

The view around Parker County and the Parker Baptist Association

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Yellow Cap Orientation and Feeding Unit Training

Saturday, September 17

Yellow Cap: 9am - Noon

Feeding Unit Training: 1pm - 4pm

Parker Baptist Association
118 East Park Avenue
Weatherford, TX

For anyone interested in Disaster Relief Ministry

How can you get connected?

- Download a registration form at www.parkerbaptist.org
- Call 817.599.6586 for questions or to RSVP for the training

Calendar of Events

September

- † 4-11 Mary Hill Davis - Texas Mission
- † 17 Disaster Relief Training
- † 18-25 Reach Texas State Missions Offering
- † 26 Pastor/Staff breakfast

October

- † 23 Annual Meeting

For additional photos and information on announcements and stories that you find in this edition, go to our website at www.parkerbaptist.org

Baptist Student Ministries

Of Weatherford College

“If we truly want to follow God we must seek to be other-worldly.”

(A.W. Tozer, *Pursuit of God*, page 49)

Welcome Back...

Fall 2011 Semester BEGINS

The fall 2011 semester begins August 29th. As I have looked back over the summer, I am still wondering about where time has gone. It seems like just yesterday that we were going to Vermont on Mission. Even though time seems to fly by, I feel more ready to begin a new year. Each fall begins with a search for leaders and then training. I can say today that we have leaders already that are showing promise of great things. A BSM leader need to love God and have a heart for serving. It doesn't sound like much, but in reality these two things are hard to find. God is great in that He knows how to put together a group of students that can do amazing things if they will allow Him the freedom to mold them. I believe that this year's group can be like that.

The fall schedule is looking good. Thank you to all the churches that have responded to help serve lunch. The fall is complete and the spring is looking very good. I still have spots open in the spring, so if you want to help out call me soon. Lunch is served from noon to around 2 pm each Wednesday. Worship will be Monday nights, starting at 7:24 pm. We will meet at the BSM for worship and Bible study. All students are welcome to each and every activity.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your minister to the college campus.

Mark

	Spring Semester
01/18/12	
01/25/12	
02/01/12	
02/08/12	
02/15/12	Center Point Baptist Church
02/22/12	
02/29/12	FBC Possum Kingdom Lake
03/07/12	Community Baptist
03/14/12	SPRING BREAK
03/21/12	Emmanuel Baptist
03/28/12	Greenwood Baptist
04/04/12	
04/11/12	
04/18/12	
04/25/12	
05/02/12	BSM Cookout

“so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

-- Colossians 1:10

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: Oak Ridge, Parker County Cowboy, Poolville-FBC
September 5 - 11: Primera, Rock Creek Road, Saddle Up Cowboy
September 12 - 18: Shady Grove, Silver Creek, Soda Springs
September 19 - 25: Spring Creek, Walnut Creek, Weatherford-FBC
September 26 - October 2: West Parkway, Whitt, Willow Park-FBC, Zion Hill
October 3 - 9: Aledo-FBC, Baker, Ballew Springs, Bethel
October 10 - 16: Beulah, Brazos Trails Cowboy, Brock-FBC, Calvary
October 17 - 23: Center Point, Central, Christway, Clear Fork, Community
October 24 - 30: Crossroads, Dennis-FBC, Emmanuel, Eureka, Fellowship
October 31 - November 6: Friendship, Garner, Greenwood, Harmony, Hilltop

Continue to pray for our pastorless churches:

Eureka

Emmanuel

Silver Creek

Church News

First Baptist Church, Horseshoe Bend is inviting everyone to our homecoming, Sunday, September 18 at 10:45am with David's Song. Dinner after morning service. The church is located at 7150 Brazos Trail, Weatherford. The church's phone number is 817.594.2454.

First Baptist Church, Willow Park is seeking a part time Children's Minister. Send resume to 116 Sam Bass Road, Willow Park, TX 76087, Attn: Cliff Voorhees.

Lone Camp Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. Please send your resume to 108 Hoover Road, Palo Pinto, TX 76484 attention Pastor Search Team.

Harmony Baptist Church is announcing their
2nd Annual Non-Talent Show on September 24th at 7pm.
Come watch or contact us to participate or for more info:
kimbone@uwmail.com

Love & Respect DVD Marriage Conference

Spring Creek Baptist Church

100 Spring Creek Road, Weatherford

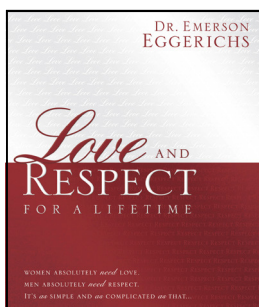
Friday, September 23(6:45pm-10:15am) & Saturday, September 24(8:45am-1:45pm)

Cost is \$15 per person through September 12, and then \$20 afterwards.

