



**FIXED**  
on Jesus



**FOCUSED**  
on His Kingdom

“Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2 NET)  
“But above all pursue his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33 NET)

**SAN JACINTO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**77th Annual Meeting**  
**October 10, 2023**

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

**Schedule of Events:**

4:00 pm	Registration & Exhibits	5:30 pm	Dinner
4:30 pm	Prayer Room Open/Self Guided Prayer	6:30 pm	Meeting

“Each church will be entitled to three (3) messengers, plus one (1) additional messenger for each fifty (50) resident members, with a maximum of twelve (12) messengers per church.”

**All are welcome to attend.**

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## Something To Think About

Randy Gilchrist, Executive Director

On October 10 the 45 churches that make up San Jacinto Baptist Association will gather at The Fellowship at Northside (Northside Baptist Church) for fellowship, encouragement, and worship. San Jacinto Baptist Association

is a Network of Churches seeking to transform lives, communities, and the world with the love of Jesus through encouragement, education, and resources to the glory of God. It is not about what one church can do alone, but what all churches working together can accomplish.

Our theme for the Annual Meeting is: "Fixed and Focused." In Hebrews 12:2 the writer warns believers that we must fix our eyes upon Jesus. The world would divert the believer from his appointed course. Jesus is the example. Not only are believers to fix our eyes on Jesus, but the focus is to be on the Kingdom Mission of God. Matthew 6:33 reminds us that the believer's sole focus is to be upon God's Kingdom, not world or personal desire. The believer is to be about being Jesus to the world; not compromising with the world.

I have an old 35mm camera. In order to take a good picture, I would have to fix my lens on the subject and then bring it into focus in order to get the outcome of a good picture. A constant reminder that I must always fix my eyes on Jesus and focus on God's Kingdom work to finish strong.

## Rio Grande Valley Mission Trip

December 15-17



**INTERESTED?** Join the team taking Christmas stockings to the valley and make a difference in the lives of others and yours.

**PRAY** for those who will be traveling to deliver the stockings to the Valley.

For information call 281.422.3604.

## Honduras Mission Trip

October 14-20, 2023

We will be working with 61 Isaiah Ministries in Catulaca, Honduras • Cost: \$1,400 • Passports required



### INTERESTED?

Join the team to Honduras and make a difference in the lives of others.

Contact the SJBA office for additional information at 281.422.3604 or email at [sjba@sanjacintobaptist.com](mailto:sjba@sanjacintobaptist.com).



## Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

Consider for a moment – is everything you hear in the world today trustworthy, or godly? I heard one the other day that simply must be shared – consider how the statement below does, and most definitely should, apply to our Christian witness and educational priorities – whether in college or in one's own home.

***"I tell you what I believe that the Bible has said, but you better read the Bible to prove or disprove the ideas being said."***

Alistair Begg

Note that never says that God's word should be manipulated to meet one's personal agenda or be identified as false, insignificant ideas. There is accountability in our speech. The words contained in our Bible are true and written for our welfare, education, and encouragement - and must be stated clearly and honestly to allow others to become familiar with the Bible. Period. In that spirit of prayer and honesty, the BSM has provided close to 100 Bibles to students and faculty in the past two years. The Bibles are "backpack size" and are easily carried into the classroom and accessible anytime or place. That is critically important. It is exciting to witness the response of those who immediately hug it...or those who ask if it can be shared.

I believe one of the greatest priorities in any learning environment is a knowledge of the Bible. There must be a guide for measuring the truth. There also must be a firm foundation on which additional knowledge and wisdom are built. The Bible is that foundation. Education is designed to enrich the mind, not to isolate it. Please pray both for the words spoken in the BSM and classrooms and for the minds who are and will be, encouraged to verify it.

## 2022 Rio Grande Valley Christmas Project



Donate items to stuff stockings!

We need enough stocking stuffers to fill approximately 300-350 stockings that will be distributed to children during our **mission trip to the Valley, December 15-17, 2023**. If you are interested in going, please call the Association office at 281-422-3604.

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 Dr. 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.

### Suggested Items Needed

Small Stuffed animals	Jacks, jump ropes
Girls jewelry	Girls hair accessories
Balls (small)	Playdough
Matchbox cars	Yo-yo's
Paddle balls	Checkers
Playing cards (Old Maid, Hearts, Crazy 8's)	
Flash cards (addition, subtraction, multiplication)	

**Note: Items need to fit into a 7" opening**

Please drop off your stocking stuffers any time between now and **November 27**. The stockings will be stuffed on **November 30 at 9:00 am**.





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

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me" (Psalm 103:1)..

Now is time to make daily prayer a part of our life. If we believe with all our heart that Jesus hears, cares, and intercedes for us individually. If there is no doubt in our mind, that the blessed Holy Spirit assists our effort to pray, rightly, when we lift our praise and requests before our heavenly Father.

