



# Trinity River

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Overflowing with the Living Water of Jesus Christ

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## Time to elect messengers

Now is the time for TRBA churches to elect messengers to the Oct. 21 annual meeting at First Baptist, Sour Lake, 5:15-8 p.m. including dinner.

Your church is entitled to three messengers for the first 50 members and one additional messenger for every 75 members above the first 50 (up to a maximum of eight messengers).

Also elect TRBA executive board members. Your church is eligible to have two lay persons in addition to your pastor serve on the executive board.

### TRBA Executive Board

6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9  
North Main Baptist Church

Feature: Discipleship

Each person attending will receive a free copy of the book "Multiply"

Scott Tidwell will overview the book and explain how it can be used to make not only disciples, but disciple makers



**CLEANING UP** — Jana Sams, left, and Inez Shivers of First Baptist Liberty show the ingredients used in the laundry detergent they made to give away to people who come to TRBA for help. Theresa Mitschke, TRBA secretary, said the detergent will be a great addition to the food pantry items TRBA provides.

## Annual church profiles due Oct. 6

Churches will soon receive their Annual Church Profile (ACP) folders and are asked to complete them and return them to TRBA by 4:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6.

"Some churches wonder why they should bother with completing and turning in their ACP each year," said David Williams, TRBA director of missions. "With everything else going on at church, a 'denominational report' may seem unimportant to some. But there are at least three excellent reasons why every church should complete the form every year."

**1. The ACP is a mirror for your church.** When I look in the mirror each morning I am encouraged in some areas and challenged in others. If I neglect looking in the mirror for awhile, I have no idea how things are going.

**2. The ACP is a planning tool for your church and our association.** Do we need training in evangelism? Do we need a Sunday School emphasis? Do we need to plant some new churches? The ACP helps us answer these and other questions.

**3. The ACP is a historical document.** If your church has been faithful in completing the ACP each year, we can provide you with a 10- or 20-year statistical summary. Those historical trends can be very valuable as you look to the future.

### Preteen camp sees 29 saved

TRBA's preteen camp at East Texas Baptist Encampment July 28-31 registered 297 campers and sponsors and recorded 29 professions of faith.

There were also 14 rededications and three responses to God's call to ministry.

"Through the Fire" was the theme. Nathan Otto, former pastor of First Hull, was camp pastor and John Bickman from First Orange led worship.



Above, Bill Fabriguze, former TRBA director of missions, lays hands on Earnie Lenard as wife Marci Lenard looks on. Lenard, 72, was recently called as pastor of Covenant Baptist Church in New Caney. At left is the council that questioned him before his ordination to the gospel ministry at Trinity Baptist Church in Dayton on Aug. 17.



# Mission Journey

**When it comes to missions, what is a church to do? Of course, that is something that each church must decide**

**for itself, but the three ways to be involved in missions have always been to go, to pray, and to give. Rather than picking one or two of those, a church needs to be involved in all three ways: giving, praying and going.**

At our August executive board meeting, I had the privilege of presenting certificates to two of our churches (see photos below), recognizing them as the top giver and top per capita giver to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last year.

Your church doesn't have to be the top giver to make a difference. Each church can set a goal and have a part in this important offering that provides more than half the money used by the IMB to take the good news to the ends of the earth.

There are other special missions offerings your church can share in: the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and the BGCT and SBTC state missions offerings being received this month.

## Cooperative Program

In addition to special offerings, your church can give to missions on a continual basis through the Cooperative Program.

One check to your state convention lets your church share in state, national and international missions and other Kingdom efforts of Southern Baptists. Your state convention keeps a portion and sends the rest to the Southern Baptist Convention.

## What about associational missions?

Associations are not included in the Cooperative Program. To partner with Trinity River Baptist Association your church sends a separate check to TRBA.

There are 46,000 churches in the SBC and thousands of churches in your state convention. But financial support for our association comes from only our 41 member

churches. That is why your associational gifts are vital to our work here at TRBA.

As we continue to broaden and expand our TRBA ministries this next year, please be sure to include associational missions in your church budget.

If you are giving a fixed amount, please consider moving to a set percentage of your undesignated receipts. Consider at least 3%, or follow the example of more than a third of our churches who give more than 3 percent. Just this week I heard from one of our churches that has voted to increase TRBA support from 4% to 10%.

And as your church grows, continue percentage giving. Don't cap your giving at what you consider a "significant" amount; give a "proportional" amount so we can all share in the mission — not with equal gifts but with equal sacrifice.

## Is giving enough?

Giving money to missions is a good start, but can never replace the other two means of involvement: praying and going.

Missions begins at home, and our going can be to the house next door as well as the village on the other side of the globe. Each believer can be a fount of the Living Water of Jesus Christ, overflowing into the lives of those around us.

