



**Beginning January 1, 2015**

Mission Center Office Hours are  
Monday-Thursday: 8:30a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m.—Noon  
The Mission Center Office will be  
closed December 24-January 4.

Lake Tomahawk Office Hours are  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Wednesday—8:30 a.m.—Noon  
The Lake Tomahawk Office will be  
closed December 22-26 and January 2-4.



**Happy  
New Year!**  
From Your SJBA Staff

**SJBA 2015 Ministry Assistant Conference**  
*How to Build a Great Ministry Team in the Office*

February 10, 2015  
9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Check-in from 8:45-9:00a.m.

SJBA Mission Center, 1020 Birdsong, Baytown

Conference Leader  
Jeff Fuqua  
Minister of Education  
Cedar Bayou Baptist Church  
Baytown



Session Topics

Work and Fun? Can we have both?

Customer Always Right?

Why does the Minister...? Come with your own questions

Where does emotion fit ministry?

Wrap it Up!

Registration fee is \$20 per person

Registration information will be mailed after January 5



## Something To Think About

Have you started thinking about 2015, and the plans you have for this new year? In January our family will be blessed with the arrival of our first grandchild, which means I probably will not see Connie until the baby is walking. We are anxious to see if it will be a boy or a girl since they have chosen not to know until the baby arrives. One thing that has been amazing is the amount of preparation that “must” take place before a baby can be born these days. Immediately after being told we were to be grandparents, the preparations began and continue. For some reason I don’t remember having to prepare that much for our children.

In the same manner, as we look forward to 2015 we must plan with intentionality. How do our plans fit into the general scheme of the churches’ vision? When we plan we must plan with anticipation of God providing results. At the Annual Meeting there was a call for our churches to set aside May 7<sup>th</sup> as a day of fasting, prayer and repentance. This will be a time for the local congregation to come together to seek the face of God, recognize and admit to our failure in serving Him and recommit ourselves to His service. From now until then there will be information given from this office leading up to our day of Solemn Assembly. We are asking each of the 49 pastors to lead their church to commit to this date and to plan a Solemn Assembly.

2015 can be a great year of watching God work in the hearts and lives of his disciples and in the making of other disciples. We must intentionally plan and plan to be intentional. 2 Peter 3:9 says, “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (NIV).

Randy Gilchrist  
SJBA Executive Director

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 18



**JANUARY 13, 1984:** President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day.

Churches around the United States gathered to celebrate God’s gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting life at every stage. Churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Support life and the Pregnancy Resource Center East. Call 281.427.2273 for more information.

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



## For the Common Good

Carey D. Froelich, Associate Director for Church Enrichment

*17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”(Daniel 9:17-19, ESV)*

**Now Is the Time!** Challenged by our Executive Director to work together in 2015 under this theme, messengers to our Annual Meeting last October affirmed a common objective to give more purposeful efforts to reaching our communities for Christ in the coming year. One important part of that commitment is to prepare for and to conduct *A Call to Solemn Assembly* to coincide with the National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2015. To that end, SJBA will be providing reminders, resources, and recommendations to every pastor and every member of SJBA churches. Our efforts will include the following encouragements:

- Plan NOW to set aside May 7 in your church for your unique *Solemn Assembly*.
- Use the 7<sup>th</sup> day of each month leading up to that day to prepare the hearts of each church member for the special day.
- Focus on four great spiritual emphases: *fasting, confession, repentance, and rededication*.
- Develop a church-wide *evangelistic strategy* that encourages and equips members to reach family, friends and neighbors with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Now Is the Time!** Although we give thanks to our Lord for churches that are experiencing growth—those who are seeing people won to faith in Christ—every demographic marker tells us that *fewer and fewer* people are responding to God’s call to eternal life in Christ. *More and more* people are choosing to reject the message of Christ and rejecting the invitation of churches to join their faith communities. **Now Is the Time** to ask the Lord to “open our eyes” that we may “see our desolations.” **Now Is the Time** to renew our covenant relationship with God and to be more diligent, more faithful, and more intentional in our efforts to be people of the Great Commission.

Your SJBA Staff is praying that you will join us—that you will be *leaders in encouraging others*—to be a part of this call to *Solemn Assembly* in our Association. **Now Is the Time!**



## Lake Tomahawk News



Happy New Year everyone! We are looking forward to a prosperous and exciting year at Lake Tomahawk. We have a busy month ahead by starting the Tabernacle restroom expansion. The Volunteer Christian Builders will be here to help us get this project under way. We are still taking contributions on this project to finish up in April and May. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed to further the development of Lake Tomahawk.

