



Trinity River

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Overflowing with the Living Water of Jesus Christ

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Robert Jeffress headlines Evangelism Rally

Dr. Robert Jeffress, senior pastor of the 12,000 member First Baptist Church of Dallas, will be featured speaker at TRBA's Evangelism Rally in January.

The event begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, at Old River Baptist Church. Old River will be providing music for the rally.

A native Texan, Jeffress has made more than 2,000 guest appearances on various radio and television programs and regularly appears on major mainstream media outlets, such as Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends," "The O'Reilly Factor," "The Kelly File," and "Hannity;" ABC's "Good Morning America;" CBS's "This Morning;" HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher;" and MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews."

Jeffress also hosts a daily radio program, Pathway to Victory, that is heard nationwide on more than 800 stations in ma-

major markets including Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Seattle. His weekly television program can be seen in 195 countries and on 11,283 cable and satellite systems throughout the world on the Trinity Broadcast Network and Daystar.

He is the author of 21 books including "When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense," "Perfect Ending: Why Your Eternal Future Matters Today," and his newest book released last February, "Countdown to the

Apocalypse: Why ISIS and Ebola Are Only the Beginning." He is also an adjunct professor at Dallas Theological Seminary.

A graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he received that institution's 2011 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award. He also holds degrees from Baylor University and Dallas Theological Seminary.

Jeffress and his wife Amy have two daughters, Julia and Dorothy, and a son-in-law, Ryan Sadler.



Churches Planting Churches training offered for TRBA pastors in January

TRBA pastors and other leaders have an opportunity to receive national level training on church planting in January.

There is no charge to attend the Jan. 12-14 event. The event at the TRBA office will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Lunch will be provided. To register, call TRBA or email David Williams at David@TRBATexas.org.

Churches Planting Churches Training (CPCT) is a biblically-based, practical resource that will answer pastors' questions and help them lead their churches to consider planting a church.

Trainers are Sam Douglass, a church planting coach based in Rockwall, Texas, and Nic Burleson, pastor of Timberidge Church in Stephenville, Texas.

The training materials were developed by Dynamic Church Planting International in Oceanside, Calif., and have been used widely by the North American Mission Board.

The training is for any pastor or church leader wanting to learn more about church planting. The training will prepare pastors to cast a vision for church planting, overcome barriers, answer questions and objections about starting a new church, understand

basic principles of church planting and implement a six-step process for planting a church..

"As pastors consider the possibility of church planting, there often seem to be more questions than answers," said David Williams, TRBA director of missions. "This training will answer those questions and help pastors see the potential for Kingdom building that comes as churches plant churches."

The best

time to

plant a

church tree is 20

years ago.

The second best time

is TODAY.



Christmas Fellowship — Leading the TRBA Christmas Fellowship at Calvary Dayton are, left to right, Augie Boto, executive vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee; Larry Pittman, music minister of First Liberty; and David Williams, TRBA director of missions. Boto brought greetings, encouragement and information from the SBC. Pittman soloed and led the congregation in Christmas music accompanied by guitar. Williams brought a brief message centered on the smallest and most important piece of any nativity scene, the Baby Jesus.



Mission Journey

Questions abound when we begin to think about church planting. The five W's — who, what, when, where, and why — need to be addressed before we start talking about "how."

We usually start with the "who" question: "Who should plant a church?" Most initially answer that question, "Somebody else." I'm praying that some of our churches will instead answer, "Here am I, Lord, use me."

Once a church begins to consider planting, they must deal with the "where" question: "Where will we plant a new church?" Our first thought is "not too close to our own church," because we don't want to create competition for ourselves.

But the fact is that planting another church nearby is a great way to begin reaching the lost people your church has never been able to reach. It's a Kingdom strategy. In fact, the church I pastored in North Texas had three other churches meeting in our own facility. Each church reached people the others could not.

Next, you may ask the "what" question: "What kind of church should we plant?" The best answer may not be, "One just like ours." You may want to consider planting a church that is different. For example, First Liberty is planting a cowboy church.

We are tempted to answer the "when" question by saying, "Not now; later, when we are larger, when we can afford it." You know what they say about having children: If you wait until you can afford them, you'll never have them. The same is true of giving birth to new churches.

