



The view around Parker County and the Parker Baptist Association

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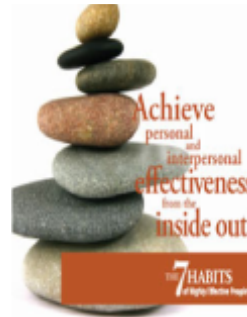
January

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

A four-session seminar offered to both volunteer and paid leaders of Baptist churches.

Dates: January 19-20, 2012 and February 16-17, 2012

Location: North Side Baptist Church
910 North Main Street, Weatherford, TX
Time: 9am—3:30pm each day



Cost: \$149*

*\$349 for those not affiliated with Parker Baptist Association churches

Scholarships available for PBA churches.

Calendar of Events

January

- † 2 Office Closed
- † 19-20 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Part 1 9-3:30pm
- † 27 VBS Overview 2-6:30pm at PBA Office
- † 30 Executive Board Meeting 12pm

February

- † 16-17 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Part 2 9-3:30pm

Vacation Bible School Overview 2012

Friday, January 27, 2012

2:00pm to 6:30 pm (come and go)
Parker Baptist Association Office
118 East Park, Weatherford 817.599.6586

Come and see what this year's VBS curriculums are all about and get your questions answered.

Everyone is welcome: directors, leaders, teachers, pastors, and helpers.

The VBS store is available, for your convenience, to purchase the curriculum your church desires at the time of the overview.



Baptist Student Ministries

of Weatherford College



It is Finished...

The fall semester is over, the grades are in and another chapter is closed. It was a great semester this fall. The creative and unique ways that students were able to minister and share the gospel amaze me.

A. W. Tozer wrote in the *Pursuit of God* this, "IF we truly want to follow God we must seek to be other-worldly." The College students we have seen this past semester are showing signs of what Tozer meant in this quote. For example, students are seeking God at WC. We see them coming in our building and on our campus, asking questions,

seeking opportunities to grow in their faith, etc.

Like Sue*, who comes to the BSM for a free meal. Many times over the semester she would come in and bring her friends to lunch. We have seen her grow and change over the semester. She is seeking something greater than herself, but doesn't know God personally. We are praying for God to work in her life and to use the BSM as a tool to plant seeds.



Like Sarah* and Libby* who are coming to lunch and heard about our show boxes we were sending to Fabens, TX. They were moved to go purchase items and create a shoe box that will bless a child living in Mexico. These two are also hosting a Christmas party for Grace House in response to a Christmas tree we put up in the BSM. On the tree are cards with items that are in need at Grace House. They have taken some of the cards for their party so that they can "exchange" gifts with each other.



We have had a great semester and we are looking forward to the spring and what God will do with and through us. We continue to ask for your prayer support as we work with students at WC. Without you, we are unable to accomplish the work of the gospel on campus.

Spring Events:

January 27-28 ABIDE

February 17-19 Discovery Weekend (GO NOW Missions)

March 12-16 Mission Trip and Spring Break

Mark Nelson



*names have been changed

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:

December 26 - January 1: West Parkway, Whitt, Willow Park-FBC, Zion Hill
January 2 - 8: Aledo-FBC, Baker, Ballew Springs, Bethel
January 9 - 15: Beulah, Brazos Trail Cowboy, Brock-FBC, Calvary
January 16 - 22: Center Point, Central, Christway, Clear Fork
January 23 - 29: Community, Crossroads, Dennis-FBC, Emmanuel
January 30 - February 5: Eureka, Fellowship, Friendship, Garner
February 6 - 12: Greenwood, Harmony, Hilltop
February 13 - 19: Horseshoe Bend-FBC, Lakeshore Drive, Lighthouse
February 20 - 26: Midway, Millsap-FBC, New Hope-Boyd
February 27 - March 4: New Hope-Weatherford, Neuvo Jerusalem, North Side

Continue to pray for our pastorless churches:

Central

Eureka

Emmanuel

Church News

Community Baptist Church is looking for a youth director. Please send your resume to 1101 W Ball St, Weatherford, TX 76086. If you have any questions please contact pastor Chip Parmer at 512.430.0993.

Community Baptist Church is looking for a volunteer College Minister. We are looking for someone that has a passion for Christ and young adults that would maybe be looking for experience, and able to invest college age young adults. This person would need to teach a Sunday school class, have one meeting outside of Church per week and be willing to plan and help execute some fellowship and spiritual growth activities. If you interested please contact, Chip Parmer at 512.430.0993.

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

North Side Baptist will host *The Legacy Five Quartet* on Friday, January 13 at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are available \$15 in advance \$12 for groups of 10 or more. The tickets will be \$18 at the door. You may call 817.599.8612 and purchase your tickets at the Church Office (Credit Card accepted) or go to the church website (www.nsbweatherford.com) to purchase tickets. Our very own CRIMSON RIVER QUARTET will sing also!

You are invited to attend this wonderful evening of Southern Gospel Music.

Friday, February 10 at 7:00 P.M. North Side will host *The Watoto Children's Choir* from Uganda. This extraordinary choir has a great story to tell and will entertain & inspire all in attendance. They are such a blessing. Please come join us for this exciting concert.

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



Friday, April 20, 2012

8:30am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$10, includes lunch

Parker Baptist Association

118 E. Park Ave.

Weatherford, TX

Few aspects of ministry are more exciting and fulfilling than seeing God work powerfully through a group of people. But on the other hand, some of us realize we need some help to create a team environment of vision, direction, trust and good communication.

Just getting people together doesn't solve the problem. The answer is to build a team focused on God's purposes and filled with His heart.

