

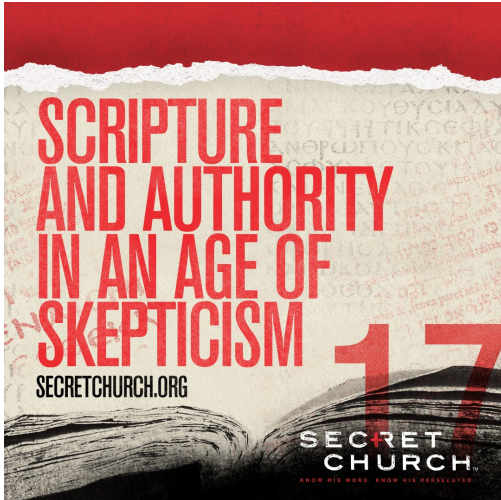


# Trinity River

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Overflowing with the Living Water of Jesus Christ

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## Register now for Secret Church Simulcast, April 21

David Platt, president of the International Mission Board, is hosting another Secret Church and this time he goes straight to the heart of the issue: Can we trust the Bible?

TR Baptists will gather at Heights Baptist in Liberty for the April 21 simulcast. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"More people have more questions about the origins, relevance, and authority of the Scriptures," Platt said, adding that many reject the Bible as irrelevant, outdated fiction. Platt's study will deal with how we got the Bible and whether it is true, reliable, beneficial and sufficient.

There will be breaks and refreshments throughout the six-hour event.

"Dress comfortably, bring a pen, and get ready for a great evening of fast-paced, in-depth Bible study," said David Williams, TRBA director of missions.

Cost of \$10 covers the notebook and snacks. To register, contact Theresa Adair, 936-336-9232 or Theresa@TRBATexas.org.

## TRBA Women's Missions and Ministry Retreat

## Retreat explores 'Hidden Things'

All women are invited to attend a free Saturday morning retreat sponsored by the TRBA Women's Missions/Ministry Team.

The event will be Saturday, Apr. 1, at the TRBA office, 2401 Grand Ave., Liberty.

The theme will be "Hidden Things." Christi Ladd, team leader, said that she and others from the team will be leading different parts of the program.

"We're going to be talking about the foundational things of the Christian life, the things that are behind the scenes that other people don't see but that are so important," she said. "It's going to be more of a celebration than a study."

The morning begins with a time of refreshments and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. The program will be 9-11 a.m. and includes brunch.

"I'm excited that our ladies will have this opportunity for a time of fellowship, prayer, Bible study and reflection," said David Williams, TRBA director of missions. "I appreciate Christi and the team providing this for the women of all of our churches."

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Theresa Adair, TRBA administrative

assistant, at Theresa@TRBATexas.org or 936-336-9232.

## *TRBA churches plan special Easter events*

In addition to regular morning worship at all of our 42 churches on Easter Sunday, here are some special events churches have shared with us.

**First Concord:** Baptisms and youth drama during worship; lunch and Easter egg hunt

**First Devers:** The Last Days of Christ, 7-10 p.m., Apr. 14 and 15, Joe Herring's place, 15 PR 1056 Rice Belt Rd., Devers

**First, High Island:** Sunrise Service, Easter Sunday, Crystal Beach

**North Main:** 7 a.m. Sunrise Service at the church's outdoor amphitheater; 9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch in the main building gym; 10:15 a.m. Decoration of Children's Cross of Flowers; 10:45 a.m. Easter Praise and Worship Service

**Old River:** Four Easter services: 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday at Old River; 9:45 a.m. Sunday at Showbiz Cinema; 10 a.m. Sunday at White's Park



**Pastors and kids** — Left, Mike Chadwick, pastor of First Dayton, shares the story of David and Goliath with scouts attending Feb. 5 worship. Right, Trey Clark, interim pastor of First Anahuac, invites young worshipers to meet him on the steps of the stage for a children's sermon Mar. 5.

## Pastor Prayer Breakfast

8 a.m., Saturday, Apr. 1 Calvary, Dayton



# Mission Journey

The New Testament includes several letters that the Apostle Paul wrote to churches he had started or ministered to during his missionary journeys. He told them he was glad to have been able to partner with them in the proclamation of the gospel, and he encouraged them to faithfully continue their ministry, confident “that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion” (Phil. 1:6, NIV).

One of the greatest joys for those of us in ministry is to hear how God has blessed a believer, a church or a ministry that we had a hand in helping during their early years.

For Donna Kay and me, March was a time to celebrate some of those fruits of ministry.

## Chin Community Ministry

In 2006 we met Zammang Maulcin who was starting a church for the Chin refugees who had settled in our community after fleeing Burma because of ethnic, religious and political persecution.