It doesn't really take much money to start a church. The resources are in the harvest. As the new church reaches people, they will give the money to support their own congregation.

Who, what, when and where are important questions, but we will never even ask those questions until we deal with the "why" question. "Why should churches plant churches?"

The answer is simple. Churches planting churches is the New Testament way that the gospel has spread throughout history. If churches had not planted churches, your own church would not exist today. Every church was once a new church planted by someone.

As your church does all that it can to get the gospel to the people in your area, please consider planting a new church as a strategy for reaching those people. Reach all you can at your own church and plant another church to reach some of those you cannot reach.

Join me and others Jan. 12-14 for a special three-day Churches Planting Churches Training event. Let's talk together about the who, what, when, where and why of church planting. And then let's start finding answers to the "how" question.

Praying for you and your church,
David Williams

Pray for our pastorless churches

First High Island, since November 2015

First Devers, since October 2015.

Send resumes to:

FBCDevers77538@gmail.com.

Wild Country, since May 2015

First Hull, since February 2014

John Guedry, interim

First Concord, since January 2014

Richard Stidham, interim

Oak Island, since December 2012

A Heart for Missions Banquet



6 p.m., Tuesday,
Feb. 9, Hardin Baptist

Could you be a TRBA music missionary?

Has God gifted you musically? Are you desiring an opportunity to use that gift?

Consider becoming a missionary in one of our numerous smaller congregations that need help with instrumentalists, singers, and worship leaders.

Pray about it. And if you sense God calling you to serve in this way, ask your pastor or music minister to recommend you to the association. We will help you find a place to serve. There is little or no financial compensation, but the rewards are out of this world.



Christmas Event — Silas and Gracie Williams pay a visit to Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus during North Main Baptist Church's Christmas Under the Stars.



Set for Christmas — Members of First Devers present their musical, "A Christmas Carol," with costumes and elaborate set.



Christmas Cookies — Members of TRBA churches baked cookies by the thousands, volunteers bagged them up, and others delivered them to more than 250 inmates and correctional officers at the Liberty County Jail. Left, getting ready to put the cookies into individual bags, are, left to right, Jennifer Boswell, Theresa Adair, Myah Beylotte, Riley Boswell, George Baldrige, Reagan Boswell, Frances Baldrige, Hannah Thomas, Janey Fabriguze, Inez Shivers, Jane Melton, Iris Whittington, Grace Beard, and Sue Smart. Above, taking cookies to the jail, are, left to right, R.N. Smart, George Baldrige, Brenda Rakestraw, Donna Kay Williams, David Williams, Sharon Guillory and Emery Guillory.

Exciting things are happening in TRBA!

Help us spread the word.

Send us your photos and information about past events.

We especially love to see photos of baptisms, ordinations, and community outreach events. But anything happening in your church may be of interest to other TR Baptists. Check out your church calendar for ideas of what to send us. Email all pictures and information to David@TRBATexas.org. Thanks for your help.

Mount Calvary sponsors event on 'Faith & Freedom'

Mount Calvary Baptist Church of Marysee, joined by several businesses and individuals in the area, is sponsoring a Faith and Freedom Conference at the Liberty Opry on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Rodney Sellers, member of Mount Calvary and planner of the event, described it as "a patriotic, family-friendly event standing for God, guns and country."

The 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. event begins with a free donut/kolache breakfast and includes an optional \$8 spaghetti lunch.

Focus of the event will be First Amendment and Second Amendment rights.

Because of limited seating, registration is required for the free event.

For more information, contact Rodney Sellers at 832-729-6678.

TRBA graduates first Pastor Essentials class, invites new students to enroll

In December eight men completed the requirements of TRBA's year-long Pastor Essentials class.

They will be awarded certificates at a special graduation dinner in January.

The graduates are: Omar Cantu, Robert Hammond, Michael Mitschke, Dennis Odell, Jerry Owens, Robert Tarwater, Freddie Villarreal Jr., and Lee Weaver.

The broad-based curriculum included the call to ministry, church planting, disciple making, Old Testament, New Testament, doctrine, hermeneutics, and homiletics.

Several special topics of practical interest were also covered, such as marriages, funerals, baptism, Lord's Supper, business meeting, conflict, licensing and ordination.

