

**2020 Rio Grande Valley Mission Delivery Trip  
& CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

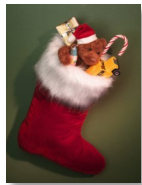
We are still in need of many, many stocking *stuffers* for the 2020 Rio Grande Valley Mission *Delivery Trip!*

Due to Covid-19 this year, we will have a couple of people who will deliver the filled stockings to the Valley. Donations may be made to SJBA for the purchase of items to go into the stockings OR you may purchase items and bring them to the Association office Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - Noon. Shop resale shops or garage sales for “gently used” items, dollar stores, clearance sales, or buy bulk. Your help is needed and appreciated as we currently do **not** have enough stocking stuffers for the number of stockings that have already been made. Special thank you to all the wonderful ladies who have made beautiful stockings this year! **Remember, look for SMALL items that will fit into the 7” opening in the top of the stocking**

Stuffers are needed by **November 16** at the San Jacinto Baptist Association office located at 1020 Birdsong Dr., Baytown.

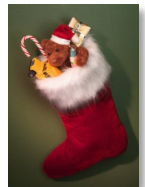
*Girls Stockings Ideas List*

- 4”-8” dolls (not easily broken)
- Jacks, Jump Ropes, Bubbles, Marbles
- Crayons (24 per box), rulers, scissors
- Jewelry (necklace, bracelet), Hair items (scrunchies, bows)
- Small toys or small stuffed animal (think Beanie Baby)
- Toothbrush (individually wrapped)
- Coloring books, Toothpaste
- Children’s Playing Cards (go fish, etc.)



*Boys Stockings Ideas List*

- Small sturdy die cast cars, Marbles
- Crayons (24 per box), rulers, scissors
- Yo-yo’s, Paddle balls, Jacks
- Play dough, Clacker Toy, Bubbles
- Small toys or small stuffed animal (think Beanie Baby)
- Toothbrush (individually wrapped)
- Coloring books, Toothpaste
- Children’s Playing Cards (go fish, crazy 8’s, old maid)



**CHRISTMAS WISH LIST ~ Baytown Boys Shelter**

**Stocking Stuffers/Small hand held games**

- Playing Cards, Etch-A-Sketch
- Candy, Yo-Yo’s, Rubik’s Cubes
- Plastic Wrist Watches
- Boxers, Socks (boys)
- Deodorant (boys)
- Body sprays for boys (Only Plastic Containers)
- Journals (no wire), Dominos,
- Lotion (boys), Hair gel (boys)
- NO Marbles this year please**

Financial donations also accepted by cash or check payable to San Jacinto Baptist Association with memo: “for Boys’ Shelter”



**Bigger Individual Gifts**

- Christian Spanish Music MP3’s
- PG Spanish Movies
- Color by Number crafts
- Sketch Pads/Charcoal Pencils
- Board Games, Puzzles
- Soccer Balls, Table Top Football
- Pajama Sets (boys)
- House slippers (boys)
- Socks with Patterns (boys)
- Soft Throw Blankets
- Shirts, Shorts, Beanie Hats
- Gloves & Hats, Jackets
- Sunglasses, Radios
- Spanish books for teen boys



## Something To Think About

Randy Gilchrist, Executive Director

We can learn a great deal from children, if we will but watch and learn. For example, when a child is learning to walk, they will many times hold on to the finger of the adult. In their wobbliness they will begin to fall letting go of the

adult finger in order to catch themselves before they face plant. However, when the adult is holding on to the hand of the child, stubbing their toe will not matter, because the parent will not let go.

Isn't that what God wants for us? That we would reach up to him and allow Him to hold on to us so that when we hit a rough road we will not fall, but continue with Him holding on to us. Too often we only want to hold on to God's pinky, so when we are walking down the rough road and stumble, we let go and try in our own effort to catch ourselves resulting in an inevitable face plant.

As we walk together through the current trials of this world, I have become more aware of our need for a Holy God to hold on to us. Maybe it's time we, as believers, turn our faces toward God in humility and allow Him to see us through these difficult times.

The writer of Hebrews in his final exhortation said in Hebrews 13:5-6, Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; Never will I forsake you." So, we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"



## For the Common Good

Carey D. Froelich, Associate Director for Church Enrichment

*ESV Psalm 50:14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,<sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." ... 23 The one who*

*offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"* I wonder about the expression, "sacrifice of thanksgiving," and its twin, *sacrifice of praise.* Grateful for parents who taught me the value of "Thank you" in response to acts of kindness, I have always appreciated those who remember to voice their gratitude for the many ways others have blessed them. But what does a *sacrifice of thanksgiving* mean?

*Sacrifice* suggests "above and beyond," that is, making a special effort to acknowledge another person as the source of some blessing that has come, and—like my parents taught me—God has instructed us to make certain that we acknowledge Him as the True Source of all the good in our lives. The *Thanksgiving Season* reminds us what we should be doing every day: Going out of our way to express appreciation for all the ways we have been blessed, even in this most unusual year of Covid, hurricanes, election-hostilities, and economic struggles. Our church-lives have been torn apart and we wonder if there will ever be something like *normal* again. But amid all that, we remain confident that our Lord is still sovereign, and that He continues to pour out blessings. Thanksgiving 2020—like most other things this year—will be different *on the outside*. The psalmist reminds us that *inside*—where it counts the most—we need to offer our *sacrifices of praise* because the One Who gives us life is still God!

### San Jacinto Baptist Association Monthly Prayer Gathering

November 17, 2020 at 9:00 am

In person at SJBA, 1020 Birdsong, Baytown Or, virtually via Zoom link. Find out more at [sanjacintobaptist.com](http://sanjacintobaptist.com) or, call our office at 281-422-3604 for more information.



