



MERRY  
*Christmas*

From your SJBA &  
 Lake Tomahawk Staff



## 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

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"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).

**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

This is a special time of year. Simply because Christmas and Easter are my two most favorite seasons. So, I want to wish each person a very Merry Christmas. This year we have a devotional guide based on leading up to Christmas beginning on Sunday, December 3. We

will post them daily on the San Jacinto Baptist Association Facebook page, my personal Facebook page, and e-mail with a printable copy, or you can pick up the guide at the Mission Center office. The goal is to help make this season a positive time focusing on God's Love.

Do not forget that as soon as Thanksgiving weekend is over, we have a busy week. Monday, November 27, we have the opportunity to learn about Honduras and Honduran culture from Jeff and Michell Holloway either at lunch at 11:30 am or Dinner at 6:00 pm. We do need your reservation as a meal will be provided at both of these meetings.

November 28 is Tax Seminar Day with Minister Taxes being discussed beginning at 9:00 am and Church (Non-profit) Taxes being discussed beginning at 1:30 pm. Both seminars will be at the Mission Center in the large conference room. Our seminar presenter will be Randy Reid, a Certified Public Accountant who has worked with Ministers, Churches, and Associations for several years. Take the time to find answers to this year's questions.

Sometimes it is hard to imagine that the Savior of all mankind was born in a livestock barn wrapped with available cloth, and placed in a feed trough because there was no room anywhere in Bethlehem. But that is the way God planned it.

Let us Celebrate Jesus this Christmas Season.



## 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.



## 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**



## Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

As we are quickly closing out the Fall Semester at Lee College Campuses, I want to offer a sincere word of gratitude. SJBA churches have generously shared with the students, fed them well, and prayed for their needs as well as their understanding of God. For that, I am so very grateful.

Going forward, the goal is to continue giving the students and faculty an opportunity to TRUST in all that is presented. To do that, however, will only be possible if BSM includes the God-inspired need to ensure that all materials presented include TRUTH – God's truth. The Bible must be introduced as RELIABLE – God has proven himself wise, strong, and loving throughout all of history. Students need to know that. UNDERSTANDING for all involved must rely solely on an understanding of scripture and SALVATION.

Yes, there will be THINKING involved, and that requires honest conversation with God. Remember conversation includes talking and listening. And finally, all events, all Bible Studies, and all the love and encouragement given to students must be presented with God's holiness, and filled with hope and humility so that all honor will be given to God alone!

Building an even stronger TRUST is the goal as we begin the Spring Semester and continue to build on the impact of all that has been experienced this semester. Thank you for your continued prayers and the gifts of delicious meals! Have a wonderful Christmas Season!

## SeniorLife Coming in 2024

### Need to Know Workshops (Free)

Saturdays • 9:00 am-Noon

San Jacinto Baptist Association

1020 Birdsong, Baytown TX

- ❖ February 10– Cultural Awareness  
Presenter: Sally Hinze, UBA Consultant, Houston
- ❖ June 8 - Hospice 101: The True Value of Hospice  
Presenter: Stephanye Brumley, Heritage Hospice Care
- ❖ November 18 - Topic to be determined

### Senior Life Day Trips

- ❖ February 13 (Tuesday) - Cultural Awareness Tour, Houston
- ❖ April 23 (Tuesday) - Lake Tomahawk Fish Fry  
10:00 am-3:00 pm (bus leaves SJBA at 8 am)
- ❖ October 8 (Tuesday) - Lake Tomahawk BBQ  
10:00 am-3:00 pm (bus leaves SJBA at 8 am)

*More to Come...*

For additional information and to register go to [www.sanjacintobaptist.com](http://www.sanjacintobaptist.com) or call 281.422.3604.





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

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (John 1:14 KJV).

Isaiah foretold this glorious event 740 years prior to its occurrence: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). And the Bible tells us that this child was the Son of God; the living Word of God: “made flesh (Incarnate) and dwelt among us ... full of grace and truth” (John 1:10-16). His name was called, “Jesus” (God Saves): for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

Jesus declared, “My sheep (believers) hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish” (John 10:27-28). He assured His believers; “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by Me” (John 14:6). The way is faith in Christ; the truth is confession by prayer; life is salvation. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

Therefore, Christmas is set aside for the entire world to celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ: to honor, worship, magnify, praise, and glorify God’s Son. And our thankful prayer: “For unto us a child is born” (Isaiah 9:6).

God Bless You!  
(Taken from a previous OTL article by Dr. B. L. Worsham, 2021)

**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**

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

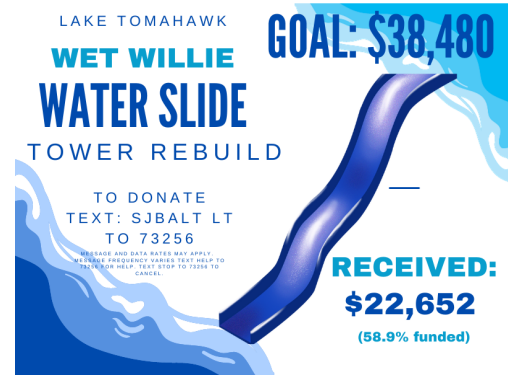


**Lake Tomahawk News**  
Patrick Flowers, Camp Manager



*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)

**save the date!**



**April 13, 2024** Lake Tomahawk Golf Tournament

Chambers County Golf Course  
#1 Pinchback Dr, Anahuac TX

Details to come ...

**REMEMBER  
END OF YEAR GIVING!**

**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**

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Text “SJBALT LT” to 73256



Message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

*Your Giving Matters. Thank You!*

**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)

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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:

- 12/07.....Emanuel Baytown
- 1/18.....Rollingbrook Fellowship Baytown
- 1/25.....Second Highlands

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

**~ Church Anniversaries ~**

- 12/31/2001 ..... Noe Izaguirre, Sr, Eben-ezer, Houston
- 12/09/2007 ..... Bill Yowell, Rollingbrook, Baytown
- 12/10/2012 ..... Jason Havner, Memorial, Pasadena

**~ Birthdays ~**

- 12/01 ..... Lena Gunn, Second Jacinto City
- 12/05 ..... Kent Reep, Central, Baytown
- 12/06 ..... Al Smith, Cypress Point, Huffman
- 12/12 ..... Tom Aldridge, Second La Porte
- 12/19 ..... Ken Buck, First Huffman
- 12/19 ..... Jon Taylor, Bethel, Deer Park

**~ Meetings ~**

**Boys Shelter Stocking Stuffers & Gifts** are due by Monday, December 18 at the SJBA Mission Center.

**Join the Stocking Stuffers** on December 21 at 9:00 am at the SJBA Mission Center.

**Executive Board Meeting**



**January 22, 2024**  
**12:00 pm (Noon)**  
**(11:30 am for lunch for \$5)**



**The SJBA office will be closed**  
**December 22 to January 1**  
**for Christmas & New Year**  
**holidays.**