And the foundation of missions is prayer. Don't neglect praying for our counties, our state, our nation and our world. They all need Jesus so desperately.

*Partnering with your church,*  
**David Williams**



Left, Tony Hines, pastor of Hardin Baptist Church, accepts the International Mission Board's certificate recognizing his church as the TRBA top giver to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Right, Nora Lee Ladd, Woman's Missionary Union director, and Rick Edwards, pastor, accept the highest per capita giving award for First Baptist Devers.



## Pray for our pastorless churches

**West End Saratoga**, since August 2014

Bill Fabriguze, interim

**First Sour Lake**, since April 2014

Duane Kelley, interim

**First Hull**, since February 2014

John Guedry, interim

**First Dayton**, since January 2014

**First Concord**, since January 2014

Richard Stidham, interim

**Oak Island**, since December 2012

Welcome **Michael Graves**, called as pastor of Smith Point Community, August 17, 2014.

Welcome **Ronald Smith**, called as pastor of Sweet Home, Hankamer, August 17, 2014.



Volunteers serve more than 60 families at Wild Country Mission's annual clothing giveaway and free hamburger dinner.

## Wild country helps 60+ families with clothes

Wild Country Mission met needs of more than 60 families in their third annual clothing giveaway/ hamburger plate mission on Saturday, Aug. 2.

With help from many churches in the association providing clothing and volunteers, the event was a great success according to Scott Tidwell, pastor.

"I am so grateful to pastor His church and see such a zeal for the Lord in His people as they serve," Tidwell said. "During the entire time of sorting, setup, the event itself, and clean up, I never once had to ask someone to do something. They saw a need and jumped right on it. God is so good and we give Him all the glory."

In addition to providing clothing, the church gave away more than 100 hamburger meals and provided personal ministry to many people as they walked the church grounds.



Volunteers gather for prayer at the beginning of their shift at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, where 513 were saved. **Baptist Press Photo**

## At Galveston motorcycle rally Baptists look for Sturgis experience

With **Baptist Press** reports by Karen Willoughby

Baptists from TRBA and nearby associations are praying God will bless their evangelistic efforts at the Lone Star Motorcycle Rally in Galveston this November as He has blessed a similar ministry in Sturgis, S.D. The Sturgis event saw 513 people make professions of faith last month, up from 178 last year.

This was the ninth year for the intentional evangelism ministry in Sturgis. “Catchers” encourage passersby to enter an oversized venue to listen to one of the “witnesses” tell about how life changed since the volunteer came to know Jesus Christ personally. The pivotal question after the testimony is, “Has anything like this ever happened to you?”

The 120 volunteers were able to share their testimonies with 3,654 people.

What caused so many to stop to listen? It was to get their name in the drawing for a free Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

The mission in Galveston will use a similar approach, but there will be a drawing each of three nights, Nov. 6-8, and the prize will be \$1,000 each night.

David Williams, TRBA director of missions, said, “It will be as though we are saying on behalf of Jesus: ‘You want to win a thousand dollars? If you knew what I have to give, you would be asking for living water.’ And, sure enough, many will walk away with the greatest prize of all.”

Gavron Golden, current executive director in the Dakotas, offers no apologies for using a giveaway to draw people in to hear the gospel. “We’ll do whatever it takes

— I should say anything that’s legal and moral and ethical — to get someone’s attention,” he said.

“We know that what we do in Sturgis is not just dependent on people being prepared to share their testimony, or in the number of volunteers, but on the Holy Spirit being there in power,” he said. “Prayer is the key component to the effectiveness of our ministry in Sturgis.”

In addition to “catchers” and “witnesses,” the Galveston mission will enlist volunteer chaplains to build relationships with vendors, city workers and police and fire personnel.

## TRBA senior adults going to Beaumont

Sign up by the **Thursday, Sept. 18 deadline** to participate in the Sept. 23 TRBA senior adult trip to the McFaddin-Ward House in Beaumont followed by lunch at the Catfish Cabin in Lumberton.

The tour is \$2, lunch is on your own (\$10 and up plus drink, tax and tip), and transportation in church buses/vans is \$5 each.

Departure will be at 8:30 a.m. from First Baptist Liberty parking lot.

To sign up, call Theresa Mitschke at TRBA, 936-336-9232.

