

Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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Upcoming Events!

APRIL EVENTS

April 4—Have a Blessed EASTER

April 5—Brady breakfast, 8:30 am
Down Home Country Cooking

April 12—Coleman breakfast, 8:30am
Hidalgo's

April 17- Pastor Mentoring, 9am-2pm
at Millersview Community Center

April 19-Ballinger breakfast, 8:30am,
Beefmasters

MAY EVENTS

May 3—Brady breakfast, 8:30 am
Down Home Country Cooking

May 9- “*Mother's Day*”

May 10—Coleman breakfast, 8:30am
Hidalgo's

May 17-Ballinger breakfast, 8:30am,
Beefmasters

May 31-*Memorial Day*



To Meet LIBA Budget,
\$8,850 is needed per month.
March, 2021 giving was
\$6,288.43

Association News



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

Harmony Baptist Church

Lohn Baptist Church

Thoughts For The Day:

“Worry is a conversation you have with
yourself about things you cannot
change. Prayer is a conversation you
have with God about things HE CAN
change.”

“Don't ignore the signs you asked God
to show you.”

**Lake Ivie Baptist
Association
2021**

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Keith's Konnections...

Have we in "modern times" become complacent about Christianity? Have we forgotten as a nation and as a society who has brought us this far? Have we forgotten that this great nation was established upon Christian principles and that most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were influenced by the Bible and Christian values? There is an old country song that says, "You gotta dance with who brung you; you gotta swing with who swung you." (I know the grammar is not correct, but that is the way the song is written.) This is not the first time that God's chosen people have drifted away, as we see over and over again in the Old Testament, and as we are witnessing today. God warned that this could happen as the Israelites were about to go into the Promised Land.

In Deuteronomy 6:10-12, God's word says, (NIV) "When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, BE CAREFUL that you DO NOT FORGET the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." WOW!!! Also in chapter 8:10—14 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. BE CAREFUL that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws, and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart WILL BECOME PROUD and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

You may be saying to yourself, "Well, this is Old Testament" and it may not speak to us today. I truly believe that God helped establish this nation as a beacon to world, as the proverbial "light on the hill", in order that others can see how God has blessed and prospered this nation into the greatest of all time. And when we think about it, I believe these Scriptures are prophetic as well when we consider what Christ has done. We are living in our temporary home currently, but Christ has freed us from our bonds of slavery to sin and the flesh, and we await OUR promised land, which is not of this earth. But have we forgotten the one who brought us this far? The writer of Hebrews says in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

The greatest threat to Christianity in America is NOT our government; it is NOT the radical Muslims; it is NOT the forsaking of our Constitutional rights; the greatest threat we face today is COMPLACENCY WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH! We have forgotten God. We have forsaken His decrees and commandments. We have forgotten the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, and until Christians start BEING Christians, our nation will continue to go downhill. Our generation did not establish this nation, but our nation has become spoiled to the benefits we have in the great nation. We have enjoyed the freedoms given to us and for us from previous generations. We have enjoyed the benefits and have not really had to sacrifice for all the freedoms we enjoy today. WE ARE SPOILED to the "good life", but we have forgotten who gave us this good life. To God be the Glory forever and AMEN!