



Happy New Year!

Deer Park

Galena Park

Baytown

Jacinto City

Houston

Crosby

La Porte

2024

FIXED & FOCUSED

Highlands

Pasadena

Huffman

Mont Belvieu

Channelview

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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

As I write this, we are quickly approaching the end of December and hyper-speed beginning 2024. This time of year, we look back at the past year and all that God has done through us and the effect it has had on others. But it is also a time to look to 2024 with a renewed commitment to "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus and Focusing On His Kingdom." We fix our eyes on Jesus and His life as our example, allowing Him to grow and develop us to radiate Him to others. And we are to focus on the things of God's kingdom and not the distractions of this world. No other people, group, or organization has been given the privilege to partner with God or can share Jesus Christ and His magnificent love for man.

We pray that God's people will become more united in commitment to God's mission. That we might join together with a common purpose and mission of seeing others: family members, relatives, co-workers, and the world, come into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We have a great field to work in, but few laborers. Try writing down your story by answering three statements: Your life before Jesus came into your life, how you came to know Jesus, and what Jesus is doing through your life now. Then share it with someone. Then share with another, and another, and another. It is that simple.

We pray that every person and church of San Jacinto Baptist Association will experience the blessing of God throughout this year as we are "Fixed on Jesus and Focused on His Kingdom."



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
 January 22, 2024
 12 pm
 (11:30 am for lunch @ \$5)
 SJBA Mission Center - 1020 Birdsong Dr, Baytown TX

regeneration
 ONE-DAY
 REGIONAL • CONVENIENT • TRANSFORMATIVE

March 25, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 SJBA Mission Center • 1020 Birdsong Dr Baytown TX

Recent research shows that more than 80% of SBC churches across the country are plateaued or in decline.*
 Regeneration One-Day event is designed to help churches begin the process of developing a renewed pathway to health. *2022 Lifeway Research Study

GUIDING CHURCHES TOWARD HEALTH + RENEWAL



Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

As the new year begins, I hope you will stop and simply count your blessings. Write them down, and save that list should doubt of God's goodness ever threaten.

One very exciting item on my list will certainly be the BSM at Lee College. I wish you could see the faces that light up as the delicious meals are served by church members who so obviously love the students. There is unmistakable joy when students understand God has a plan, a good plan, for their lives. The understanding that their lives are in God's hands has led many new faces to BSM this past Fall, and there is ownership of their role in sharing their faith with others.

Thank you for all you have done, all you have prayed, and all the meals you have participated in. I pray you can realize the importance of your ministry to Lee College students. SJBA churches are making a difference. Thank you!

SeniorLife 2024

MINISTRY



Need to Know Workshop (Free)

Saturday, February 10

9:00 am-Noon

**San Jacinto Baptist Association
 1020 Birdsong, Baytown TX**

Presenter: Sally Hinze, UBA Consultant, Houston

Who is moving into the area and why? What is the difference between an immigrant and a refugee? What does their presence mean to me? How should I respond? What does their presence mean to my church? What are we called to do? Join us as we answer these questions.

To register go to www.sanjacintobaptist.com or call 281.422.3604.

Senior Life Day Trip

Who is Your Neighbor Tour

February 13 (Tuesday)

Cost: \$1, plus lunch

Bus departs SJBA Mission Center at 8:30 a.m. for a cultural diversity tour of the greater Houston area. Join us as we continue to explore "Who Is Your Neighbor?" We will visit a Hindu Temple, the Hong Kong Mall for shopping and lunch, and participate in a drive by prayer in a cultural area.

Pastors and ministers are invited and encouraged to attend the Who Is Your Neighbor workshop and day trip.

For additional information and to register go to www.sanjacintobaptist.com or call 281.422.3604.



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

“Except the Lord build the house,
they labor in vain that build it”
(Psalm 127:1).

We take our text to mean that the house we are building is our own Christian soul. Never forget Christ saved your soul “by grace, through faith” (Eph 2:8); but your growth into the Christian lifestyle will depend on the spiritual food you feed yourself. Jesus gave us, a “sound mind” and for some things we must take responsibility.

Long ago Joshua said, “Choose you this day whom you will serve as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). His mind was made up ahead of time, his goal is set forth in advance, and his vow is spoken to God even before he met the troubles of life. So, go ahead, make the commitment to yourself and before God. It will give you strength when you face the devil. Jesus has warned, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace; in the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

The Bible says, “He that keeps His commandments dwells in Him” (1 John 3:24). Thankfully, Jesus tells: “Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Now we are not building in vain.

God Bless You!

(Taken from Priority of Prayer, Dr. B. L. Worsham, 2021)

Lake Tomahawk News
Patrick Flowers, Camp Manager



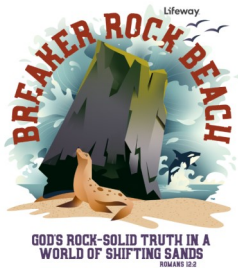
We are over the halfway mark of our goal of \$38,480 to repair and rebuild our tower for the Wet Willie Water Slide.

We need your help. Donations are now at \$23,072. 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



VBS 2024
It's time to start planning for VBS 2024
Start enlisting your Teachers and Workers

SAVE THE DATES!

March 19 - VBS Director Training

April 27 - VBS Training

REMEMBER !

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

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!

save the date!



April 13, 2024 Lake Tomahawk Golf Tournament

Chambers County Golf Course
#1 Pinchback Dr, Anahuac TX

Details to come ...



2024 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 10-14 (Mon-Fri).....Boys Camp
- June 10-14 (Mon-Fri).....Girls Camp
- June 17-21 (Mon-Fri).....Youth Camp
- July 21-25 (Sun-Thurs)....Preteen Camp

More information coming soon....

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Lee College BSM

Lunch on Thursdays

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:

1/18..... Rollingbrook Fellowship Baytown
1/25..... Second Highlands

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

▶▶ **Want your church to be a part of the BSM Ministry?**
Contact the SJBA office at 281.422.3604 or sjba@sanjacintobaptist.com

~ Church Anniversaries ~

01/02/1994..... Marvin Rose, Baker Road, Baytown
01/02/2007..... Alan Beck, Memorial, Baytown
01/05/2014..... Joel Davis, Memorial, Baytown
01/02/2016..... Shannon Frazier, Abiding Faith, Baytown
01/02/2018..... Shawn Werley, Cedar Bayou, Baytown
01/01/2019..... Jared Fulleylove, Memorial, Baytown

~ Birthdays ~

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

~ Meetings ~

Lake Tomahawk Team will meet Tuesday, January 9, at 10:00 am at the SJBA Mission Center.

Monthly Prayer Gathering will meet Thursday, January 18, at 9:00 am at the SJBA Mission Center.

Coordinating Council will meet Monday, January 22, at 10:00 am at the SJBA Mission Center.

Executive Board will meet Monday, January 22, at 11:30 am at the SJBA Mission Center.

Senior Life Council will meet Tuesday, January 23, at 10:30 am at the SJBA Mission Center.

SJBA Monthly Prayer Gathering

January 18, 2024 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m.

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1020 Birdsong Dr. • Baytown TX

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