



2024 Rio Grande Valley Missions Christmas Project

Donate items to stuff stockings!

Help provide stocking stuffers to fill 300-350 stockings that will be distributed to children during our *mission trip to the Valley, December 13-15, 2024*. 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)	Kids toothbrushes
Hair brushes	Kids toothpaste
Jacks	Paddle balls
Jump ropes	Balls (small, foam)
Marbles Playdough	Yo-Yo's
Coloring books (thin)	

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



Please drop off your stocking stuffers any time between now and **November 18**.
Join us on **November 21 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:
12/16/24**

**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 78th Annual Meeting of the San Jacinto Baptist Association is now behind us. I want to take the opportunity to thank Pastor Tom Aldridge and the members of Second Baptist Church of La Porte for doing a marvelous job of hosting the event, with a special thank you to Doris Worsham and her committee for their hard work. We certainly appreciate each ministry representative who provided a booth showing various ministries and opportunities. And thank you to each person participating in the actual service.

I want to share the letter that I read at the close of the meeting.

To the churches and their members, who make up San Jacinto Baptist Association.

It has been a privilege to serve Our Lord through this association as the Executive Director for the past sixteen and a half years. Tonight, I am announcing my intent to retire or retreat, effective December 31, 2024. This decision was not made lightly, but I am confident that it's time to retreat in the ministry. I say retreat because I do not feel that there will ever be a time where God cannot use the gifts and talents He has given through supplying the pulpit, interim pastorates, possibly pastoring again, or whatever God has in store. We look forward to the future of ministry and serving the Lord. Connie and I will not be leaving the area, but remaining in our home here in Baytown.

During these next few months, every effort will be made to prepare for the future and to assist through this transition.

We covet your prayers as we pray for the association. And it is our prayer that we stay in touch with the people we have come to love and appreciate.

With a grateful heart,
Dr. Randell G. Gilchrist
Executive Director, San Jacinto Baptist Association



You Are Invited
CHRISTMAS
Open House
December 12, 2024
10:00 am-3:00 pm
San Jacinto Baptist Association
1020 Birdsong, Baytown TX



Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

What a wonderful month the BSM experienced in October! Attendance grew, we were invited to lead the "See You at The Pole" event. Many visited with us for the first time and continue to join each week. In addition, students requested a time of in-depth, extended Bible Study to read, study, share and apply scripture! It is a blessing – and an adventure!

One discussion that led into a study of various verses included a list of the most used words in the English language - Then, Now, So, When, Yet, Let, And, But, If and Why! (Think about your expressions of emotion and ideas throughout daily life ... you may be surprised.) *Become aware of the ideas our Bible is attempting to teach by using the words we are most familiar with.* Note how many verses begin with those same words. It is important to see the words that follow – some negative, some positive, some profound, some even frightening. All important. It is filled with life lessons and written to capture our attention. Search verses that begin with those words and carefully read what follows. Also pay attention to the use of the one word that is most common as we promise to obey, or share the importance of the Bible with others, or acknowledge our own responsibility. It is often one single word "But." However, recognize also that one word: 'Behold' *is the one that changes lives!* It appears in the Bible approximately 1,500 times and is used to command people to notice something incredible. That something incredible is God.

Rio Grande Valley
Mission Trip
December 13-15



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.

SJBA Monthly Prayer Gathering

November 21, 2024 (Thursday)

SJBA Mission Center ·

1020 Birdsong Dr, Baytown TX

In person or virtually via Zoom or telephone.

Call 281-422-3604 for more information.

Need to Know Workshop

Saturday

NOVEMBER 2

9:00 am - 11:30 am

San Jacinto Baptist Association
1020 Birdsong, Baytown TX

Exploring NASA

What's happening in NASA?

Presenter: **Rumualdo Gonzalez**

NASA Engineer & Pastor,
Central Baptist Baytown



The workshop is for anyone of any age group.

For more information call 281.422.3604 or go to
www.sanjacintobaptist.com.

Lake Tomahawk News

Patrick Flowers, Camp Manager



We need willing and able volunteers to help with some projects at Lake Tomahawk. If your church is interested, please contact me, Patrick Flowers at 936-563-4644. We have a wide range of projects from difficult to easy.

Thank you for your prayers and support! Please continue to pray for us for the upcoming events and fall/winter retreat season. We covet your prayers as we work to make Lake Tomahawk a ministry that seeks to change the lives of others.



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>

SeniorLife 2024 MINISTRY

— Senior Life Day Trips —

November 12 (Tuesday)

Tour Minute Maid Park

For **\$20 per person** (if we have 15 or more) we will take the 2-hour All-Star Tour. The tour visits the Upper Deck, Gallagher Club, Bank of America Suite Level, Press Box, Honda Club Level, Houston Methodist Hall of Fame Alley, Visitor's Clubhouse, batting cage, dugout, and take a lap around the warming track.



The roof at Minute Maid Park is open the majority of the time so be sure to dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring bottled water as this is an outdoor, walking tour. All routes are ADA accessible; however, we must be made aware in advance of any guests requiring special assistance. Visitors can bring video and still cameras; tripods and monopods are not allowed, and camera lenses cannot exceed 8 inches.

Lunch will be at China Garden for an additional cost. The bus will depart SJBA at **1:00 pm** and will return at approximately **7:00 pm**.

To register and for day trip information:
call 281-422-3604 or
go online at www.sanjacintobaptist.com.

Tax Seminars ~ January 7

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

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



THE GREAT PURSUIT Acts 1:8

Week of Prayer and Mission Study

For Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER 1-8, 2024

100% of your gifts go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering • imb.org/weekofprayer

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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:

11/07.....**First Mont Belvieu**
11/14.....**Northside Highlands**
11/21.....**A New Direction Crosby**
11/21-12/1.....**Thanksgiving Holiday**
12/05.....**Emanuel Baytown**

Come join us for an exciting time of

REVIVAL

November 17-20 • 6:30 pm

Songs of gospel praise and worship.

Time of good gospel ministry

Rev. Shane Jeter, Evangelist • Denise Jeter, Music

Second Baptist Church of La Porte

9025 Carlow Lane, La Porte TX - Office: 281-470-1933

~ 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 ~

Lake Tomahawk Team will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 2:00 pm at the SJBA Mission Center.

Coordinating Council will meet Monday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the SJBA Mission Center.

Thanksgiving Holiday - the SJBA Office will be closed Thursday, November 28 to Friday, November 29.



Sunday,
November
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