Most training was done by TRBA pastors and staff, with some outside guests also featured on certain topics.

The next class begins Monday, Jan. 18.

The class meets 6-9 p.m. each Monday and includes a free dinner for the students and trainers. Several TRBA churches stepped up to provide some of the meals last year and are encouraged to do so again in 2016.

There is no charge for the class. Students are expected to attend each session. If they miss a session, they must make it up by watching a video of the session.

Invitation letters to men nominated for the class were being mailed in December. "There is still time to nominate someone," said David Williams, TRBA director of missions. "Mail us a nomination card, or just email or call in the information."

Cut this out, fill it out, mail it in to TRBA today

Pastor Essentials Nomination

I see something in this man that makes me think that perhaps the Lord might call him to be a church planter or pastor. I nominate him as a candidate for the Pastor Essentials class. Feel free to tell him the nomination came from me.

Candidate:

Name _____

Church _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My Name: _____

My phone: _____

PASTORAL CARE LINE



1-844-PASTOR1

(1-844-727-8671)

8:00AM - 10:00PM ET

Family Visitors' Center Schedule

Sat, January 2 AM Mendoza, Davis PM Dossier, Skinner	Sun, January 17 AM Shaws PM Baldrigess
Sun, January 3 AM Hinch, Gault PM Snell, Catching	Sat, January 23 AM C. & G. Theis PM Nichols, Kinney
Sat, January 9 AM Thomas, Clark PM Hortmans	Sun, January 24 AM Smarts PM Herring, Morales
Sun, January 10 AM Presnulls PM McGuires	Sat, January 30 AM Adairs PM Calebs
Sat, January 16 AM Goff, _____ PM Garvins	Sun, January 31 AM Shaws PM Herring, _____



HBU Scholarship award deadline

April 30, 2016 is the deadline to apply for a college scholarship offered by the TRBA Woman's Missionary Union. The scholarship is for a student who will attend Houston Baptist University.

Those interested in applying should obtain an application from the TRBA office and complete it as soon as possible.

Receipts November 2015

	Nov 15	Jan-Nov 15
Batson Prairie	0.00	874.00
Berean Tabernacle	200.00	1,200.00
Calvary, Dayton	500.00	5,500.00
Calvary, Liberty	188.00	2,588.44
Center, Thicket	0.00	625.00
Central Daisetta	0.00	879.12
Central, Liberty	86.52	1,389.36
Covenant	0.00	718.14
Eminence	0.00	378.00
First Anahuac	833.33	9,166.63
First Batson	150.00	1,750.00
First Concord	0.00	93.99
First Daisetta	0.00	2,743.00
First Dayton	745.15	9,706.59
First Devers	0.00	4,118.14
First High Island	0.00	1,328.00
First Hull	0.00	1,867.72
First Liberty	1,428.68	15,074.45
First Saratoga	661.04	4,584.06
First Sour Lake	852.92	10,001.57
Grace Community	600.00	6,350.00
Grayburg	0.00	600.00
Gum Grove	44.37	393.55
Hardin Baptist	868.44	14,157.92
Heights	705.95	7,637.43
House of Living Waters	0.00	0.00
Kenefick Southern	802.94	9,950.77
Mt Calvary	469.90	5,311.92
North Main	0.00	11,607.91
Nuevo Amanecer	0.00	0.00
Oak Island	0.00	370.31
Old River	1,166.67	12,833.37
Pathways	142.00	1,229.00
Primera Dayton	75.00	750.00
Smith Point	53.40	528.17
South Dayton	50.00	550.00
Sweet Home	0.00	0.00
Trinity	100.00	1,100.00
West End	0.00	4,976.00
Whispering Meadows	240.02	2,715.17
Wild Country Mission	0.00	1,513.00
Interest	5.14	92.16
TOTAL	10,969.47	157,252.89

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 TRBA Office Closed	5 6:30 pm Gideons	6	7 10:30 am Pastor Prayer Fellowship	8	9
10	11	12 Churches Planting Churches training event for pastors, TRBA Office		13	14	15
16	17	18 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21 10:30 am Pastor Prayer Fellowship TXADOM Spring Meeting	22
23	24 TRBA Evangelism Rally Old River	25 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	26	27	28 10:30 am Pastor Prayer Fellowship	29
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