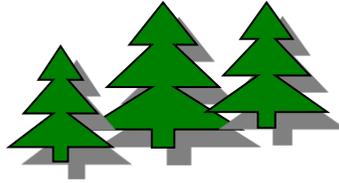


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Upcoming Events!

JANUARY EVENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2021

Jan. 4th Associational Meeting –
FBC Santa Anna- 5pm, Meal at
6pm, Service 6:45 with Dr. Hardage
(Don't miss this)

Jan. 4th – Brady breakfast, 8:30am
Down Home Country Cooking

Jan. 11th - Coleman breakfast,
8:30am, Hidalgo's

Jan. 18th - Ballinger breakfast,
8:30am, Beefmaster's

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb. 1—Brady breakfast, 8:30 am
Down Home Country Cooking

Feb. 8—Coleman breakfast, 8:30am
Hidalgo's

Feb 15—Ballinger breakfast, 8:30 am,
Beefmasters

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

Thought For The Day:

“What if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones. 1. What if we carried it with us everywhere; 2. Turned back to get it, if we forgot it; 3. Checked it for messages throughout the day; 4. Used it in case of an emergency.”

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Keith's Konnections...

Well, we survived 2020! (almost, anyway). Most of us have never quite been through such trying, uncertain, messed up times as these!! YET, God is still on His throne, His plan is still being accomplished, His word is still being preached, and people are still being reached in new and innovative ways. PRAISE GOD! I first want to encourage ALL our churches, that, even if we get back to "normal", to continue with the facebook live presentations because there are people viewing these videos who may or may not ever set foot in church, but they are hearing God's word being proclaimed by all our churches. Allow me to share a few verses that should be helpful in times such as these: Matthew 11:26, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." I Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you." John 16:33, "I have you these things, so that in e you may have peace." Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." And maybe the most powerful one is this: "neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." I understand how upsetting this year has been, I understand the trauma many of us has felt, I can see discouragement in the eyes of some, I have witnessed the despair in some. HOWEVER, we must NEVER take our eyes off Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." Don't give up the ship!!

So, now that we are about through with 2020, let us look toward a new year, a new vision, a new mission with new eyes and new hearts as God leads us forward. A few things that we have planned for 2021 include, but may not be limited to, are:

We will re-start our Pastor Mentoring Program, wherein we talk about things that are not taught in colleges or seminaries; common situations that ALL pastors WILL encounter in their ministry. Such items include: communicating a vision to the church, developing and implementing a plan to meet that vision, the paperwork of the church (By-Laws, Constitution, and Policies), Safety and security of the church, time management for the minister. Other topics include Leading people as Jesus led, how to be the pastor your people love, keeping leadership spiritual, sources of conflict in a church, roles and responsibilities of deacons, and many, many more. Each pastor NEEDS to go through this to prevent some of these from occurring within the Body of Christ. More information will follow.

The second item that we are currently working on is a discipleship program (of some kind). We are unsure what it will look like, but we have had several churches mention this to us. The idea, currently, is to offer a good, viable program in which we might be able to "train the trainers" to then go back to their respective churches and implement an effective discipleship program. Again, more information will follow as we develop the program further.

And lastly, let us accept a new challenge for 2021 to become a more effective, soul-winning church than we have ever been. Let us start to fulfill the role of the church for 2021. I cannot help but think of Acts 2:42, "The DEVOTED themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Let us get back to the basics of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. Happy New Year. Let's make it the best one ever.

God bless and keep you.