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STAFF & CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Part-Time Worship Leader needed at FBC Dodge. Looking for a part-time worship leader who is called by God, gifted as a worship leader, and has a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, who is able to lead worship during our Sunday Morning and Evening services and on Wednesday nights. For more specifics about the position or any other questions, please contact Pastor Patrick Gernenz at patrickgernenz@vahoo.com.

North Woods Baptist Church in Spring is looking for a part time Youth Minister to help lead our youth program. If interested, please send resume to church office at 5803 Treaschwig Rd, Spring, TX 77373. For questions call Pastor Roger at 832-914-4923.

Youth Pastor needed at Caney Creek Cowboy Church. Accepting Student or Bi-vocational resumes as well. Time requirements are some nights and most weekends. Please send resumes, references, and salary/ housing requirements to cccowboychurchconroe@gmail.com.

Part-time Student Pastor needed at Union Grove Baptist Church -The church is located at 24380 FM 149 Richards, TX 77873, and this is the address that the applications can be sent to. For any questions, call Tray Golden at 281-541-3677.

Oak Ridge Baptist Church has surplus used audio and sound equipment for sale at discounted prices. Contact Celeste Moore at cmoore@orbcfamily.org for a complete list

Calvary Baptist Church in Cleveland has over 200 hymnals and over 60 bibles that are available to anyone that needs them. If you are interested, please call Vicki at the Church office at 281-593-1751

Part Time Sr. Adult Minister needed at Rural Shade Baptist Church. Approximately 10 hours a week and a Sunday presence required. Retired pastors preferred. Please contact Pastor Brad Dancer at braddancer@gmail.com or call the church office at 281-592-6331

PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Alana Lane Baptist 311 Alana Lane Spring, TX 77386	Allendale Baptist 14535 Allendale Ln. Conroe, TX 77302
FBC Coldspring 100 East Pine Ave. Coldspring, TX 77331	Forestwood Baptist 2431 Roman Forest Blvd. New Caney, TX 77357
Iglesia Bautista Principe de Paz* 13601 FM 2432 Willis, 77378	Mims Baptist Church PO Box 37 Conroe, TX 77305
North Cleveland Baptist 202 Elk St. Cleveland, TX 77327	Rainbow Baptist P.O. Box 276 Rye, 77369

Please continue to be in prayer for our member churches as they seek their future pastor.





January

- O | Minister's Network Meeting **January 4th**
- O | MLK Day TEBA Closed January 15th
- **O** Tax Seminar January 16th
- **O** Church Security Planning and Intruder Response Conference January 19th - 20th
- Pastor Prayer and Plan-0 ning Retreat January 22nd - 25th



Seminar 1 (9:00am - 11:30am) Minister's Tax Seminar - for Pastors & Ministerial Staff Seminar 2 (1:00pm - 3:30pm) Church Tax Seminar - for all financial Staff, Church treasurers, etc.

UPCOMING **EVENTS** Mark your calendars!

- **Executive Board Meeting** 0 February 1st
- O | Pastor & Wife Retreat February 1st - 3rd
- O Deacon's Retreat February 2nd - 3rd



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THE WAY TO PEACE WITH GOD

THE PROBLEM: SEPARATION FROM GOD Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." THE RESULT: SPIRITUAL DEATH Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." <u>GOD'S SOLUTIŎN: HIS DEATH IN OUR PLACE</u> Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' YOUR SALVATION: BY FAITH Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

OMISSIONS **O**LEADERSHIP **O**HEALTH **O**STRENGHTHENING

2018 **Tax Seminar**

January 16

Led by: Daniel Whitehurst Lunch Cost: \$10

RSVP Required. Please contact Natalie Bowman at nbowman@teba.org or 936-856-2001

> **TEBA Church Security** Planning & Intruder **Response Training**



January 19 - 20, 2018 Your Church is looking for a Security Response... Your Association is providing an answer!

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LEADERSHIP MATTERS

by Roger Yancey, D.Min.

Retreat. While pastoring a church with many military personnel I discovered this word has a loaded meaning. While the word retreat for most of us might sound like defeat I was to learn that what might look like a retreat could actually better be termed a "tactical withdrawal" as an intentional maneuver to respond to enemy forces in a more strategic manner. A leader might use a retreat to:

- 1) Reposition to better ground 2) Consolidate for better impact
- 3) Encircle an Enemy
- 4) Draw the Enemy into an ambush

But in all cases it is seen as one of the hardest maneuvers to do well and takes a skillful commander to execute.

So what does this have to do with you or your church leadership?

Simple. A strategic retreat may be just what you need to help move forward your ministry, your marriage or one of the vital ministries of your church. We have several retreats coming in the next few months vou can participate in.

Why not move forward to a stronger ministry in 2018 by taking intentional time to be part of a retreat? It might just be the move that matters most in the coming year.

In Kingdom service,

Roger & Jancey

Executive Director ~ Associational Missionary

Pastor & Wife Retreat February 1 - 3, 2018 San Antonio. TX



Come and be apart of a focused time of rest and renewal with your spouce. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information and to register for this time away together.