Let us help you start the year with a retreat at Lake Tomahawk. We would love to assist you with your planning needs for a time of outreach and/or renewal. We are here to serve you as a ministry of SJBA.

We also have internet and WIFI campus wide for your programming needs. We are excited to be able to offer this new service to our group's coming to Lake Tomahawk.

Summer will be here soon and we are starting to look for staff to help us this summer. If you know of someone who would like to serve at Lake Tomahawk, please have them contact us at 800.522.6720.

Co-laboring together,  
Patrick Flowers  
Camp Manager  
Lake Tomahawk Christina Retreat Center



## 2015 SJBA Summer Camps At Lake Tomahawk

Calendar these dates, inform your congregation, and make plans to attend one of these summer camps. More information to follow.

- June 15-19 (Mon-Fri) .....Girls Camp
- June 15-19 (Mon-Fri) .....Boys Camp
- July 7-11 (Tue-Sat).....Youth Missions Camp
- July 26-30 (Sun-Thurs) .....Preteen Camp

## Thank you For Providing Gifts!

Shown are items provided by our churches for the local international boys' shelter. Gifts and stockings were delivered December 22. A full report will be in the February newsletter.



## 55+ Events to Note



The 55+ Council will meet Monday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center, 1020 Birdsong, Baytown. Make sure your church is represented in planning Association senior adult events.



Join seniors 50+ for a day trip to the **Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston, Texas February 28**. Bus leaves the SJBA Mission Center at 9 AM. Cost of the trip is \$9.00, which includes a bus donation. Participants will eat at

Shrimp and Stuff or Clifton by the Sea. Trip will return around 3:30 p.m. Bring money for lunch. Call 281.422.3604 to reserve your seat on the bus.

### Other Planned Day Trips

#### March 20, 2015 — Mercer Arboretum & Botanical Garden.

Bus leaves at 10 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$4.00 plus lunch. We will have lunch at the Potato Patch prior to going to the Arboretum. This is the Arboretum's March Mart plant sale, so be prepared to buy some plants. Bring money for lunch and purchases.

#### April 16, 2015 – Fish Fry at Lake Tomahawk

Bus leaves at 8 a.m. Cost of trip is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 bus donation. Come enjoy a great fish dinner with all the trimmings, cinnamon rolls, and entertainment. Plus you will enjoy the great facilities of Lake Tomahawk. A love offering will be taken to benefit the Lake Tomahawk ministry.

## Thank You for Providing Gifts for the Valley Mission Trip!

Thirty-four people from six churches went to Mercedes, Texas, to give assistance to a new church start, Lucero del Norte. Participants distributed stockings, did door to door evangelism and helped with a block party. Approximately 350 attended the block party. Over 350 attended worship on Sunday with 115 children in Sunday School. Thanks to all who participated in the trip and who donated gifts for the stockings.

Block Party



Children's Sunday School



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## Folks 'N Facts

### Church Anniversaries

1/5/14..... Joel Davis, Memorial Baytown  
 1/1/12..... Wes Faulk, Memorial Pasadena  
 1/1/12..... Edgar Quiroga, Betel Baytown  
 1/19/10..... Roy Valenzuela, Emanuel LP  
 1/2/07..... Alan Beck, Memorial Baytown  
 1/1/02..... Willie Rosales, Nueva Vida Byt.  
 1/2/94..... Marvin Rose, Baker Rd Baytown

### Birthdays

1/1..... Robbie Carmody, Memorial Chv.  
 1/1..... Jay Wash, Northside Baytown  
 1.7..... Courtney Raif, First Channelview  
 1/13..... Randy Piatt, Memorial Baytown  
 1/14..... Jorge Reynaga, Templo LaPorte  
 1/17..... Alan Beck, Memorial Baytown  
 1/21..... Steven Richard, Fellowship Byt.  
 1/28..... Beau Rosser, Second Highlands  
 1/31..... Robert Williams, Community Crosby

### Fellowships



**African American Pastors' Fellowship** will meet Monday, January 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the IHOP on Garth Road in Baytown.

**Ministers' Fellowship** will meet January 15 at 9:00 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center, 1020 Birdsong, Baytown.