## Week of Prayer and Mission Study for IMB and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering November 29 to December 6, 2020

Your generosity takes the gospel to the unreached.

89,325

New Believers

Worldwide in 2019

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47,929

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18,598

Pastors Trained

Worldwide in 2019

## SJBA's Annual Christmas Open House December 2020

Regrettably, we have decided to Cancel the SJBA Christmas Open House for this December due to Covid-19 concerns. However, you can still stop by and say hello throughout December: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm or Friday 8:30 am - noon.



## Lake Tomahawk News

Patrick Flowers, Camp Manager



This year has been very different. We have been amid an unprecedented pandemic and lost most of our retreats in the spring and the fall. We did have one week of camp this year that consisted of three SJBA summer camps: Boys' Camp, Girls' Camp, and Youth Camp. We were also able to serve one of our local churches in Livingston for a small children's camp. All other summer camps that were booked in 2020 moved into Summer 2021 with faith that we will be back to normal. We are very thankful and appreciative to all who have helped us this year to stay open during this very difficult time. We want to thank the Association, all the churches and individuals that have donated so generously to keep us going. Faith and dependence on our Lord and Savior are where our strength comes from in times of trial.

This year with Covid-19, we changed the structure of our Annual Golf Tournament. With the stringent food and beverage restrictions in Harris County and social distancing we decided not to have the full tournament. Thank you to all of those who continued to send their golf sponsorships even though we didn't have the teams play this year. If you have not already mailed your sponsorship donation, please do so today: SJBA / Lake Tomahawk, PO Box 1533, Baytown, Tx 77522-1533.

We appreciate that River Terrace Golf Course let us display the hole sponsorship signs on the golf course over the weekend. Next year we plan to have the full tournament, but we will see how things progress with the pandemic. Thank you to Wayne Teutsch and the Golf Committee Team for leading this annual fundraiser for Lake Tomahawk.

We want to thank each of you that have been a guest, volunteer, or monetary givers of Lake Tomahawk. Most of all we appreciate all your prayers for Lake Tomahawk. Your prayers, generosity, and giving of your time make Lake Tomahawk a great facility that serves thousands each year. We pray God's blessing on each of you and we look forward to seeing how God will use all of us and Lake Tomahawk this next year.

Check out our website: [www.laketomahawk.org](http://www.laketomahawk.org) and *Like* us on Facebook at *Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center*



### Prayer Coordinator

Dr. B.L. Worsham

"Serve the Lord with gladness---enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name---for the Lord is good--" (Psalm 100:2-5)

God is wonderful toward His children! He instructs us where to gather; with what attitude to enter in; how to express ourselves when we obey, and the perfect joy and peace we shall find in His presence! We encounter this in His church---in the glory of His music---the splendor of His salvation---and the fullness of prayer. For it is in prayer that we reach the heart of God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Beloved it is in service, in singing, in humble prayer, that we experience God's love. In prayer He responds with mercy, grace and instruction---in prayer we know God as our Father, our creator, our Savior. Unspeakable joy and forgiveness are His gifts to our supplications!

Pray often dear brother/sister! God loves to hear your thankful prayer-voice. Bless Him for His love; His redemption; for heaven, prepared and waiting for you. Are you sometimes troubled? Remember, God has assured: "When you pass through the waters (troubles, trials) I will be with you." (Isaiah 43:2) Today is the times of gladness, "When men ought always to pray and not to faint." (Luke 18:1)

"Be thankful unto Him and bless His name," because "the Lord is good." (Psalm 100:4-5)

## Lifeway's VBS VIRTUAL Preview Event

**EXCAVATE THE TRUTH**  
**Multiple attendance dates and times**  
**Over 20 breakout sessions**  
**Giveaways during the live event**  
**And more!**

VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

Tickets are just \$49 and include live access during the event, specialized countdowns and bumpers for Destination Dig, and a free VBS t-shirt. [Click here to reserve your spot today!](#)

## SJBA's FREE VBS Directors' Clinic & SJBA's FREE VBS Workers' Clinic

Locations and Dates Coming Soon!

Prepare your teams now!



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## Folks 'N Facts



our new SJBA Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) Director!

Please note: we plan to restart the lunches for the Lee College BSM in January at this point due to Covid-19.

### November Fellowships & Meetings

**No Lake Tomahawk Team** meeting this month.

**Missions Evangelism Team** meeting Monday, November 9 at 4:30 pm at Mission Center.

**Valley Stocking Stuffers** due November 16 no later than 4:00 pm at Mission Center.

**Coordinating Council** will meet Monday, November 16 at 10:00 am at Mission Center.

**Prayer Gathering** Tuesday, November 17 at 9:00 am at Mission Center.

**Stuffing Day for Valley Stockings** November 19 at 9:00 am at Mission Center.

### Happy Birthday!

11/01..... Jason Havner, Memorial Pasadena  
11/07..... Jonathan Swirsky, First Baptist Huffman  
11/14..... Bryan Dickens, SJBA Lake Tomahawk  
11/17..... Joe Mangum, Harvest Crosby  
11/24..... Danny Kilcoyne, Dell Dave Ave Chnlview

### Happy Anniversary

11/01/1998 ..... Robin Cunningham, First Baytown  
11/06/2005 ..... Ken Buck, First Huffman  
11/06/2005 ..... Larry Sharp, First Huffman  
11/02/2015 ..... Suzi Ronning, San Jacinto Baptist Assoc.



**November 11**  
**Remember to thank a Veteran**  
**for the freedoms we have!**

**Daylight Savings Time**  
**Ends November 1**  
**Set Clocks Back 1 Hour**

