

Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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Upcoming Events!



JANUARY EVENTS

January 1st *Happy New Year - 2022*

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

January 3rd LIBA Association
Meeting, 5:00PM at Santa Anna First
Baptist Church, Dr. Bruce McCoy –
speaker

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

January 17th Martin Luther King
Day

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 7th - Brady breakfast, 8:30
am, Down Home Country Cooking

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

February 19th – Pastor Mentoring,
9AM-2PM at the Mansion on The
Lake

To Meet LIBA Budget,
\$8,850 is needed per month.
November, 2021 giving was
\$10,686.92
“Praise The Lord”

Association News



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

First Baptist Church, Ballinger

Thoughts For The Day:

*“Because Christ lives in me, trials
cannot stop me. People cannot break
me. Money cannot buy me. Haters
cannot silence me. Demons cannot
defeat me..”*

“Your true value comes from God, not
the opinion of others!”

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Keith's Konnections...

As we wind down our celebrations of Jesus's birth and as we look forward to a new year with new beginnings, I am humbled and honored that God has allowed me to serve the churches of the Lake Ivie Baptist Association for another year. I wish that I could be in every church every Sunday, but time and commitments to preach at various churches as they need me, disallows me from doing that, but I certainly want you to know that it is not a lack of willingness to come to your church but rather a matter of scheduling.

Let me give all of us something to think about as we are about to begin a new year, hopefully with new vitality, new missions and new goals in mind for our churches. I was recently listening to a song that spoke of never seeing the beauty of Heaven nor walking on the street of gold, but even though we haven't seen, we still KNOW what Jesus did for us. As we begin a new year, maybe we need to take a step back and look, first, at ourselves introspectively to determine if we are truly fulfilling our mission for God, and secondly, is our church fulfilling its role in our respective communities to bring others to Christ. If not, then maybe we can do more in '22 than we did in '21 to share the love and mercy and grace with those around us.

J. B. Pentecost (not really sure who he is, but---) wrote the following that I found appropriate for ALL of us. (Someone handed me this after church) "The most important thing we need to do is to pray for revival in our nation, and then to make ourselves available for the Lord's service in whatever capacity He chooses to use us. We need to share the Gospel message to those around us. Ask people you meet every day if they know Jesus as their Savior. If there is not time for a long conversation, give them a testament or a Gospel tract and ask them to read it, and then follow up by praying for that person, that their heart might be open to receive the message. "

"We as Christians are supposed to be the "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13) AND THE "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). If we neglect our obligation, what excuse will we give when we stand before the Judge of the universe? In Revelation, when Jesus speaks to the seven churches, He tells the Laodiceans, "Because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." We need to pray like everything depends on God, and work like everything depends on us. Daniel, Nehemiah and other prophets prayed earnestly to God, first confessing their own sins, then confessing the sins of their nation, then asking God to be merciful. The outcome is ultimately in God's hands, but when He returns, He needs to find us working for Him and doing His will, not sitting idle while evil is all around us. Our responsibility comes down to the watchman placed on the wall of the city, as described in Ezekiel 33:1-9. His job is to sound an alarm when he sees danger; to awaken and alert the people to the impending threat. If he sees danger and fails to sound the alarm, and the people die as a result of his negligence, he is held accountable. May God give us the courage and conviction to be watchmen; to repent first of our own shortcomings, and then to reach out to as many people as we can in these times, before we face persecution, and before our country and life as we know it is gone."

I would encourage you to read Nehemiah's prayer in Nehemiah 1 where he not only confesses HIS sins, but the sins of his forefathers.

May God bless each church and each member thereof as we begin a new year in the Lord. If there is anything that we can do to help your church, please do not hesitate to call, text or email us at the office or contact Keith at 325-456-0928 or keithsimsno47@gmail.com. We WANT to help you fulfill your mission and to see God's vision come to fruition in 2022. God bless.

Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m. Drop by if you are in the neighborhood.