



MERRY
Christmas

From your SJBA &
Lake Tomahawk Staff



Join us for a
*Retirement
Celebration*
honoring
Randy Gilchrist
December 9, 2024
10 am -3 pm
San Jacinto Baptist
Association
1020 Birdsong Dr, Baytown TX

**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

- Soft Throw Blankets
- 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)
- Shirts & Shorts
- Gloves/Hats/Jackets
- Sunglasses
- Radios
- Spanish books for teen boys

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**"But the word of God increased and multiplied."
(Acts 12:24 ESV)**

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

Has there ever been a time when something that was very important to you was not where you thought it was, but you couldn't find it? So, you searched, and you searched, spending a great amount of time trying to find what was lost. And then when you finally found it, you had relief and excitement.

It is always amazing to read "The Christmas Story" from both Luke and Matthew's Gospels. It's a wonderful reminder that God orchestrated all that happened from the very beginning of time. Looking through the chapters of the Old Testament one sees how God utilized the sacrificial systems and the various offerings as a way to show and prepare for the coming Savior. It becomes clear that all the prophecies point to the one who would save the world: Jesus.

Consider all the events of Luke chapters one and two, that led to the stable in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. Invision the scene of the angels who appeared and declared the birth of the long-awaited Savior. Visualize the scene of the shepherds who saw the Christ child.

When the wise men finally arrived in Bethlehem they found Jesus. It must have been remarkable to finally find the one, who had been revealed in the stars that they had traveled so far to find.

This Christmas season, let us be reminded of all God has done for us as we celebrate Christ's birth. And just as the wise men, maybe we all will fall down and worship Him as Our newborn King.

Merry Christmas!



DECEMBER 3, 2024

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

Your GIVING Matters. Thank You!



Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

BSM Students have adopted Jeremiah 29:11 as their favorite verse this semester. Until recently I was unaware of the conversations on this particular verse outside of our times together. I truly enjoy their celebrations of and gratitude for their own personal reassurance of God's plans.

As always, the Fall semester tends to see a much larger number of students attending despite busy, busy schedules in all areas of college life. Please pray with me that those who have accepted a leadership role in BSM and carried their spiritual growth into other areas of campus interactions will be able to continue to participate in BSM despite changes in class schedules next semester. I am particularly impressed with the maturity and ongoing desire to serve among this semester's students and look forward to their even greater impact on the Lee College Campus!

May I add a special word of Gratitude for the churches who provided lunches this semester? Each group has truly developed relationships with the students, encouraged them and shared their faith in God's promise of a wonderful future if students will choose to trust God in all things. The encouragement begins with greetings in the serving line but seems to blossom as they then join the student groups around the room. It is a wonderful thing to experience. Thank You!

Rio Grande Valley Mission Trip December 13-15



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.



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

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)



Coming in 2025

Need to Know Workshops (Free)

Saturdays • 9:00 am-Noon

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- ◆ **February 22, 2025 - Understanding Insurance**
Q & A in choosing home, auto, & flood insurance.
Presenter: Renee Thibodeaux, State Farm Insurance
- ◆ **June 21, 2025 - Prevent, Detect, and Report Medicare Fraud**
Over 60 billion is lost every year to Medicare fraud. What to look for and how to prevent Medicare fraud
Presenter: Texas Senior Medicare Patrol
- ◆ **October 25, 2025 - Safety Tips**
Presented by the Baytown Police Dept.

Senior Life Day Trips

- ◆ **February 25 (Tuesday) - Peeka Alpaca Ranch, Burton, TX**
Leave SJBA at 9:30 am, Return approx. 5:30 pm
Costs \$6 plus lunch at Nathan's BBQ, Brenham
- ◆ **May 16 (Friday) - Military Museum of Texas Houston TX**
Leave SJBA at 9:30 am, Return at approx. 2:30 pm
Costs \$11 plus lunch at Golden Corral Restaurant
- ◆ **June 17 (Tuesday) - W.H. Stark House & Museum of Art, Orange TX**
Leave SJBA at 10:15 am, Return approx. 5:00 pm
Cost \$1 plus lunch at the Old Orange Cafe

More to Come...

For additional information and to register for the Workshops and Day Trips 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 winter/spring 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>



Lake Tomahawk Christian Retreat Center • Livingston TX

SPRING

Lake Tomahawk Fish Fry

April 8, 2025

Lake Tomahawk, Livingston, Tx

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost \$18 per person

Entertainment

Marshall Family



Register through your church.

Churches—please register your participants online. We need the bulk of your numbers to the SJBA office by March 24 so enough food can be prepared. Late registrants can be added. (No refunds after March 24.)

A County bus will leave the Association at 8:30 a.m. Call 281.422.3604 if you want to ride the bus. Or go to www.sanjacintobaptist.com.

Register at www.sanjacintobaptist.com or call 281-422-3604

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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:

12/05..... Emanuel Baytown
12/21-01/05 Christmas Holidays
01/16..... Rollingbrook Fellowship Baytown
01/23..... Second Highlands
01/30..... Templo La Porte

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2025

12 pm

(11:30 am for lunch @ \$5)

SJBA Mission Center - 1020 Birdsong Dr, Baytown TX



~ Church Anniversaries ~

12/09/2007Bill Yowell, Rollingbrook, Baytown
12/10/2012Jason 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, Dell Dale Avenue Channelview

~ Meetings ~

Boys Shelter Stocking Stuffers & Gifts are due by Monday, December 16 at the SJBA Mission Center.

Join the Stocking Stuffers on December 19 at 10:30 am at the SJBA Mission Center.



The SJBA office will be closed December 23 to January 1 for Christmas & New Year holidays.