**Hispanic Ministers' Fellowship** will meet Tuesday, January 20 at the SJBA Mission Center at 7:00 p.m.

Join pastors, staff and church leaders Tuesday, **January 6**, at the SJBA Mission Center at **6:30 p.m.** RSVP to 281.422.3604 for a snack supper



Tuesday Nights Together

### BSM Lunches



Thanks to the following churches who have committed to serve lunch to the Lee College Baptist Student Ministry

January 15 ..... Coady Baytown  
 January 22 ..... Second Highlands  
 January 29 ..... Templo La Porte  
 February 5 ..... Wooster Baytown



### SJBA Executive Board

January 26

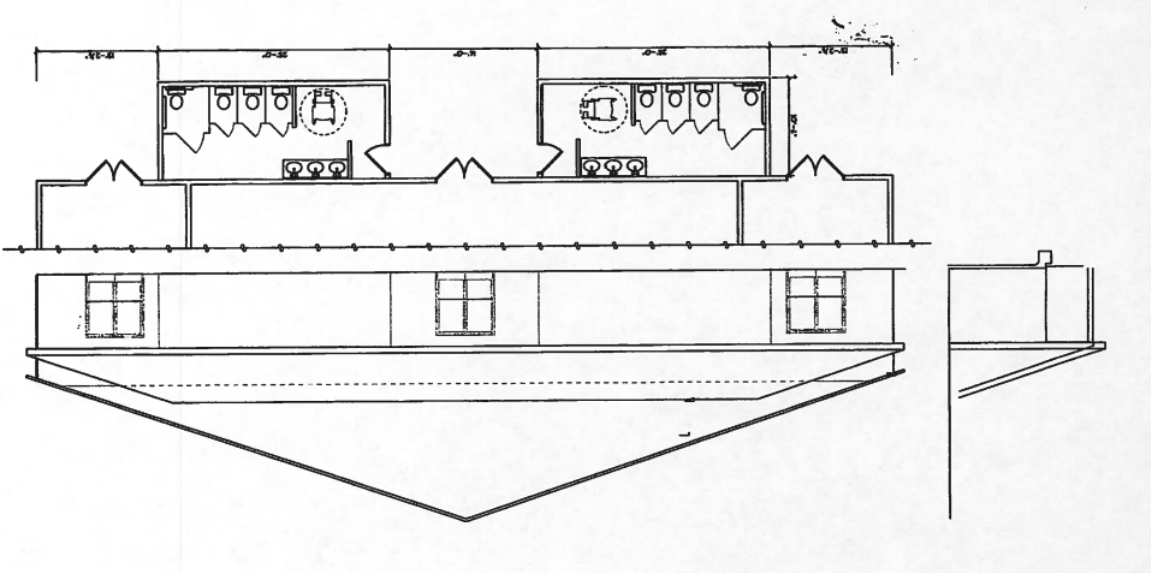
Lunch for \$5 at 11:30am  
 Meeting Noon-1:00 p.m.

**Coordinating Council** meets at 10:00 a.m. Both meetings are at the SJBA Mission Center.

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Lake Tomahawk Christian  
Retreat Center  
Tabernacle Remodel  
Project Goal



Enlarge the tabernacle  
to move the restrooms  
to the rear of the main  
meeting room

Fund Raising Goal  
\$41,000  
Raised as of 12.17.14:  
\$10,749.04



We are pleased to announce we are moving forward with a Tabernacle remodel. Our primary goal is to move the restrooms to the rear of the main meeting area. In doing this we will put a new exterior on the front of the building to allow for this expansion. We are in great need of new restrooms in the Tabernacle for your comfort and privacy. But most of all moving the restrooms will also lessen the interruptions during precious worship time. We would be happy to share with you our plans with this new project and look forward to serving you soon.

Please join us to raise funds for this remodel. We encourage you to pray for us and partner with us financially to make this happen by next summer.

Co-laboring together,  
Patrick Flowers  
Camp Manager  
Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center.



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To learn more about  
Lake Tomahawk check  
out our website at  
[www.laketomahawk.org](http://www.laketomahawk.org)

For ongoing support of the Lake  
Tomahawk ministry, join Tomahawk's  
Tribe. For information on how to join go  
to [http://www.laketomahawk.org/  
tomahawks-tribe.htm](http://www.laketomahawk.org/tomahawks-tribe.htm)

# Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center Tabernacle Remodel

Yes, I will contribute to the  
Tabernacle Remodel Project!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount I wish to contribute: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Lake  
Tomahawk Development Fund. Write  
Tabernacle on the memo line

Mail check and this form to  
San Jacinto Baptist Association  
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