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"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" (Psalm 145:3).

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.

John Mueller,

Pastor, First Mont Belvieu,
SJBA Moderator &
Co-Executive Director,

I don't know about you, but I love November! Cooler days become more common, and delicious foods make their annual appearance (and, unfortunately, disappearance). But more than anything, November reminds us to cultivate a heart of thankfulness.

As the apostle Paul describes what it means to walk in devoted love with God and one another, he writes, "giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20, ESV).

A Spirit-filled Christian – and a Spirit-filled church – is marked by a heart increasingly shaped by the grace and goodness of God. Thanksgiving is the natural outflow of recognizing God's presence, trusting His promises, depending on His power, and embracing His purposes. Ultimately, our gratitude is rooted in the gospel. To give thanks "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" is to recognize that every blessing finds its ultimate meaning in Him and that our greatest reason for gratitude is the salvation we have received through Him.

We can give thanks because God is always faithful. We can give thanks for everything because nothing is beyond His redemptive power. And we can give thanks through Jesus Christ because our greatest blessing – a restored relationship with God – is secure regardless of our circumstances.

As your co-executive director, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude:

- For our pastors, staff, and church leaders who sacrificially pour their hearts and lives into strengthening believers and reaching those who need the hope of the gospel.
- For our SJBA churches as they engage their community with the love of Christ and the good news of salvation.
- For our SJBA staff, groups, and teams who serve faithfully to build up our churches and advance our shared mission.
- For being reminded as an association of our need to depend on God through prayer.
- For the opportunities we have every day to know God more deeply and share the immeasurable depths of His love with others.

I am grateful for the privilege to serve alongside you and for what God is doing through our churches. In this season of thanksgiving, may we never lose sight of the goodness of God or the privilege we share in serving Him together.

Let me close by highlighting three important opportunities. First, our Search Team has met, and information about the Intentional Interim Executive Director position has been posted. Please help us spread the word and, most important, pray for God's guidance throughout the search process.

Second, make plans to attend the SJBA Ministers' Winter Getaway at Lake Tomahawk, November 30–December 1. See this newsletter for information and registration details. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect, relax, renew, and connect with fellow pastors and staff. I hope you'll make plans to join us!

Third, join us for the SJBA Open House on December 10 for a time of fellowship and good food.

Baptist Student Ministry

Tina Wash, Director

God is always at work; however, there will always be times in life when we just need to grow in our faith to see it.

Please join me in prayer for students and faculty who are facing challenges on the paths God is leading them. Changes they face in this world are inevitable but must never contain gut reactions that create questions about their purpose and faith. Likewise, pray for SJBA Baptist Student Ministry as we seek God's direction in the ministry.

Join me in praying for individuals who seek God to understand each day, and choose the faith that actually looks for each daily miracle. All must recognize the purpose of anything that allows us to grow and teach others, and we must - in advance - say Thank You, Lord, for every student, every opportunity, every blessing seen or unseen.

Thank you for your prayers!

Lee College Main Campus - Fall Semester

11:30 am-1:00 pm - Every Thursday for lunch
Meet in the Security Building
Lunches are provided by SJBA churches.

Lee College McNair Campus - Fall Semester

5:00 - 6:00 pm - 1st Monday & Tuesday of each month
"Grab & Go" Snacks for your Break









NOV 29-DEC 6, 2026
Week of Prayer for International Missions

Lake Tomahawk
CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER



Josh Kirby, Camp Manager

Happy November!

The leaves are changing, the mornings are crisp, and the s'mores seem to taste a little better at this time of year!

October was a busy month. Our team enjoyed our time with each of you at the annual meeting. God is doing some amazing things for our association and camp! I encourage you to get involved and be a part of reaping the harvest that is being sown right before our eyes.

Our team also attended Conclave in College Station, where we hosted a display table and connected with numerous church leaders, letting them know what Lake Tomahawk has to offer.

We had an incredible team of volunteers spend the weekend painting the tabernacle, cleaning the carpet, patching holes around camp, fixing doors, replacing rotted wood, and so much more. We want to send a HUGE thank you to the deacons at Second Baytown, along with David and Sandy Jones, for volunteering.

Camp would not be where it is without faithful families serving sacrificially. The best part about Lake Tomahawk is the people and relationships, so thank you for being a part of our story and legacy! I look forward to working together with teams from all churches in our association for years to come!

I pray that each of you has a very Happy Thanksgiving, spent with those you love, as we launch into the holiday season.

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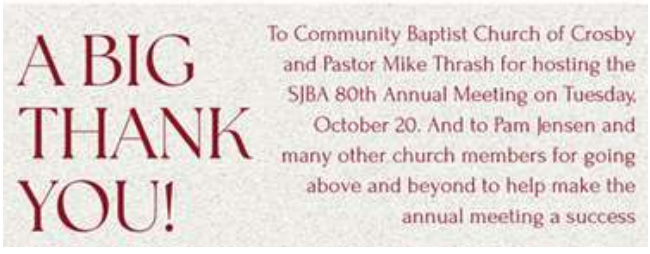
Folks 'N Facts

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:

11/05 ..... First, Mont Belvieu
11/12 ..... Northside, Highlands
11/19 ..... First, Highlands
Thanksgiving Holidays, November 25-29
12/03..... A New Direction, Crosby





~ Church Anniversaries ~

11/01/1998 ..... Robin Cunningham, Rollingbrook Baytown
11/06/2005 ..... Ken Buck, First Huffman
11/06/2005 ..... Larry Sharp, First Huffman
11/02/2015 ..... Suzi Ronning, SJBA

~ Birthdays ~

11/01 ..... Jason Havner, Memorial Pasadena
11/03 ..... Jack Buchanan, Cedar Bayou Baytown
11/12 ..... Tim Edwards, First Highlands

~ Meetings ~

Search Committee for Interim Executive Director will meet Tuesday, November 2, at 2 pm at the SJBA Mission Center.

The Lake Tomahawk Team will meet Tuesday, November 10, at 3:00 pm at the SJBA Mission Center.

Coordinating Council will meet Monday, November 16, at 10:00 am at the SJBA Mission Center.

The SJBA Office will be closed for the **Thanksgiving Holidays, November 25-27.**

