



Stocking patterns and materials are available at the SJBA office. 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 located at 1020 Birdsong Drive in Baytown. (Please, no happy meal toys and no clothes this year.) Shop resale shops or garage sales for "gently used" items, dollar stores, clearance sales, or buy bulk. **Drop off stocking stuffers between now and November 13. Stockings will be stuffed on November 16 at 9:00 am.**

GIRLS STOCKING IDEAS

4"-8" dolls (not easily broken), bubbles Jacks, jump ropes, crayons, rulers, scissors Jewelry (necklace, bracelet, scrunchies, bows) Small toys or small stuffed animal (Beanie Baby) Toothbrush (individually wrapped), toothpaste Coloring books, crayons (24 per box), Children's playing cards (go fish, crazy 8's, etc.)

BOYS STOCKING IDEAS

we MUST shine

our light

Small sturdy die cast cars, marbles Jacks, rulers, scissors, jump ropes Yo-yo's, Paddle ball, Play dough, clacker toy Small toys or small stuffed animal (Beanie Baby) Toothbrush (individually wrapped), toothpaste Coloring books, crayons (24 per box) Bubbles, children's playing cards (go fish, etc.)

July 2023 Volume MMXXIII No. 7 "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

I was reading an article about the most populous cities in the United States. Houston ranked fourth behind New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. That got me thinking about Harris County and West Chambers County and their growth.

Between 2010 and 2023. Harris County increased by 638.686 individuals. During the same time, Chambers County grew by almost 15,000 individuals. The point is that the San Jacinto Baptist Association area is growing. Driving through the entire area around the churches, hundreds of new homes are being built and occupied by families. As I consider the opportunities for kingdom growth I am reminded of the commissioning of Isaiah, when God asked the question in Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who will I send? Who will go for us?" (CSB). Most of us would answer as did Isaiah after he had a renewing experience with God, "Here I am. Send me." I have always been taken with the verses that follow. God gives Isaiah instructions on what He is to do, then Isaiah asks the question in verse 11, "Lord, how long?" to which God says, "Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant, Houses are without people And the land is utterly desolate" (NASB). Or until the work of God is completed.

I believe God asks of His disciples, "Who will I send, and who will go for me?" Remember, Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, "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" (NASB).



SAN JACINTO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 77th Annual Meeting

Celebration

October 10, 2023

The Fellowship at Northside Baptist Church 300 Cedar Bayou, Baytown TX



October • Honduras December • Baytown Boys Shelter December • Valley TBD • SJBA Crossover More to come ...



Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

We saw new faces each week at the BSM this spring, and many expressed joy at finding just the environment they had been needing. Thank you for your prayers and participation in introducing the BSM to a growing group of students! We can only imagine all the wonders God will reveal at both campuses this fall!

Lee College Main Campus

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - *Every* Thursday for lunch Meet in the Security Building Lunches are provided by SJBA churches.

Lee College McNair Campus

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - 1st Monday & Tuesday of each month "Grab & Go" Snacks for your Break!

Help Serve the Baptist Student Ministry

To learn more about your church serving the BSM for the 2023-2024 Fall and Spring Semesters call 281.422.3604.

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

Lake Tomahawk Barbecue

October 3, 2023

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lake Tomahawk Livingston, Texas

Entertainment Branded Christian Country Duo

Cost: \$15 per person

Includes lunch, entertainment and enjoying the Lake Tomahawk facilities.

Register through your church.

Churches—please register your participants online. We need the bulk of your numbers to the SJBA office by September 18 so enough food can be prepared. Late registrants can be added. Call 281-422-3604 if you have any questions.

A County bus will leave the Association at 8:00 a.m. Call 281.422.3604 if you want to ride the bus.

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Prayer Coordinator In Memory of Dr. B.L. Worsham

"God is love" (1 John 4:8).