First Flower Mound became the primary sponsor of Chin Evangelical Baptist Church. We also recognized a need to partner with the new church in their unique ministry to refugees. Becky Nelson, a member of our church, agreed to start Chin Refugee Ministry as a volunteer.

Becky has faithfully led that ministry (recently renamed Chin Community Ministry) as it has provided furniture for new residents, tutoring and mentoring, ESL classes, citizenship classes, and a host of other services. She is now executive director of that separate non-profit ministry which is supported by gifts and volunteers from several churches in the area.

The handful of Chin refugees in Lewisville has grown to 3,500 and there are now five Chin Baptist churches in the area.

On Mar. 8, Donna Kay and I attended the ten-year anniversary celebration of the Chin Community Ministry, still changing lives and sharing the love of Jesus.

## New Covenant Baptist Church

Our church in Flower Mound sponsored New Covenant Baptist Church, composed of immigrants from Nigeria. For more than a decade they met in our facilities on Sunday afternoons for worship and Bible study.

A few years ago they bought some land but were having great difficulty developing it because of issues related to access. We left Lewisville three years ago, wondering how they would ever build on that property.

Recently their pastor James Falola told

me they sold the property (for a large profit) and purchased land and a building. They invited us to the Mar. 26 dedication.

We are so excited that this group will finally have their own place of worship. It is a blessing from the Lord.

## Clint and Missy Kirby

Clint grew up in our church, played in a Christian band with our sons, and was called to ministry during his college years. In 2009, Clint and Missy moved to Gdansk, Poland to plant a church.

They worked hard, sowing seeds and building relationships. Finally they saw a harvest. Gospel Church was planted. Now, just a few years old, Gospel Church is making plans to send out a core group to plant another church.

Clint wrote in the church's newsletter, *“There can always be a tendency to say, ‘I don't think we are ready yet. Let's keep building what we have here.’ And someone could easily make that case at Gospel Church. It is not a church of 500 people. Typically there is an average between 50-70 people on a Sunday.*

*But there will always be a reason to wait. There will always be a reason to think that we are not quite ready. But that is why we want to step out in faith and ask God to begin yet another new work.*

We are grateful that Clint and Missy have caught the vision of spreading the gospel through church planting.

In ministry we rejoice not so much in our own success, but in the success of those whose lives we touched. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, “You are our glory and joy” (1 Thess. 2:20, NIV).

*Enjoying the fruit,*  
**David Williams**



**Partners in ministry** — From left, Zammang Maulcin and David Williams join in the tenth anniversary celebration of Chin Community Ministry, a non-profit which ministers to the 3,500 Chin who moved to Texas to escape persecution in Burma.

## Pray for our pastorless churches

**First Devers**, since January 2017  
Bill Fabriguze, interim

**First Anahuac**, since March 2016  
Trey Clark, interim

**Wild Country**, since May 2015

**First Hull**, since February 2014  
John Guedry, interim

**First Concord**, since January 2014  
Richard Stidham, interim

**Oak Island**, since December 2012

## Sign up now for Lake Tomahawk Apr. 20 Fish Fry

The Jacksonville College Choir, directed by Tim Timmons, will be the entertainment for this year's Lake Tomahawk Fish Fry sponsored by the Senior Life Ministry of San Jacinto Baptist Association.

The event will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Apr. 20.

Be sure to register in advance by Apr. 10.

Call 281-422-3604 to register, or register online at [www.sanjacintobaptist.com](http://www.sanjacintobaptist.com).

Cost is \$10 per person and includes the fried fish lunch and program. Lake Tomahawk is located at 408 Lake Tomahawk, Livingston, Texas 77531.





# Smith Point church celebrates getting historical marker

A live band, barbecue and an 11 a.m. dedication service featuring state dignitaries will make Apr. 29 a day to remember for Smith Point Community Church as an official Texas Historical Commission marker is placed in front of the church's building.

Pastor Michael Graves said the whole association is invited to join in the celebration honoring the 80-year-old building and the church which has been meeting and ministering for more than a century (even though not officially organized until 1948).

The church's history began in the late 1800's when circuit riding Baptist preachers started holding monthly services under the trees in what is now the church yard, Graves said. The current building was constructed in 1937 to accommodate not only the church but also to serve as the local school house and a community center.

When Smith Point's school district merged with Anahuac's, the two-room building was sold to the church for one dollar and moved to its present location.

"The parsonage was built from Hurricane Carla debris that rained down on the church property as an answer to a prayer," Graves said. "After the parsonage was framed; the inside of the parsonage was finished, and then furnished by community members' donations of time, fixtures, and furniture." The church also received funding for construction from the Mary Hill Davis State Missions Offering of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"The pursuit of this historical marker is not for self glory or any ego inflating acclaim," Graves said. "It was meant from the start to bring attention of our non-resident members back to the church of their youth and to be a witnessing tool. We pray our church continues to be the lighthouse for all of Smith Point."