You can sign-up at <http://loveandrespect.com/events/details/904>

Some scholarships for pastors and spouses are available.

Please contact Brad Moore at 817.458.1342 for more information.



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.

Future Training Events Coming in 2011-12

Annual Church Profile

ACP training will be held on September 22, 2011

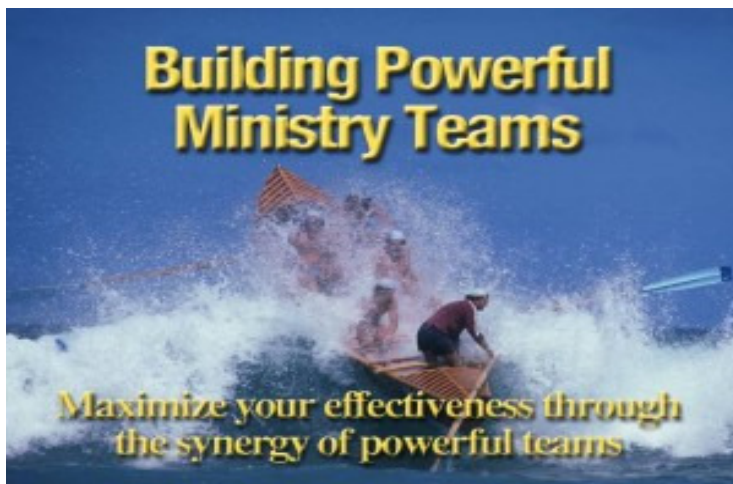
2:00 pm to 4:00pm at the Parker Baptist Association Office

The Annual Church Profile is due in the office by October 13, 2011.

Please make sure your church's profile and messenger list is turned in at this time.

Information on "Messengers" for the Annual Meeting

Each church of fifty members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or major fraction thereof. All active pastors of cooperating churches who hold membership in the Association by virtue of their office shall be messengers, but no church shall have more than ten messengers.



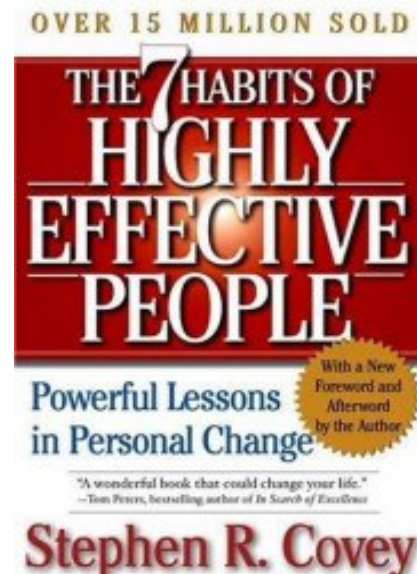
**Tools for building teamwork
among church staffs,
and ministry organizations in
the church.**

**To be offered in
the Spring of 2012.**

**Offered to church staff members and
church lay leaders. This workshop
will provide principles for becoming more
effective in ministry as well as
in our personal lives.**

Part 1: January 19-20, 2012

Part 2: February 16-17, 2012



Serve...

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

10th Annual
“Delight Yourself in the Lord”
Ladies Conference / Luncheon
September 17th

Topic: *Follow the*  *on*

First Baptist Church
Dennis, Texas
7600 FM 1189
(next to The Reserve at Sugar Tree)
www.fbcdennis.org

Cost: \$15 per person if paid by Sept. 4th / \$20 after Sept. 4th (includes lunch)
(Deadlines to register is Sept. 11th)



Speaker: June Hunt, Hope For The Heart Ministries

Time: 9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.



Music Leader: Val Dacus of Proven Way Ministries

What to Bring: An open heart, Bible, friend, and a sweater in case you get cold
(Because a nursery cannot be provided, we ask you not to bring babies.)

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Zacharias at 817.599.9939.

To register for this event please go online at www.fbcdennis.org and
click the link for Ladies Conference

Share...