The love of God toward his people is "agape." Here is the word that expresses the essence, the divine and eternal joy, that God has for humanity. It describes the

majesty, the unsearchable greatness of the love that our Father has for you and me.

The Apostle Paul extends all his spiritual integrity when he speaks of "the preeminence of love" in 1 Corinthians 13. He equates this love to "charity" which is "spiritual love." He says, "And though I have the gift of prophecy... And understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and I have not charity, I am nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2).

If a person remains stone-hearted, and emotionally frozen he will never know "love given," nor "love received." The one who remains void of God's love will truly exist as a barren fig tree (Luke 13:7). But our Father God has promised: "I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you, and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and will give them a heart of flesh . . . And they shall be my people, and I will be their God" (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

When mankind receives salvation, "For by grace are ye saved through faith . . . It is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). He will become capable of true love. He will be a child of God, with the full measure of the Holy Spirit inside him; and he can experience the surpassing love of God, and for his brother man.

God bless you!

(Taken from Priority of Prayer, Dr. B. L. Worsham, 2022.)



Need to Know Workshop Let's Make Memories Travel Tips & Info

Saturday, July 29 9:00 am-Noon

(for anyone 18 years and older) Learn inside tips to make planning future vacations easier. Presenter: Melody Jones, Travel Professional 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.

Houston Resale Shops Tuesday, August 15



We will visit three Houston resale shops: The Guild Shop, the Cottage Shop, and The Blue Bird Circle. Lunch at Katz's Restaurant.

The bus will depart at 8:30 am and return at 5:00 pm. The only cost is what you spend at the shops and lunch. For information and to register for these trips, visit www.sanjacintobaptist.com or call 281.422.3604.

Lake Tomahawk News

Patrick Flowers, Camp Manager

Summer camps are going great! Campers are having a great time and God is moving in many lives. In June we hosted the SJBA Youth, Girls and Boys camps. It is truly awesome to see boys, girls and leaders have the experience to learn about and spend time with God at Lake Tomahawk.



I want to make a plea for your help raising funds to repair and rebuild our tower for the Wet Willie Water Slide. It did not pass inspection the last time. The total cost for the project is \$38,480. Donations are now at \$16,983 leaving \$21,497 still needed. I ask you to pray about providing your best gift and help us prepare this project for summer camp! Mail to PO Box 1533, Baytown TX 77522 or online at https://onrealm.org/SJBALT/Give/LT



Please pray for Lake Tomahawk as we continue the summer camping season. Your prayers are greatly appreciated as we work to make Lake Tomahawk a ministry that seeks to change the lives of others.

Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center 833.341.2333 Toll free • 936.565.4644 • www.laketomahawk.org



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September 10-17, 2023

Matthew 28:18-20

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Give to Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center https://onrealm.org/SJBALT/Give/LT Text "SJBALT LT" to 73256



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July 17, 2023 12:00 Noon (11:30 am lunch for \$5)

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1020 Birdsong Dr. • Baytown TX In person or virtually via Zoom or telephone. Call 281.422.3604 for more information.

SJBA Monthly Prayer Gathering

July 20, 2023 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m.

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



~ Church Anniversaries ~

07/01/2012.......Jim Herndon, Second, Baytown 07/14/2013.....Shane Perez, Fisher Road, Baytown 07/15/2019......Chris Richey, San Jacinto, Deer Park 07/19/2020.....John Mueller, First, Mont Belvieu 07/03/2022.....Simon Trevino, Second, Jacinto City

~ Birthdays ~

07/03	Joel Davis, Memorial, Baytown
07/03	Larry Sharp, First, Huffman
07/09	Vicki Rigsby, Bayshore, La Porte
07/11	Jim Looney, Baptist Temple
07/14	Stephanie Gregory, Cedar Bayou, Baytown
07/26	Dave Jirrels, Second, Baytown

~ Meetings ~

Coordinating Council will meet on Monday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.

Executive Board will meet Monday, July 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.

Prayer Gathering will meet Thursday, July 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.