If we have selected a special time and place, designated it as our prayer closet where we meet with our god on a regular basis. If we have set aside a time to read the Bible every day, if we are convinced that we are in touch with our Lord, then let us go further. Let us never doubt nor fear failure again. Let us covenant with God. Let us, like Moses, strike the "Red Sea" with our "rod of faith" and expect it to open unto us. Beloved, let us not falter, but live his faith and speak it.

"As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with them. God shall hear and afflict them" (Psalm 55:16-19). In prosperity or poverty, let my testimony be: "His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). And let it be that every thought say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His Holy name" (Psalm 103:1).

God bless you!  
(Taken from Priority of Prayer, Dr. B. L. Worsham, 2022.)

## Need to Know Workshop (Free)

### What is Civic Rec?

November 18, 2023

9:00 am-Noon

San Jacinto Baptist Association  
1020 Birdsong, Baytown TX

Learn what Harris County offers Seniors in community centers, parks, free giveaways and special events.

For information and to register for this trip, visit [www.sanjacintobaptist.com](http://www.sanjacintobaptist.com) or call 281.422.3604.

## Tax Seminars ~ November 28

San Jacinto Baptist Association  
1020 Birdsong, Baytown TX

### Taxes & Ministers ~ 9:00 am—Noon

Ministers need to know how to correctly file their taxes.

### Taxes & Churches ~ 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Churches need to know how to correctly report payroll taxes, honorariums, etc.

Register to reserve your seat for either in person or via Zoom at one or both of these training sessions by calling 281-422-3604 or online registration at [www.sanjacintobaptist.com](http://www.sanjacintobaptist.com)

(Note: lunch is on your own for both sessions for the in person option)

## Lake Tomahawk News

Patrick Flowers, Camp Manager



*We are over the halfway mark of our goal of \$38,480 to repair and rebuild our tower for the Wet Willie Water Slide.*

*We need your help. Donations are now at \$21,388. Please pray about providing your best gift and help us to complete this project. Mail to PO Box 1533, Baytown TX 77522 or online at <https://onrealm.org/SJBALT/Give/LT>*



Your prayers and support 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  
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## TBM Disaster Relief Coastal Plains East Orientation & Specialty Training Weekend October 6 - October 7



First Baptist Church  
7500 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena TX 77505

This is where TBM disaster relief training begins. Orientation is required for all Disaster Relief Volunteers, and is a pre-requisite for all other specialty training.

More details can be found here:  
<https://www.tbmtx.org/events/dr-orientation-houston>

Church contact: Jennifer Phillips, call at 281.991.1232 or email at [jphillips@fbp.org](mailto:jphillips@fbp.org).



## Annual Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, October 14, 2024

Hyatt Regency Baytown

Silent Auction at 6:00 pm | Dinner at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Cynthia Wenz  
(Speaker & Founder of Healed for Life Ministries)



If you would like to reserve a table or donate to the silent auction, please contact the Pregnancy Resource Center East at 281-427-2273. You can also find more information at <https://www.prcebaptown.org/banquet-2023>



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## Folks 'N Facts

**BAPTIST**  
*Student*  
**MINISTRY**

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

10/05 ..... Second Baytown  
10/12 ..... Central Baytown  
10/19 ..... Rollingbrook Fellowship Baytown  
10/26 ..... Campus Event - No lunch

You are impacting the lives of our Lee College students with the Gospel. Thank you!

## Holloway Mission to the Lenca Indians Monday, November 27

Lunch 11:30 am-1:00 pm *or*  
Dinner 6:00-7:30 pm

San Jacinto Baptist Association  
1020 Birdsong, Baytown TX

RSVP: Call 281.422.3604 or online  
at [www.sanjacintobaptist.com](http://www.sanjacintobaptist.com)

Learn about 61 Isaiah Ministry to the Lenca Indians in the Mountains of Northwest Honduras.

The 61 Isaiah vision is to glorify God by sharing the gospel and love of Jesus Christ. 61 Isaiah is a cooperating mission organization with the SBC, BGCT and SBTC.



## ~ Church Anniversaries ~

10/01/2015 .....Brandon White, Second Baytown  
10/30/2020 .....Vicki Cook, A New Direction, Crosby

## ~ Birthdays ~

10/01 ..... Jared Fulleylove, Memorial Baytown  
10/13 ..... Maurice Villarreal, First La Porte  
10/31 ..... Shawn Werley, Cedar Bayou, Baytown

## ~ Meetings ~

**Coordinating Council** will meet Monday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.

**Annual Meeting** will meet Tuesday, October 10, Dell Dale Avenue. (See cover for schedule)

## SJBA Monthly Prayer Room

**October 10, 2023 (Tuesday) at 4:30 p.m.**

As part of SJBA Annual Meeting at  
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Call 281-422-3604 for more information.