



we MUST shine

our light

January 2023 Volume MMXXIII No. 1 "Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 NASB

San Jacinto Baptist Association is a community of churches uniting believers to reflect Christ through encouragement, education and resources in making disciples for the glory of God's Kingdom.



# Something To Think About

Randy Gilchrist, Executive Director

Let me share some facts you may or may not know about the Bible. Most of us know that there are sixty-six different books/letters in the Bible. There are 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. But

did you know that there are 1,189 chapters in the Bible which totals 31,102 verses, with 23,145 in the Old Testament and 7,957 verses in the New Testament with a total word count of around 785,000 words. Here's another fact: If a person reads or listens to three chapters a day, they will read through the Bible in one year.

As we begin the new year, consider a commitment to read or listen through the Bible in 2023. Commit a time each day as your Bible time. Keep it as a special time with the Lord. Begin with prayer asking God to speak to you through the chapters. Use a translation of the Bible that reads more like a book than as a formal proclamation. After you finish, write down your thoughts concerning what you read, along with one significant verse.

By the way, if you want to do something different, try reading through the Bible chronologically. It's different, but it will give you a perspective of the whole Bible as it unfolds in history. Lets make 2023 the Year of Reading through the Bible.

Remember, our light must shine!

### **SJBA Monthly Prayer Gathering**

#### January 19, 20<mark>22 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m.</mark>

San Jacinto Baptist Association 1020 Birdsong Dr. • Baytown TX

In person or virtually via Zoom or telephone. Call 281-422-3604 for more information.

# **Executive Board Meeting**

## January 23, 2023



12:00 pm (Noon)

(11:30 am for lunch for \$5)

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# Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, BSM Director

#### Help Serve the Baptist Student Ministry

Lee College Baptist Student Ministry meets Thursdays for lunch in the Spring and Fall. Lunches are provided by SJBA churches.

To learn more and reserve a date for your church to serve the BSM for the 2022-2023 Fall and Spring Semesters call 281.422.3604.

Join in and make a difference in the lives of students.



It's time to start planning for VBS 2023!

Start enlisting your Teachers and Workers

### **SAVE THE DATES**



VBS Directors' Training March 28 - 7:00 p.m. San Jacinto Baptist Association 1020 Birdsong Dr. • Baytown TX

VBS Training Clinic April 22 - 9:00-12 Noon Cedar Bayou Baptist Church 3116 N Alexander Dr • Baytown TX



More details coming soon for training and resources at www.sanjacintobaptist.com or call 281.422.3604.

## EASY & SECURE WAYS TO GIVE

#### Give to San Jacinto Baptist Association

https://onrealm.org/SJBALT/Give/SJBA

Text "SJBALT" to 73256

#### Give to Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center

https://onrealm.org/SJBALT/Give/LT Text "SJBALT LT" to 73256

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you." Deuteronomy 16:17





#### Prayer Coordinator Dr. B.L. Worsham

"Judge me, O God ... O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles" (Psalm 43:1, 3 KJV).

Here is the cry and pleading of every soul. That is when we have reached the limits of mortal capacity and realize there is a higher power, an infinite mentality, an infallible creator, who knows every solution to all of life's encounters: and is available, as the song so apply sings; "Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine forevermore" (Charles H. Gabriel, 1890).

And God our creator and heavenly Father, in His mercy toward us, has answered our cry; has implemented our needs; has provided us with clear light to see, and truth to know all that is good for us to understand in this mortality thru which we are passing at this present season.

Our Father has entrusted us with wondrous privilege as we live. The grace and knowledge to find our way to heaven, eternal life, to home. God allows us to speak with Him at all times, in the name of His Son Jesus Christ as we pray. He extends to us grace to save us from condemnation: "for by grace are ye saved" (Ephesians 2:8). He provides faith to sustain us throughout life. And God allows us to tell others about this unspeakable great salvation: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Beloved, tell others! Pray daily for opportunities. As you go, as you work, wherever you find yourself. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Beloved, pray!

Need to Know Workshop



### Living Young. STAYING ACTIVE

### Saturday, February 4

9:00 am-Noon

(for anyone 18 years and older)

Presenter: Gene Talbot, Pastor/Counselor

Location: San Jacinto Baptist Association 1020 Birdsong Dr., Baytown TX Or, virtually via Zoom

To register or for more information go online to www.sanjacintobaptist.com or call 281.422.3604

### Book Your Winter Retreats at Lake Tomahawk



Call Toll Free at 1-833-341-2333 Worship • Have Fun • Experience God



### 2023 SJBA Summer Camps at Lake Tomahawk

Calendar these dates, inform your congregation, and make plans for your youth to attend one of these SJBA summer camps!

June 5-9	(Mon-Fri)Youth Camp
June 12-16	(Mon-Fri)Boys Camp
June 12-16	(Mon-Fri)Girls Camp
July 16-20	(Sun-Thurs)Preteen Camp

More information coming soon....

### Senior Life Council Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 24, 2023 10:30 am - 11:30 am

SJBA Mission Center • 1020 Birdsong Dr.

Baytown, TX 77521 Each church should have a representative present at the Senior Life Council Meeting.

### Senior Life Ministry - Day Trip



### February 7, 2023 (Tuesday)

No Cost for Tour

Only cost is for your lunch

A 39 passenger bus will leave the Association office at 9:00 a.m. and will return approximately 2:30 p.m.

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#### ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

**Folks 'N Facts** 

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Tell Lee College students you know about Thursday lunches at BSM for \$1. Thanks to our SJBA churches and Lee College for providing the following Lee College BSM lunches:

01/26..... Rollingbrook Fellowship, Baytown 02/02..... Templo, La Porte 02/09..... Wooster, Baytown 02/16..... Baptist Temple, Baytown 02/23..... Second, La Porte

> Thank you for impacting the lives of Lee College students!

### ~ Meetings ~

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Coordinating Council will meet on Monday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.

Executive Board will meet Monday, January 23, at 11:30 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center..

Senior Life Council will meet Tuesday, January 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.

#### ~ Church Anniversaries ~

- 01/02/1994 Marvin Rose, Baker Road, Baytown
- Alan Beck, Memorial, Baytown 01/02/2007
- Joel Davis, Memorial, Baytown 01/05/2014
- 01/02/2016 Shannon Frazier, Abiding Faith, Baytown
- Stephanie Gregory, Cedar Bayou, Baytown 01/04/2017
- Shawn Werley, Cedar Bayou, Baytown 01/02/2018

#### ~ Birthdays ~

- 01/01 Robbie Carmoody, Memorial, Channelview
- 01/01 Jay Wash, The Fellowship at Northside, Baytown
- 01/13 Randy Piatt, Memorial, Baytown
- 01/14 Jorge Reynaga, Templo, La Porte
- 01/17Alan Beck, Memorial, Baytown
- Steven Richard, Fellowship, Baytown 01/21
- Beau Rosser, Highlands, Second 01/28

### **Church News**

Dell Dale Avenue, Channelview, is seeking a music minister and part-time youth minister. They are also seeking a pianist.

San Jacinto Church, Deer Park is seeking a Worship Pastor.

Second Baptist Church, Jacinto City (Houston) seeks a bilingual (English/Spanish) Bi-Vocational Pastor.

First Highlands seeks a Financial Secretary and part-time paid Preschool/Nursery Teacher. Call 281.426.4551.

For additional information about these positions go to https://sanjacintobaptist.com/about-us/church-information.