

Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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May, 2024

Upcoming Events!

MAY, 2024

- May 6th** – *Brady Breakfast,
8:30am, at Sandy’s Kitchen
- May 12th** – “Happy Mother’s Day” ☺
- May 13th** - *Coleman breakfast,
8:30am Hidalgo’s
- May 17-18** – Pastor/Wife Retreat
- REPLY BY MAY 10**
- May 20th** – Cowboy Coffee at Don
Sessoms – 7:30am
- May 27th** – “Memorial Day”

****The May Breakfasts are the
last until September****

June, 2024

June 16th – “Happy Father’s Day” ☺

To Meet LIBA Budget, \$9,000 is needed
Per month.
April, 2024 giving was \$7,976.
“Praise The Lord”

Association News



For event reminders, follow us on
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**Please continue to pray for
our pastorless churches:**

First Baptist Church, Brady
Lohn Baptist Church
Rochelle Baptist Church

Thoughts For The Day:

“You can worry about it, or you can pray
about it. One does nothing. The other does
Everything.”

“The more you trust God, the more He
amazes you.”

“When life gives you a hundred reasons to
cry, remember that God has given you a
thousand reasons to smile.”☺

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Keith's Konnections...

For church growth and individual growth, there are a multitude of opportunities through our Texas Baptists as well as through the local associations that churches seem to not take advantage of. I met with several of our Texas Baptists on April 11 in San Angelo to discuss even more growth potentials for the local churches via some new and innovative ideas. Dr. Julio Guarneri, new Executive Director for Texas Baptists, David Vela, Dr. Ira Antoine, Dr. Dowell Loftis and others were there to cast their vision for Texas Baptists going forward at a noon meal/meeting at which approximately 70 people attended. I then had opportunity to meet with David Vela, our BGCT Area 2 representative and Dr. Ira Antoine, Director for Bi-vocational Pastors. We met for over an hour to further discuss how Texas Baptists might be able to facilitate some trainings for our bi-vocational pastors more regionally here in west Texas. BGCT has already started Big Ministry, Small Town designed for smaller, more rural churches and after discussion, we feel that we can work through that process and through other processes to help facilitate reaching more of our west Texas pastors.

After that meeting, I met with Dr. Guarneri and others to talk about further programs/trainings that I feel could help our churches, and Dr. Guarneri was very open to the suggestions I offered, so I feel that you will hearing of more opportunities for our pastors. I realize how busy everyone is, and I especially realize how stressed bi-vocational pastors are in trying to hold down basically two full time jobs. As I work with them, I truly believe that they will be offering more events targeting bi-vocational pastors. We also discussed how to get more involvement from churches in taking advantage of these events. The BGCT has scheduled a Big Ministry, Small Town even at Goldthwaite about a week ago and so few responded that they had to cancel it. As we develop these events more fully in the next few months and as we make them available to ALL our churches, I want to encourage you and your church to take advantage of these opportunities. Dr. Antoine, Keith Durham from Concho Valley Association and I will be meeting via Zoom in the next 2 weeks to further discuss the logistics of all this. I just want you to be aware that BGCT and the association want to help each church be better tomorrow than it is today, but it cannot be better if you do not take advantage of it.

I also would like to remind our pastors that my intent is to have a pastor/wife retreat May 17 and 18 at our Heart of Texas Camp on Lake Brownwood. Pastors, I need to know **ASAP** if you and your wife would like to attend this event in order that I may facilitate rooms, meals, etc. with the camp. We will meet around 5 pm on May 17 for a brief time of introductions followed by a meal prepared by the camp chef, then probably play some games and just relax for a while. At approximately 7:30ish, we will have a general session and just discuss the stress of being a pastor and a pastor's wife, how to have family time, setting priorities, what it means to be a team of pastor and wife, developing the mission and vision of the church, and other items. This will be an informal time of just discussion among the group. The agenda/program is still in the works and nothing is set in stone as of now.

Around 7 am Saturday morning, we will rise, head to the cafeteria for coffee and breakfast and fellowship around 8, after which we will probably have a break-out session for the pastors to discuss pastoral duties, etc, and also have a break-out session for the wives, dealing with their struggles in the ministry. After that, we will have another general session for some time of Q&A, conclusions and assessment. Approximately 11:45, we will have lunch and adjourn about 1:00 pm. There is absolutely NO COST to anyone for this as I have secured some monies from BGCT for this project, and Dr. Antoine has agreed to help if we need some more finances. **I STONGLY encourage you to let me know if you and your wife can attend this "first ever" event by MAY 10, in order to give the camp time enough to get food together, etc.** Please call the office at 325-365-2585, call or text me at 325-456-0928, email the office at lakeviebaptist@yahoo.com or me at keithsimpson47@gmail.com. As always, I remain in His service and yours.

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