



## 2023 Rio Grande Valley Missions Christmas Project

### Donate items to stuff stockings!

**Help provide stocking stuffers** to fill approximately 300-350 stockings that will be distributed to children during our *mission trip to the Valley, December 15-17, 2022*. You are invited to go on this mission trip. 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 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.

#### Items Still Needed

Crayons (24 pack)  
Hair brushes  
Jacks  
Jump ropes  
Marbles  
Yo-Yo's

Kids toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Paddle balls  
Balls (small, foam)  
Playdough  
Coloring books (thin)

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



Please drop off your stocking stuffers any time between now and **November 27**.  
Join us on **November 30 at 9:00 am** to fill the stockings

## Baytown Boys' Shelter Christmas Wish List

#### Stocking Stuffers

Etch A Sketch, Rubik's Cube  
Playing Cards  
Candy  
Plastic Wrist Watches  
Yo-Yo's / Dominoes  
Beanie Hats  
Socks (boys)  
Hair Gel (Boys)  
Boxers  
Body Spray, No glass (Boys)  
Journals (no wire)

**Small hand held games**  
*NO Marbles please*



**Bring your gifts  
unwrapped to  
SJBA by:  
12/18/23**

**Financial donations also** accepted by cash  
or check payable to San Jacinto Baptist  
Association with memo: "for Boys' Shelter."  
To pay online: Text "SJBALT to 73256 or  
<https://onrealm.org/SJBALT/Give/SJBA>

#### Bigger Individual Gifts

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



## Something To Think About

Randy Gilchrist, Executive Director

The Annual Meeting of the San Jacinto Baptist Association was great. I want to thank the Association staff and volunteers for all they did to make this a great night of Worship, Fellowship, and a little business. Also, I want to give a

big thank you to all the exhibitors. We had individuals from local ministries, state ministries, national ministries, and global ministries. Truly a representation for making disciples in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world. And thank you Fellowship at Northside Baytown for graciously hosting the event.

Thank you Associational churches for honoring Connie and myself for fifteen years of ministry at the Association. I have to admit that it took me by surprise. We are both very thankful to the Lord for bringing us here. It is great to work with the churches of the San Jacinto Baptist Association. Again, thank you.

As we move forward, let us do so with our eyes fixed on Jesus, not being distracted by things of the world both good and bad; and let us focus on His kingdom and His righteousness.

Two events coming up immediately after Thanksgiving are the Honduras Information lunch or dinner on November 27. The other is on November 28: The Tax Seminars for Ministers at 9:00 am and The Tax Seminar for Churches at 1:30 pm. Randy Reid has been leading these for several years and always provides new and excellent information about tax laws and changes we need to understand. I encourage pastors, staff, and financial leaders to attend. There is always something new presented. For more information and to register call the Association office or go to [www.sanjacintobaptist.com](http://www.sanjacintobaptist.com).

### SJBA Monthly Prayer Gathering

November 16, 2023 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m.

San Jacinto Baptist Association  
1020 Birdsong Dr. • Baytown TX

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



## Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

Let me begin with a quote from my Tony Evans daily devotion calendar: **“Unity does not mean uniformity – it means oneness of Purpose.”**

I work with students who audibly ask for insight into how we can know God’s plan for our future. One question took center stage, so to speak, this past week, “How do I know that God wants me to choose a particular degree?” Thanks to all who added clarity on God’s timetable, guidance, and times of preparation. The discussion ended with the fact that God has a plan and will share it as we focus on a **relationship** with Him. Only then can we understand and recognize we are each important to His Plan.

### “God’s 5 Purposes for Your Life.”

Centering our lives around God – that is *worship*.

Learning to love God’s family – that is *fellowship*.

Cultivating spiritual maturity – that is *discipleship*.

Sharing even just a little of what God has given us – that is *ministry*.

Telling others about God’s love – that is *evangelism*.

From [saddleback.com](http://saddleback.com)

That is the foundation for a successful, satisfying life for each of us, as well as a future that truly honors God.

### WEEK OF PRAYER '23 WMU® IMB



## Week of Prayer and Mission Study

For Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 3-10, 2023

**100%** of your gifts go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering • [imb.org/weekofprayer](http://imb.org/weekofprayer)

### YOUR GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS LIVES

## Rio Grande Valley Mission Trip December 15-17



### Here’s What YOU Can Do!

- › GO on the Mission Trip › PRAY for the Mission
- › HELP donate items or funds to stuff stockings!

**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.**



**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 lives. If we believe with all our hearts that Jesus hears, cares, and intercedes for us. 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  
(In person or virtually via Zoom)



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

For information and to register for this workshop, 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)

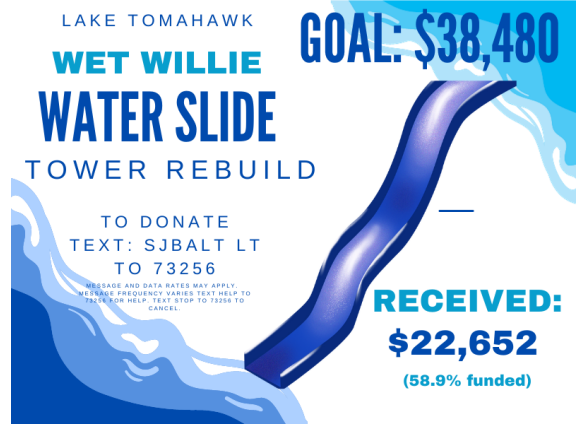
**Lake Tomahawk News**

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 \$22,652. 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  
833.341.2333 Toll free • 936.565.4644 • [www.laketomahawk.org](http://www.laketomahawk.org)

**Holloway Mission to the Lenca Indians - Lunch or Dinner**

**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

Jeff Holloway served at FBC Crosby and in SJBA for 33 years before surrendering to Missions in Honduras.

61 Isaiah Ministry and the Holloways invite you to an informational lunch or dinner of your choice about their mission 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.

**RSVP: Online at [www.sanjacintobaptist.com](http://www.sanjacintobaptist.com) or call 281.422.3604**

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### Folks ‘N Facts



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:

- 11/02.....Fellowship Community
- 11/09.....First Mont Belvieu
- 11/16.....Northside Highlands
- 11/30.....A New Direction Crosby
- 12/07.....Emanuel Baytown

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

### ~ Church Anniversaries ~

- 11/01/1998.....Robin Cunningham, Rollingbrook Baytown
- 11/06/2005.....Ken Buck, First Huffman
- 11/06/2005.....Larry Sharp, First Huffman
- 11/22/2006.....Pat Flowers, SJBA Lake Tomahawk
- 11/02/2015.....Suzi Ronning, SJBA

### ~ Birthdays ~

- 11/01.....Jason Havner, Memorial Pasadena
- 11/07.....Jonathan Swirsky, First Huffman
- 11/17.....Joe Mangum, Harvest Crosby

### ~ Meetings ~

**Senior Life Council** will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 10:30 pm at the SJBA Mission Center.

**Lake Tomahawk Team** will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 2:00 pm at the SJBA Mission Center.

**Coordinating Council** will meet Monday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.