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Pastor Prayer & Planning Retreat January 22-25, 2018 Brady, TX



Join with other senior pastors across TEBA for a time of encouragement and renewal at the 2018 Sr. Pastor Prayer & Planning Retreat. CLICK HERE to read more information about this retreat and to register.

TEBA Deacon Retreat March 2 - 3, 2018 **Trinity Pines Conference Center**

Sign your deacons up to meet Jim Henry and talk with him about deacon ministry For more information or to register please **CLICK HERE**



THE IMPORTANCE OF WORLDVIEW (PART 3) By: Darrell Ingram

This month we continue to delve into the subject of worldview.

Despite the huge swath of diversity in the West, there are some underlying principles that have molded Western civilization. One is right vs wrong. It's difficult to imagine a world where this isn't the underlying principle. We're obsessed with knowing our rights and exercising them. We tend to measure everything in life along a GUILT -> INNOCENCE continuum, Guilt haunts people, and Westerners do everything in their power to avoid being or feeling guilty, to move from guilt towards innocence. So, "I'm OK, you're OK" becomes the ideal balance that allows us to get on with pursuing happiness and pleasure within the bounds of this dynamic and not feeling guilty. The flipside of guilt is innocence: in order to not point the finger and make others feel guilty, everything becomes acceptable and tolerated as long as it doesn't hurt other people. Therefore, something like homosexuality becomes acceptable because it helps many people to not feel guilty.

When Westerners begin to share the gospel with people from the East, they usually start from the basis of man's guilt in Romans 3. All are guilty of breaking God's Law (absolutely true). But the framework of our reasoning in the West is derived from the Roman Empire, with the law being the ultimate arbiter that defined guilt or innocence – and nobody is above the law. As Christianity in the West developed, this concept had an impact on Christian Theology. Augustine, Ambrose, Calvin & Luther all studied law. Christianity in the East developed along different lines. Roman law wasn't the grid they used for interpreting the gospel but shame-honor. Eastern Orthodoxy didn't focus as much on sin, guilt and redemption, but our inability to stand before a holy God because sin has defiled us. Iraneaus, Origen, Athanasius and John Chrysostom are their main theologians, who saw heaven as more than simply something to obtain, but the restoration of all things under God.

Why am I sharing all of this? As Christians, we should understand the Bible is speaking to each of us in whatever worldview that we have. Certain passages in Scripture are meaningful to us because they speak to our own worldview - these same passages may not be as meaningful to others from different worldviews. For example, if asked to sum up the entire Bible in one verse, almost everyone in the West would say John 3:16. We tend to gravitate to Romans to explain the gospel. But remember, Paul contextualized the gospel to the Roman church living under Roman law in a way they could understand it. Romans, through the lens of someone coming from a shame/honor worldview looks different. I am NOT being critical of our Western theology at all (far from it). I am only pointing out that the Bible verses that Westerners find meaningful are deeply influenced by our history and worldview. Which is why the Romans Road, the Four Spiritual Laws, and other canned approaches at evangelism simply do not work with those from a shame-based worldview, like Muslims. Therefore, it's our duty to figure out how best to communicate the gospel so that others can understand God's grace in their own worldview.

Want to know how to do that? We will discuss it in our next newsletter!

Grace & Peace, Darrell Ingram

CHURCH/MISSION FOCUS: FBC Magnolia By: Natalie Bowman

Dr. Ed Seay has been the senior pastor of FBC Magnolia since 1990. He is married to his lovely wife Cindy and together they have 5 children and 20 grandkids. Each of their children are involved in different ministries from senior pastors to deaf interpreters.

FBC Magnolia has been a vital part of the Magnolia community since they opened their doors in 1850. They have helped plant and develop healthy thriving churches over the years, such as CrossView Church, Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Silver Springs Baptist Church, and Magnolia Cowboy Church. FBC Magnolia offers many different ministries for people of all ages from babies in the nursery to senior adults. They also have a life restoration ministry called Fresh Start that addresses the emotional, spiritual, and financial needs of people in the community. Within their church's ministry they offer Life Touch Christian Counseling, a counseling ministry on a free-will offering basis. And for the Spanish speaking members of their community their Spanish Language Ministry, Primera Iglesia Bautista, meets at 11:00am in the PIB Chapel and 2:00pm at Cedric Smith Elementary School.

Recently the church was able to purchase 5 additional acres adjacent to their campus. This property has a home and a barn on it. Dr. Ed Seay and the church have already seen God use this land for his glory as it became immediately useful in disaster relief work after Hurricane Harvey. God is working in so many ways at FBC Magnolia, but we would like to highlight the dynamic student ministry they have. Currently they have anywhere from 100-150 students attending the Wednesday Student Worship every week. They are seeing many of these students coming to faith in Christ and beginning their ourney of following Him. Please be in prayer for these students and the leaders as they continue to grow in their



faith.

Join us as we pray for FBC Magnolia as they seek God's vision for the church for the next decade and beyond. May they continue to be an influence within their community while enhancing the Kingdom of the Lord.



