

Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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Upcoming Events!

AUGUST EVENT

August 29th –Saturday 8:30AM
PASTOR MENTORING, First Baptist
Church, Eden

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 7th – *LABOR DAY Holiday*



They're BACK!

Sept. 14th - Coleman breakfast,
8:30am, Hidalgo's

Sept. 21st - Ballinger breakfast,
8:30am, Beefmaster's

Sept. 28th - Brady breakfast, 8:30am
Down Home Country Cooking

SEE YA'LL THERE ☺

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 18th Sunday 4:00PM
ANNUAL MEETING

First Baptist Church, Ballinger

Oct. 5th - Brady breakfast, 8:30am
Down Home Country Cooking

Oct. 12th - Coleman breakfast,
8:30am, Hidalgo's

Oct. 19th - Ballinger breakfast,
8:30am, Beefmaster's

Association News



For event reminders, follow us on
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**Please continue to pray for
our pastorless churches:**

First Baptist Church, Mason
Harmony Baptist Church
Lohn Baptist Church

Thoughts For The Day:

“When prayer becomes your habit,
miracles become your lifestyle.”
“One little prayer can change one huge
situation.”
“If you still have a pulse, you still have a
purpose.”

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Keith's Konnections...

I found this article very interesting and feel as if I needed to share the information with all our churches as most church members do not realize the tremendous burden that pastors are under. This is not slanted to any of our pastors, but rather commonalities among pastors, so please look at this information closely, then reassure your pastor that you are with them 100%. Pray for them, encourage them, and come alongside of them. "To whom much is given, much is expected."

"Excerpts from *9 Things Pastors Say Only to Other Pastors*, from Dr. Chuck Lawless, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Almost 5 years ago, Dr. Will Browning wrote this post. Every pastor needs a healthy place to vent, though choosing that trustworthy ear to bend must be a careful decision. Many pastors feel freer to be most transparent with someone who has walked in their shoes, namely, other pastors. Throughout the last month, I asked dozens of pastors this question: "What are the things you say to other pastors that you would not dare say publicly?" With their permission, I want to share their answers.

1. **I hate people!** I said this once in a sermon. Needless to say, my leaders had to sit me down to have a conversation. Many pastors are overwhelmed by the challenges associated with ministry.
2. **Most Mondays, I want to quit.** After Sunday's adrenaline rush, Mondays often feel like a hangover. That, accompanied with the grind of "doing it again" can be draining.
3. **My marriage is so strained that I'm not sure we will make it.** The divorce rate for pastors is striking, yet somewhat predictable. People who are unable to admit their struggles and unwilling to seek help are set up to fail.
4. **I'm scared to go on vacation.** A story every pastor has heard (and fears will become his reality) is the one where the pastor goes on vacation, the leaders meet, and he comes home to a pink slip.
5. **My greatest concern is that my kids will leave my home resenting me, hating the church, and rejecting Jesus all because of their experience of being a pastor's kid.** I heard this from 100% of the pastors I spoke to.
6. **I'm depressed, and I have to manufacture joy to do my job.** Many pastors suffer silently through depression behind a well-manicured smile.
7. **My wife begs me to leave the ministry for a more "normal" life.** Many pastors and their wives dream of a different life where their kids are not under the microscope, they are paid a fair wage, and they have a job with a predictable schedule.
8. **Most of the time I have no idea what I am really doing.** What other job requires a man to be proficient in oratory, marketing, research, computer information systems, management, finance, and human resources, all the while having impeccable theological expertise? Oh, yea, and you are also expected to raise perfect kids and have a perfect marriage.
9. **If everyone knew how insufficient my devotional life was, they would all leave and I wouldn't blame them.**

I hope 2 applications come from this post: pastors, please seek out a confidant and church members, please encourage and pray for your pastor."

And again, I want to encourage each member to encourage their pastor, pray for their pastor, and come alongside their pastor, and, as I have often said, "being a pastor is the loneliest job in the world." May God continue to bless each church, each pastor, and each member within the church as you set about being about God's business.