might not normally see, he can touch our hearts with needs we might not normally identify, and he can lead us to pray in ways that we would not have normally known.

Every day people in our churches walk and drive through the streets of Parker County. Are you praying for the homes, business, schools, or people that you pass? Are you praying for God to push back the spiritual darkness with his light?

John Thielepape



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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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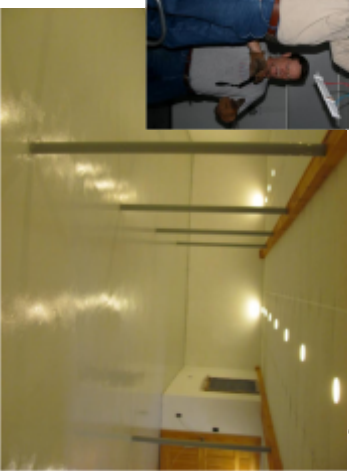
**First Baptist Church,**  
**Dennis** went to Newbury Vermont to work at Newbury Bible Church from July 12 –16. They had 20 adults and 2 youth in the group. They renovated a downstairs fellowship hall and replaced 12 old florescent light fixtures with 30 can lights; did roof repairs; cleaned vinyl siding; distributed 150 GPS information packs; had teams of 3 to 5 doing prayer walking in shifts in AM and PM.



**Before**



**During**



**After**

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