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

Community Impact

Want to impact your community for Christ? Consider this. The Church can be God's retail store or God's army. Think about it. Retail stores run ads in the paper and people flock in to buy what they're selling. Works for Wal-Mart - why not for the church? There's one big difference. People think they need, and know that they want what Wal-Mart is selling. Unfortunately, they don't think the church has anything they need or want. As sadly mistaken as they are, this is their reality - their truth. Clever billboards and ads in the paper will not bring unbelievers into the church or draw people to Christ.

Let's be God's army. When armies want to impact a community they invade it. Recent experience has born out the fact that there is ultimately no substitute for troops on the ground engaging the enemy and assisting allies. We have what people desperately need - but they are unlikely to recognize that and even less likely to come to us to get it. If they are going to come into our world we must first enter theirs and show them who our God is and that we care about them. Consider this example. In July, our church held a day camp on our campus. We advertised it on our sign on Main Street. Thousands of people drove by and read it. One lady called and brought her child. We have been on the Cypress View Villa property every week all summer. We invited kids from Cypress to day camp and over 30 of them came.

Want to impact your community for Christ?

Invade it.

Mike Bizzell, Community Impact Team Leader



*Thank You
Parker Baptists*

**Thank you for your supporting our Back-to-School Bash
on August 9. We had over 250 people attend and we were able
to share the gospel with many of them.**

**Thank you again for all of the investment that you made in
our ministry to plant a church in Waterbury, VT.**

Brian and Allison Conyers

Along the Journey...

Sitting at the lunch table one Sunday afternoon, my wife and I were listening to our daughter repeat the details of the Bible story from her Sunday School class that morning. With a little bit of prompting, she told us that ten men had come to Jesus and all of them were sick. Jesus made them well. Then he told them to go to church. After that, only one of the men came back to say, "Thank you," to Jesus. Then she smiled and excitedly added, "And Jesus gave them all candy!"

The two-year old mind is an amazing place.

Forgive me for being a bit nostalgic, but that little girl just drove away in her car for the first day of her senior year in high school. That Sunday afternoon conversation took place fifteen years ago. I found that story while looking through a file containing some things I had written while serving as a pastor.

The first point that I was making at the time was to express gratitude toward those who took the time to teach the stories of the Bible to our children. Those who teach children never can be fully aware of the impact that results from that investment of their time and patience. Who knows, besides the Lord himself, how many lives will be touched in the future because of the investment that you are making now?

The second point that occurred to me was amazement at how even a two-year old can relate to the truth that God gives good gifts. Of course, at the age of two the best gifts come wrapped in crinkled plastic, taste sweet in your mouth and make your hands stick to everything. The doctor gave Kelcie candy when he made her well, so why wouldn't Jesus do the same for the ten lepers?

Of course, as we grow older we can gain a deeper understanding of God's goodness, the gift of life and how God makes that gift complete when we take his hand in faith.

Our lives move at such a rapid pace that we can easily take things for granted. When my daughter was born, I made the deliberate decision that I wanted to enjoy her at every age and refrain from wishing away her younger years. That resolve was tested a few times, but I do have great memories of her growing into the young woman that she is becoming.

The same thing can take place in our relationship with God. Like the nine ungrateful lepers, we can take advantage of God's goodness and fail to enjoy his presence in our lives. We have grown up enough to know that he gives us something a lot better than candy, and something that rises far above the concerns that often occupy our time.

John Thielepape

Pastor/Staff Breakfast

Monday, September 26

8:30am-9:30am

Early Bird coffee and conversation at 8:00am

Topic: A summary and discussion of Patrick Lencioni's book, *Death by Meeting*

If you have ever felt as if meetings are going to be the death of you, then you will enjoy this discussion. All pastors, staff members, and church leadership are invited to attend.

Please RSVP by calling the office at 817-599-6586.

Parker Baptist Association exists through the cooperation of its member churches to glorify God by resourcing churches in their efforts to introduce people to Jesus, to help people have a life-changing experience with Jesus, and to meet people's needs in Jesus' name.



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We continue to have a variety of ministry Opportunities through the Parker Baptist Association:

- *Lake Mineral Wells State Park* - Early Sunday morning worship services for Park visitors, outdoor ministry during the fall.
- *Disaster Relief Ministry* - Volunteers for Disaster Relief Team and Communications Team.
- *Impact Vermont* - Assist Vermont Baptists through prayer-walking, servant evangelism, or light construction projects.
- *Kids Against Hunger* - Prepare pre-packaged meals for hungry children at a cost of 25 cents per meal.
- *Parker Prayer Initiative* - Pray effectively for churches, communities, institutions, and leaders in Parker County.

Contact our office for more information.

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