Building Powerful Ministry Teams® is a biblically-based team development process. This workshop utilizes hands-on learning tools, multimedia presentations and interactive exercises that stimulate learning and application. This material addresses six characteristics of God-honoring teams:



2012 Half-day Seminars
Half-day discussions of a specific component of Church Vitality for church leaders.

March 9: Vital Church – Kingdom Vision

August 24: Vital Church – Spiritual Formation

September 21: Vital Church – Conflict Management

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am

Cost: Free

Serve...

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

Wildfire Ministry Opportunity

The recent Bastrop/Spicewood Wildfires have destroyed more homes than any previous wildfire in Texas history! Quest Ranch Ministries is seeking ministry partners to assist in our modular cottage building program. These units will be providing permanent housing for families that have been separated with the loss of their homes, and have not, or cannot, receive financial assistance from any TX or federal agencies! These Families have lost everything and Quest Ranch and its supporters are assisting families that have fallen through the cracks of our state and federal programs. Should you feel God calling you to become involved, individually, with your family, or church, you can contact the Quest Ranch Team at:

P.O. Box 2583
Canyon Lake, TX 78133
800-228-4185
corkey@questranch.org
www.questranch.org

Freedom House

January & February

Mission Action Project

Items needed are:

Personal Hygiene - hair brush, comb, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap, deodorant, hand lotion, shampoo



Paper Goods - Paper towels, Toilet Paper
Diapers (all sizes), kleenix



Cleaning Supplies - Lysol, Clorox & Lysol wipes



Please bring all items collected to the Associational Office March 2, 2012

Thank you, WMU Leadership Team

Share...

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

January 22, 2012 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Grace House would like to provide you with a 4 minute video with testimonies from clients and how their lives have been changed by the ministry of Grace House Pregnancy Center.

Help us promote life by using the video on Sanctity of Life Sunday. An additional 2 minute clip is included that shares a local resource for women seeking post-abortion support.

For more information please call 817.599.4700



From our Vermont Missionaries...

Greetings from Vermont,

Hope everyone is ready for Christmas. It has been unseasonably warm here, but temperatures are finally falling. Statistically speaking, we have a 99% chance of experiencing a white Christmas in our part of Vermont, however, this year looks to be the year that we won't have any snow on the ground.

We are really excited about our upcoming Christmas Eve service in Waterbury. We are currently inviting everyone that we have met since we moved to Waterbury. We have mailed out invitations, we have an announcement in the local paper and we are calling everyone we know. **Pray that people will be compelled to come to our service and that God's gospel will begin to transform lives in Waterbury!** Also, **pray that the preparation and execution of our first service goes well.**

In January, we are hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. We are saturating the area with advertisements for this class and we have already had one family from the community to sign up. **Pray that people will be drawn to attend this class. Pray also that this class may help us to find another family or two to join us in the work in Waterbury.**

Thank you again for praying for us,

Brian, Allison, Nathanael and Katie Conyers

Along the Journey...

I am sitting down to write this month's column on the last Monday before Christmas Day. Our churches, for the most part, have held all of their Christmas programs and Christmas parties. All that is left is the anticipation of observing Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Activity starts to wind down and everyone starts to focus upon their own family traditions.

An informal survey reveals that most of our churches will hold worship services on Christmas morning. Most, if not all, will alter their schedules to have one worship service and no other activities.

A lot of attention has been drawn in recent years to the controversy over someone saying "Happy Holidays" as opposed to "Merry Christmas." It seems to me that the most effective way to emphasize the importance of "Keeping Christ in Christmas" would be to find a place to worship on Christmas Sunday morning.

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day has become a time of much-needed rest in many of our congregations. The "busyness" of the time span stretching from Thanksgiving to Christmas is replaced by a "Sabbath" that prepares us for coming year. As I look forward to 2012, I have been thinking about how the themes of Advent (peace, hope, love, and joy) can impact the next year.

On the weekend newscast, I saw a story about a little boy with a calendar on his bedroom wall marking the days until his father would come home from Iraq. I am glad for that little boy. He was able to greet his father yesterday as one of the last soldiers to come home safely from that war.

Other little boys have not been as fortunate, and serve as a reminder to us that earthly peace is an elusive pursuit. Christmas acknowledges the tremendous desire that God has to establish peace in our lives. We cannot control world affairs, but we can do our best to bring peace to the parts of the world that we

influence.

So, for this Christmas season and for 2012, may the peace of Christ be with you, and may we all spread that peace every day.

At the 9/11 memorial service, Billy Graham said, "I am an old man now, and the older I get the more I believe in hope." I suppose that there is something about maturing in years that reminds us we cannot control everything, and we learn to rely more upon Christ and the hope he can bring to our lives.

It seems to me that for us as Christians, hope is a commodity, something that we can figuratively hold in our hands and share with one another. We cling to the hope of Christ, and we can also offer it to another when their hope wanes. My prayer for 2012 is that we would grow as a people who not only dwell in the rich hope of Christ, but we would find effective ways to offer it as an alternative to the hopelessness that inhabits much of our world.

The apostle John said it best regarding love when he said, "Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called the Children of God."

We should never cease to be amazed at the broad reach of God's love for us. More than that, however, is the opportunity to represent that love in the world. John goes on to write, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

Christmas challenges me that in 2012, I should learn more to love as I ought.

Nehemiah states in the Old Testament that, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." We can choose to allow the circumstances of our world to rob our joy, or we can infuse the world around us with the joy that Christ brings.

Christmas challenges me to reflect the joy of knowing and serving Christ in the year to come.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year, and look forward to serving Christ alongside of you in 2012.

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