

Trinity River Baptists join other Christians in National Day of Prayer on Liberty Courthouse steps

Led by Tony Hines, pastor of Hardin Baptist Church, Christians gathered in front of the Liberty County Courthouse on Thursday, May 1, to participate in the National Day of Prayer.

“United in Prayer” was the theme of the event. About 150 gathered for the noon prayer meeting. It was begun by the blowing of a shofar, or ram’s horn, calling the community to prayer.

This was the 19th annual observance at the courthouse. A similar prayer meeting was conducted simultaneously in Cleveland for those living in the northern part of the county.

After the pledge of allegiance to the flags, Kirby Wagenseller led the crowd in singing “The Star Spangled Banner” and Karla Burris sang “God Bless the USA.” Randy Gunter closed the service by singing “God Bless America.” Several

TRBA pastors and youth ministers read Scripture and led in prayer.

TRBA launches senior adult ministry

Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church in Dayton on May 13, the TRBA Executive Board voted to create an associational senior adult ministry.

Board members also approved Iris Whittington as team leader and the following other team members: Winnie Abshier, Nora Lee Ladd, Dean Parmley, Dora Wheeler, and Horace Whittington.

According to a description approved by the Executive Board, the ministry team “will plan opportunities for senior adults, age 55 and up, from all our churches to be involved together in worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism and missions. They will also inform senior adults about activities of interest sponsored by our individual churches, surrounding associations and other groups. They will encourage senior adult ministries in our churches through training, networking of leaders, and other means.”



Pastor Tony Hines leads community in National Day of Prayer.



Mission Journey

As missionaries here in a new (to us) mission field, Donna Kay and I are learning the area, the churches, and the people. We are so excited that the Lord has brought us to this place, a place we did not choose, a place of which we were not aware, a place unaware of us. But God knew us and God knew you. He is the one who put us together.

I dropped by the Daisetta Mayhaw Festival last month while Donna Kay was in Houston helping with our new grandson, Elijah Paul Williams. I bought a jar of Mayhaw jelly for myself and a locally made piece of jewelry for my wife. I even took a tour of the G.W. Pounds house which was open that day. I did not, however, get a chance to view the Sinkhole de Mayo, another local site on my "must see" list.

Seeing the crowd gathered on the courthouse steps to pray May 1 was a great encouragement to me. In many communities such events have become so pluralized or secularized that Christians are expected to refrain from mentioning the name of Jesus. That is not the case here and I am glad. We should never do anything that keeps others

from exercising their own religions, but the best way we can protect religious freedom for everyone is to make sure that we exercise our own religious freedom as often and as boldly as possible.



Closing night of revival at Mt. Calvary, Carlton Bailey, pastor.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Marysee invited me to preach during their May 18-21 revival services, calling for us to focus on Jesus. It was great to be with that church for several days in a row and begin to get to know some of the wonderful people there.

Thomas Watson, their music minister, did a terrific job in leading the music at each service. The Lord blessed and we saw several youth and children come forward to trust Christ during the final service.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you, to watch to see where God is working and to join Him in His work. May the Lord bless you and your church.

*Focusing on Jesus,
David Williams*



Alf Shaw of Hardin Baptist holds the door prize he won at the Apr. 10 Lake Tomahawk 55+ Fish Fry.

TRBA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ◆ Family Visitors' Center coordinator
- ◆ Food Pantry substitute shopper
- ◆ Family Visitors' Center hosts/hostesses

Call Theresa Mitschke for information.

First Anahuac getting help finishing building

At least twice — 35 years ago and again 20 years ago — First Anahuac considered buying the building across the street, but both times decided against it. When it came back on the market in 2007, a church member ended the debate by buying the building and giving it to the church.

The next year, Hurricane Ike came through and heavily damaged the structure, including ripping off the roof and brick, making it unusable.

Since then the church has worked on the building a little at a time, adding a hip roof and metal siding, and gutting the interior to prepare it for remodeling. Then the money ran out and the church waited for the Lord to lead.

Enter the Retiree Builders with Texas Baptist Men who arrived in May to spend two weeks on the project.— 26 men giving 2,080 man-hours — making tremendous progress on the interior.