**2,870 enrolled,  
114 saved,  
\$7,664 given to missions  
in TRBA VBS this year**

Church	Enrolled	Aver. Att.	Saved	Missions Offering
Calvary, Dayton	59	55	1	\$112.00
Calvary, Liberty	80	80	18	
Central Daisetta	35	30		\$240.79
Central Liberty	24	19		\$0.00
First Anahuac	45	30		\$560.00
First Batson	66	63	2	\$9.00
First Daisetta	57	42		
First Dayton	157	147		\$451.00
First Devers	82	72	3	\$124.00
First Hull	64	52		\$131.00
First Liberty	189	97		\$435.00
First Saratoga	88	78	22	\$956.00
First Sour Lake	178	121	16	\$111.11
Grace Community	53	45		\$62.00
Grayburg	70	49	3	
Hardin	233	187	3	\$267.91
Heights, Liberty	69	57		
Kenefick	195	180		\$345.00
Mt. Calvary	95	85		
North Main, Liberty	200	172	19	\$439.56
Old River	493	435	13	\$2,562.00
Primera Dayton	120	120	3	
Trinity, Dayton	98	91	10	\$483.00
West End, Saratoga	49	34		\$200.07
Whispering Meadows	48	48	1	\$155.40
Wild Country	23	20		\$20.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>\$7,664.84</b>



**First Saratoga VBS**

## Family Visitors' Center Schedule

Sat, <b>September 6</b> AM Mendoza, Longoira PM Dosier, Skinner	Sat, <b>September 20</b> AM Davis, Goff PM Hortmans
Sun, <b>September 7</b> AM Hinch, Gault PM Snell, Catchings	Sun, <b>September 21</b> AM Radley, Downey PM Baldridges
Sat, <b>September 13</b> AM Thomas, Herring PM Barefield, Miller	Sat, <b>September 27</b> AM C. & G. Theis PM L. & K. Yielding
Sun, <b>September 14</b> AM Presnulls PM King, Nichols	Sun, <b>September 28</b> AM Smarts PM Herring, Morales

## Jail Ministry Schedule

<u>Men's Unit</u>	<u>Women's Unit</u>
Thu, <b>September 4</b> Curtis Alford (preach) Bert Shivers (sing)	Sat, <b>September 6</b> Sharon Guillory Cynthia Grove
Thu, <b>September 11</b> Joey Huff (preach) Sam Knight (sing)	Sat, <b>September 13</b> Karen Holcomb Sheryl Wagenseller
Thu, <b>September 18</b> Bob Lawrence (preach) George Baldridge (sing)	Sat, <b>September 20</b> Jim Murray Beth Murray
Thu, <b>September 25</b> Bill Fabriguze (preach) Frank Aragon (sing)	Sat, <b>September 27</b> Brenda Rakestraw Christina Allen

## RECEIPTS July 2014

	July 2014	Jan - July 2014
Batson Prairie	0.00	2,133.00
Berean Tabernacle	0.00	800.00
Calvary, Dayton	400.00	2,800.00
Calvary, Liberty	318.06	1,922.93
Center, Thicket	60.00	528.00
Central Daisetta	699.36	1,427.53
Central, Liberty	114.00	930.09
Covenant	0.00	166.88
Eminence	0.00	782.00
First Anahuac	833.33	5,833.31
First Batson	400.00	1,800.00
First Concord	33.93	246.09
First Daisetta	1,290.60	2,720.05
First Dayton	852.32	4,823.17
First Devers	465.87	3,157.50
First High Island	0.00	804.74
First Hull	226.17	1,512.07
First Liberty	1,341.18	9,552.58
First Saratoga	485.11	3,208.15
First Sour Lake	658.50	4,981.58
Grace Community	700.00	5,800.00
Grayburg	0.00	798.99
Gum Grove	38.96	245.81
Hardin Baptist	1,419.95	8,648.81
Heights	749.16	5,014.86
House of Living Waters	0.00	437.06
Kenefick Southern	1,105.44	5,460.59
Mt Calvary	439.04	3,211.74
Nuevo Amanacer	0.00	0.00
North Main	1,200.00	8,400.00
Oak Island	24.08	207.97
Old River	1,166.67	8,166.69
Pathways	163.00	853.00
Primera Dayton	75.00	525.00
Smith Point	68.61	388.95
South Dayton	60.29	477.75
Sweet Home	50.00	440.43
Trinity	100.00	700.00
West End	974.00	3,260.00
Whispering Meadows	484.35	1,731.90
Wild Country Mission	0.00	392.80
Interest	7.24	72.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,004.22</b>	<b>105,364.42</b>

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## Trinity River Baptist Association September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> Labor Day Office Closed	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9 am Senior Pastor Prayer Time	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 6:30 pm Gideons Meeting	<i>9</i> 6 pm TRBA Ex. Bd. North Main	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 9 am Senior Pastor Prayer Time	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 9 am Senior Pastor Prayer Time	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
BGCT Week of Prayer & Study for State Missions including Mary Hill Davis Offering, September 14-20, 2014						
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Senior Adult Trip, McFadden Ward Home	<i>24</i> See You At The Pole	<i>25</i> 9 am Senior Pastor Prayer Time	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
SBTC Reach Texas Prayer and Offering, September 21-27, 2014						
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>				