



# Trinity River

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Overflowing with the Living Water of Jesus Christ

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### Executive board meets Aug. 8

A good way for all TR Baptists to learn more about what is going on in our association of churches is to attend our regular executive board meetings, like the next one which will be Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Grace Community Baptist Church in Dayton.

Each church is urged to elect TRBA executive board members, but all TR Baptists are welcome to attend each meeting.

Meetings begin with a free meal at 6 p.m. followed by a brief business meeting and then a program on a topic of interest to the churches.

Upcoming programs will feature ideas that have worked in some of our churches that your church may want to consider trying, such as partnering with another church for Vacation Bible School or a DiscipleNow, or using a new tool for evangelism training.

To help us with meal planning, please call Theresa Adair at 936-336-9232 to let her know how many will be coming from your church.



### Saturday, Sept. 16

## Men Alive event can help reach families

What if your church could have a big event at the TVE Fairgrounds with a cook-off, archery and BB contests, exhibits, prizes, games and other activities, topped off with a free meal and inspirational program in which the gospel is presented?

Wouldn't that be something to which you would want to invite families your church is trying to reach?

Good news! Your church is having just such an event, along with all the other churches of TRBA. It's the Men Alive Outdoor Expo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16.

Plan now to be fully involved and invite those outside your church to come as your guests. It will be a great way to build relationships between them and members of your church.

How can your church be involved?

Participate in the cook-off. Cook-off teams will compete in three categories—chicken, brisket, and ribs. Judges will give awards for first, second, and third place in each category. Cook-off teams' entries will

provide the meat for the free lunch. Teams must sign up in advance by contacting Mike Meligan at michael.meligan@yahoo.com or (832) 382-1112.

Set up an information table. Several churches and ministries will have exhibits offering information to those attending the event. This is a great chance to let people know about your church. Exhibitors must fill out and turn in an Exhibitor Sign-Up Form, available from TRBA. Contact David Williams at David@TRBATexas.org or call 936-336-9232.

Help with the meal. While the cook-off teams will provide the meat, we count on our churches to provide bottled water, ice, side dishes and desserts for the free lunch. To help in that way, contact Theresa Adair at Theresa@TRBATexas.org.

Sign up to be on a team. We will need lots of help on the day of the event. Contact David Williams if you would like to serve on a team. Teams include: Parking, Set-Up, Clean-Up, Registration, Archery Shoot, and BB Contest.



**A little help from our friends** — Left photos, Hardin Baptist helps First High Island with VBS. Top photo shows the two pastors, Tony Hines of Hardin, left, and Steve Collazo of High Island. Right photos, Trinity Dayton helps Smith Point Community Church with VBS for the third year in a row. They always include some fix-up and clean-up projects, too. That's Smith Point's pastor Mike Graves at the right end of the second row in the top photo and bottom right in the bottom photo.





# Mission Journey

John Donne wrote, "No man is an island," and his point was that our lives are intertwined with the lives of all the other people on this planet. We could also say, "No church is an island." While each church in our association is autonomous, we are interdependent, cooperating with one another and caring for one another and helping one another.

Sometimes a church (mistakenly, I believe) pulls apart and tries to "go it alone" without the support and encouragement of the other churches nearby. I think it is far healthier for churches to see themselves as part of a network of Kingdom outposts, all working together to share the gospel with all the people who need to know Jesus.

Churches should not see themselves as competing with each other. We are on the same team. And the team is much more than any one church.

Our Men Alive Outdoor Expo, annual Evangelism Rally, Secret Church Simulcast, Mission Lone Star at the motorcycle rally in Galveston, and other associational events provide opportunities for our churches to work together.

But churches are also encouraged to form their own partnerships with other churches and work together.

In our association, we have some good models of churches working together.

\* Heights and First Dayton partnered to bring a focus on prayer to their congregations.

\* First Dayton and Calvary Dayton work together to have a joint DiscipleNow, as do North Main and Hardin.

\* For three years Trinity Dayton has sent a team to Smith Point to help that church conduct VBS and also do some clean-up and

fix-up projects.

\* This summer Hardin sent a team to First High Island to help them have a VBS. The Hardin team also provided a men's night service and women's night service for the church.

In each of these partnerships, both churches benefitted.

What about your church? Could you find a nearby church with which to partner for a major event? Or is there a smaller church that could use your help to have a VBS or some other event?

In the New Testament, churches found ways to work together. Members traveled from one church to another with messages. Churches took up offerings to help other churches that were struggling. Churches circulated letters they received from Paul or other apostles. Churches planted other churches and sent members back to check on them to see how they were doing. Churches knew each other, cared for each other, prayed for each other.

No church is an island. We are all connected and we flourish when we take advantage of those connections. Some of the best connections you can have are with the other churches of our own association.

*Glad to be connected,*  
**David Williams**

## 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  
Rick Jackson, interim

## Heights seeking youth minister

Heights Baptist Church in Liberty is seeking candidates for a new youth minister position.