First Hull event benefits family life center

A May 31 “Spring Spectacular” will raise money for completing First Hull’s family life center. The Saturday event begins at 9 a.m.

Entry fee for all events is \$10 per person. Events include tournaments for volleyball, dominoes, and three-on-three basketball. There will also be a live and a silent auction, gospel music, and fish dinners for \$10 each.



Tim Gruver, pastor of Heights Baptist Church, surveys their parking lot expansion completed in May.

When completed this summer, the building will house the church offices, meeting space, and an outreach center, complete with a Java Dave’s coffee shop which will be open to the community.

One special group the church hopes to minister to with the coffee shop are those waiting their turn for family court which meets across the alley from the back of the new building.

“The community is excited about this project,” said Gary Hillyard, pastor. “They are asking, “When will our coffee shop be open?”



Pastor Gary Hillyard of First Anahuac describes how their new building will be used to impact the community.

Pray for our pastorless churches

- Sweet Home**, since April 2014
Duane Kelley, interim
- First Hull**, since February 2014
- First Dayton**, since January 2014
- First Concord**, since January 2014
- First High Island**, since June 2013
Darrell Patterson, interim
- Oak Island**, since December 2012
- Smith Point**, since October 2010
Boliver Allmon, interim

Welcome **Earnie Lenard**, called as pastor of Covenant Baptist, New Caney, May 18, 2014.

Family Visitors' Center Schedule — Sun, **June 1** AM Hinch & Gault; PM Snell & Catching; Sat, **June 7** AM Mendoza, Longoria; PM Dosier, Skinner; Sun, **June 8** AM Presnells; PM McGuires; Sat, **June 14** AM Clark, D. Shaw; PM Barfield, Miller; Sun, **June 15** AM Radley & Downey; PM Baldridges; Sat, **June 21** AM Goff, Davis; PM Hortmans; Sun, **June 22** AM Smarts; PM Herring & Morales; Sat, **June 28** AM and PM La Porte Methodist Sun, **June 29** AM Wyatt & A. Shaw; PM S. Thomas & I. Thomas

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KEY MEETINGS AT TRBA

July 8, 10 a.m. — Mission Development

July 22, 10 a.m. — Calendar Planning

July 29, 10 a.m. — Nominating

Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m. — Budget Planning

RECEIPTS APRIL 2014

	<u>Apr 14</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 14</u>
Batson Prairie	835.00	1,783.00
Berean Tabernacle	200.00	500.00
Calvary, Dayton	400.00	1,600.00
Calvary, Liberty	228.99	1,005.74
Center, Thicket	0.00	261.00
Central Daisetta	466.22	728.17
Central, Liberty	135.72	568.03
Covenant	0.00	90.44
Eminence	113.00	553.00
First Anahuac	833.33	3,333.32
First Batson	200.00	1,000.00
First Concord	81.78	127.35
First Daisetta	455.00	855.00
First Dayton	763.84	2,737.18
First Devers	674.84	1,794.74
First High Island	356.52	496.74
First Hull	226.46	792.21
First Liberty	1,628.24	5,973.47
First Saratoga	483.36	1,888.18
First Sour Lake	738.06	2,934.31
Grace Community	1,000.00	3,700.00
Grayburg	0.00	798.99
Gum Grove	41.90	132.25
Hardin Baptist	1,464.63	5,075.48
Heights	672.74	2,730.95
House of Living Waters	218.53	437.06
Kenefick Southern	847.80	2,758.29
Mt Calvary	696.12	1,997.51
North Main	1,200.00	4,800.00
Oak Island	0.00	23.74
Old River	1,166.67	4,666.68
Pathways	144.00	561.00
Primera Dayton	75.00	300.00
Smith Point	40.71	168.00
South Dayton	88.76	314.27
Sweet Home	32.43	304.43
Trinity	100.00	400.00
West End	519.00	1,393.00
Whispering Meadows	292.05	737.85
Wild Country Mission	0.00	392.80
Interest	14.21	43.48
TOTAL	<u>17,434.91</u>	<u>60,757.66</u>