**Above:** Volunteers from North Main Baptist Church use the old Thrif-Tee parking lot in Liberty Mar. 18 for a garage sale to raise money for a mission trip. **Below left:** Pastor Steve Bean and member Bruce Wright get ready to cut the cake at First Liberty's churchwide birthday party Mar. 5, celebrating everybody's birthday. **Below right:** Musicians lead senior adults at Old River Baptist Church in a worship service during their Wednesday lunch meeting Feb. 1.



## Theresa Adair honored May 9 for 20 years

Theresa Adair, TRBA administrative assistant, will be honored for her 20 years of service during the May 9 executive board meeting.

The meeting at First Baptist Sour Lake will begin at 6 p.m. with a meal.

"It's not often that someone invests two full decades in a particular ministry as Theresa has at TRBA," said David Williams TRBA director of missions. "When that happens, it's cause for a celebration."

Please call 936-336-9232 by May 3 to make a reservation for the meal.

## Save the Date: July 23-28

At the March executive board meeting, Tim Gruver announced TRBA's mission trip to Marshall, Minn., July 23-28. Contact him at 936-336-3977 for more information.



## Family Visitors' Center Schedule

Apr 1 (Sat)	AM Mendoza & Simmons	PM Kinney & Nichols
Apr 2 (Sun)	AM Adairs	PM Thomas & Catchings
Apr 8 (Sat)	AM Cain & Clark	PM Hortmans
Apr 9 (Sun)	AM Presnalls	PM McGuires
Apr 15 (Sat)	AM Goff & Davis	PM Herring & Morales
Apr 16 (Sun)	AM Smarts	PM Baldriges
Apr 22 (Sat)	AM C. & G. Thies	PM Vsetecka
Apr 23 (Sun)	AM Shaws	PM Garvins
Apr 29 (Sat)	AM Hinch & Barefield	PM Herring & Morales
Apr 30 (Sun)	AM _____ & _____	PM Herring & _____



**Horseback parking attendants** — From left, Kay Lanier and Dan Richey point drivers to the best parking spots in the lot at the Raywood Livestock Market, meeting place for Line Camp Cowboy Church. They can also show you where to hitch your horse.

## Receipts February, 2017

	Feb 2017	Jan-Feb '17
Batson Prairie	50.00	50.00
Berean Tabernacle	200.00	300.00
Calvary, Dayton	500.00	1,000.00
Calvary, Liberty	327.00	549.00
Center, Thicket	63.00	110.00
Central Daisetta	0.00	0.00
Central, Liberty	99.44	206.04
Covenant	0.00	0.00
Eminence	0.00	0.00
First Anahuac	416.67	833.34
First Batson	0.00	0.00
First Concord	0.00	0.00
First Daisetta	335.60	775.60
First Dayton	651.71	2,255.06
First Devers	352.78	568.22
First High Island	0.00	0.00
First Hull	0.00	0.00
First Liberty	944.95	3,088.30
First Saratoga	574.69	910.35
First Sour Lake	983.22	1,823.96
Grace Community	1,000.00	2,060.00
Grayburg	0.00	0.00
Gum Grove	65.64	112.36
Hardin Baptist	1,167.42	2,939.41
Heights	691.80	1,424.65
House of Living Waters	0.00	0.00
Kenefick Southern	333.33	997.57
Line Camp Cowboy	509.77	797.39
Mt Calvary	529.00	1,154.59
North Main	635.36	1,337.73
Nuevo Amanecer	0.00	0.00
Oak Island	95.26	275.89
Old River	2,750.00	2,750.00
Pathways	125.00	177.00
Primera Dayton	75.00	150.00
Smith Point	52.05	103.71
South Dayton	50.00	100.00
Sweet Home	0.00	0.00
Trinity	100.00	200.00
West End	417.00	417.00
Whispering Meadows	0.00	341.53
Wild Country Mission	0.00	84.29
Interest	2.44	4.28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,098.13</b>	<b>27,897.27</b>

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## Trinity River Baptist Association

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 am Pastor Prayer Breakfast <i>Calvary Dayton</i>
						8:30-11 am Hidden Things Women's Retreat <i>TRBA Office</i>
2	3 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	4 6:30 pm Gideons	5	6 12 pm Senior Pastor Lunch	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	11 9 am-noon Food Pantry	12	13 12 pm Senior Pastor Lunch	14 Good Friday TRBA Closed	15
16 Easter Sunday	17 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	18	19	20 10 am-3 pm Senior Life Fish Fry <i>Lake Tomahawk</i>  12 pm Senior Pastor Lunch	21 6:30 pm Secret Church Simulcast <i>Heights</i>	22
23 30	24 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	25 9 am-noon Food Pantry	26	27 12 pm Senior Pastor Lunch	28	29