



The Branch NewsLETTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches" John 15:5

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San Antonio Baptist Association GLOBAL MISSION SUMMIT October 19–20, 2018

The 2018 San Antonio Baptist Association Annual meeting is a Global Missions Summit. This is what our association of churches is doing – refocusing on Christ's Commission to reach all people groups with His salvation message.

The Friday evening Celebration Service and Saturday breakout sessions are great opportunities to network with our speakers, national and international missionaries.

Summit Schedule

Friday October 19, 2018

6 pm to 7 pm – Mission Fair/Mission Displays/Registration

7 pm to 9 pm – GMS Worship Celebration (live streamed on SABA facebook page)

* Great Commission Challenge - Pastor Michael Evans, Bethlehem BC of Mansfield, Texas

* Worship Music provided by: True Vine BC Choir & Mariachi Agape

Saturday October 20, 2018

Texas Baptist Men will be serving lunch from 11 am to 1 pm

8:30 am to 9:15 am – Mission Fair/Registration

9:15 am to 10:00 am – Worship Celebration

10:15 am to 11:00 am – Breakout Session 1

11:15 am to 12:00 pm – Breakout Session 2

12:15 pm to 1:00 pm – Breakout Session 3

For more information and complete schedule go to sanantoniobaptist.net.

Church Messengers and non-messengers should pre-register at sanantoniobaptist.net. Look for the Global Mission Summit icon.

Clay Holcomb with North American Mission Board will be our guest missionary speaker on October 21 at our morning worship service.

From Our Pastor

September was a very productive month. We enjoyed sweet fellowship and inspiring worship as we celebrated Live Oak First Baptist Church's 40th anniversary. The much-needed rain brought an end to the drought and scorching temperatures. We are truly blessed and should give God the glory for richly pouring out blessings upon us and giving us the grace and strength to continue the good work of building God's Kingdom.

I recently completed a sermon series emphasizing Biblical perspectives on how we should live. Since these principles are instrumental and beneficial in building God's Kingdom and continuing the good work, here is a recap of the main ideas of this sermon series.

First, we must live patiently like Job if we are going to effectively build God's Kingdom. Man lives patiently when he accepts the will of God as his own will and allows Christ to lead him in all his endeavors. Secondly, we need to live reliantly like David in Psalm 23. This Psalm teaches us how to live reliantly by trusting the Lord as our shepherd, who provides the path, provision, protection, and promises required to have abundant and eternal life. Thirdly, we live wisely when our allegiance is to Christ, not men and we build upon the right foundation, Jesus Christ, with a dynamic growing faith. Fourthly, we are challenged to live victoriously by the apostle Paul in Philippians 4. We live victoriously when our confidence, companionship, and contentment are in Christ. Paul summed up this victorious, God-sufficient, confident, and contented life in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Finally, we build God's Kingdom as we live faithfully and practice Paul's exhortation and example to Timothy to "fight the good fight," "keep the faith," and anticipate the "crown of righteousness".

I hope these biblical perspectives on how we should live will penetrate your heart and mind so that they become a practical reality in your life. We are constantly being challenged to respond to God's teaching with obedience. James tells us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry, which are characteristics of a transformed believer. As one old time evangelist used to sum up James's exhortation by saying "tune in, tone down, and sweeten up." If we would begin to respond to God and others in that way, we could surely build God's Kingdom. I appreciate the Live Oak First Baptist family and encourage you to continue building God's kingdom God's way with Biblical perspective.

Your Pastor,
Brother Donald

From Our Minister of Music & Education

God blessed us with rain in September! Perhaps He will bless us with cooler air in October!

Bouquets to everyone who had anything to do with Celebrating God's Family! It was a great day with 120 in worship and 56 in Sunday School, well above our average in both categories.

Lively Oaks lunch this month is at Harmon's BBQ in Cibolo. Meet us at the church at 11:30 am to carpool to the restaurant. Good news! Judson High School's "Cantate" will be coming to sing for us on December 13th! The tradition continues!

The choir is starting to learn the Christmas music for December 16. If you would like to be a "temp" to just sing the Christmas music, we can work on it at the beginning of rehearsal and you can be dismissed after that. Come join us!

Hug a Sunday School teacher today!

Paul



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Lalo Peña | 17 Sandra Wilson |
| 9 Sue Patton | 17 Gary Faught |
| 12 Mario Ward | 23 Joe Newgent |
| 14 Karen Tilghman | 23 Carolyn Faught |



Lively Oaks Meeting



October 11
11:30 am
Harmon's BBQ
For ages 50+

Join us for lunch and fellowship at Harmon's BBQ for ribs, brisket & sausage. Invite your friends. We will carpool from the church at 11:30 AM.



Holiday Food Baskets



Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) is collecting donations of food for their holiday meal baskets. Non-perishable food donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets are needed by November 6th. The following items are needed: flour, granulated sugar (4 lb. bag), brown sugar (1 lb.), evaporated milk, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, yams, fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce, corn, green beans and chicken broth. Donated funds will be used to purchase turkeys and perishable items for the baskets.

RACAP is accepting applications from families who need assistance. For the deadline to sign up and for more information, please call RACAP office at 210-658-1613.



Operation Christmas Child

We are taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse—the Christian ministry led by Franklin Graham. We praise God that each year we can reach millions of children in some of the most far-flung areas of the world with an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift and the message of the Gospel. Your gift filled with fun toys and other items is a treasure for the child who receives it. These boxes are shipped thousands of miles by boat, plane, and strapped to the backs of donkeys, llamas, and camels.

Shoeboxes will be available for you to pick up at the Welcome Center beginning October 14th. Return your shoebox to the Welcome Center or the office by November 11th. You and also use shoeboxes from your closet. Please remember to pack it with prayer for the boy or girl who will receive it! If you have any questions, call Rachel at 210-656-8200.



Women's Ministry Meeting



Thursday
6:30 pm
October 18
Fellowship Hall

Know God More—

Know His Heart

We are going to learn more about God's heart, look for places where He is at work, and find ways to join His plan for our lives. Join us for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Check the menu on the bulletin board in the foyer.