The search team says "the candidate must be evangelistic, be grounded in God's Word, have a passion for discipling and ministering to youth, and a love for God's church."

Those interested may send a resume to Youth Minister Search, Heights Baptist Church, 2401 Jefferson Drive, Liberty, TX 77575, or they may email their resume to YouthSearch@heightsliberty.org.

## State Missions Offerings

BGCT: Mary Hill Davis Offering  
Sept. 10-17

SBTC: Reach Texas Offering  
Sept. 17-24



**Fun at camp** — Five TRBA churches participated in the Alpha Preteen Camp at East Texas Baptist Encampment July 5-8: First Devers, First Saratoga, First Sour Lake, Kenefick, and North Main in Liberty. A total of 222 attended and the camp recorded 18 salvation decisions and 9 rededications. Left, the Frank Aragon family leads worship. Below, campers and sponsors enjoy a good meal before the evening service. Inset, bottom left, adult sponsors from First Devers and First Sour Lake enjoy one another's company at dinner time.





**MT. CALVARY**



**CALVARY DAYTON**



**CENTRAL LIBERTY**



**FIRST CONCORD**

**VBS  
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**FIRST BATSON**



**FIRST SARATOGA**



**TRINITY DAYTON**



**PRIMERA  
DAYTON**



**A solo and a baptism** — Seven-year-old Carmyn Williams sings a song with the help of Music Minister Jay Jacobson before being baptized by Interim Pastor Bill Fabriguze at First Devers on Sunday, July 16. Carmyn was one of five who went to preteen camp with the church; all five made commitments at camp.





# Family Visitors' Center Schedule

Aug 5 (Sat)	AM Mendoza & Simmons PM Kinney & Nichols	Aug 19 (Sat)	AM Goff & Davis PM Herring & Morales
Aug 6 (Sun)	AM Adairs PM Thomas & Catchings	Aug 20 (Sun)	AM Smarts PM Baldriges
Aug 12 (Sat)	AM Cain & Clark PM Hortmans	Aug 26 (Sat)	AM C. & G. Thies PM Hinch & Barefield
Aug 13 (Sun)	AM Presnulls PM McGuires	Aug 27 (Sun)	AM Shaws PM Garvins



**New worship environment** — Members and guests at First Liberty gather for worship in the newly renovated sanctuary. The church moved back into the room on Sunday, June 11 and held a rededication service on Sunday, June 25. For several months they had worshiped in their activities building while the updates were being made.

## Receipts June, 2017

	June 2017	Jan-Jun '17
Batson Prairie	100.00	350.00
Berean Tabernacle	100.00	700.00
Calvary, Dayton	500.00	3,000.00
Calvary, Liberty	316.00	1,572.00
Center, Thicket	115.00	336.00
Central Daisetta	0.00	0.00
Central, Liberty	81.87	571.82
Covenant	0.00	0.00
Eminence	0.00	0.00
First Anahuac	416.67	2,500.02
First Batson	50.00	300.00
First Concord	0.00	0.00
First Daisetta	420.00	1,958.10
First Dayton	576.05	5,115.80
First Devers	336.59	1,739.19
First High Island	280.00	1,392.00
First Hull	0.00	0.00
First Liberty	837.81	7,463.17
First Saratoga	349.06	2,670.43
First Sour Lake	942.91	5,122.26
Grace Community	2,771.00	6,805.50
Grayburg	0.00	0.00
Gum Grove	38.46	252.08
Hardin Baptist	1,077.72	8,849.68
Heights	854.43	5,878.91
House of Living Waters		0.00
Kenefick Southern	666.66	2,330.89
Line Camp Cowboy	183.50	2,024.49
Mt Calvary	398.11	3,249.41
North Main	617.19	3,535.32
Nuevo Amanacer	0.00	0.00
Oak Island	39.52	499.75
Old River	1,375.00	8,250.00
Pathways	87.00	501.00
Primera Dayton	75.00	450.00
Smith Point	35.82	279.86
South Dayton	0.00	250.00
Sweet Home	0.00	0.00
Trinity	100.00	600.00
West End	755.00	2,717.00
Whispering Meadows	0.00	341.53
Wild Country Mission	0.00	194.87
Interest	0.00	23.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,496.37</b>	<b>81,824.20</b>

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## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12 pm Pastor Fellowship  6:30 p.m. Gideons	2	3	4	5
6	7 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	8 9 am-noon Food Pantry  6-8 pm TRBA Executive Board <i>Grace Community</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	15 10:30 am TRBA Calendar Planning  12 pm Pastor Fellowship	16	17	18	19
20	21 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	22 9 am-noon Food Pantry	23  <b>TXADOM Meeting</b> (directors of missions)	24	25	26
27	28 6-9 pm Pastor Essentials	29	30	31		