

Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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Upcoming Events!

MARCH EVENTS

March 6th - Brady Breakfast,
8:30am, at Sandy's Kitchen
March 13th - Coleman breakfast,
8:30am Hidalgo's
March 12th - Daylight Savings Time
March 20th - 7:30am Cowboy Coffee
at Don Sessoms
March 28th - Sr. Adult Day at Heart
of Texas Baptist Camp Registration:
9:30am, Worship Service: 10:30,
Lunch & Bingo: 12noon, Afternoon
Concert with the McNeils. \$20 per
person.

APRIL EVENTS

April 3rd - Brady Breakfast,
8:30am, at Sandy's Kitchen
**April 9th - 7am, "Easter Sunrise
Service"** at Don & Carol Sessoms, need
directions call Keith at (325) 456-0928.
April 9th - "Happy Easter Sunday"
April 10th - Coleman breakfast,
8:30am Hidalgo's
April 17th - 7:30am Cowboy Coffee at
Don Sessoms

To Meet LIBA Budget, \$9,000 is needed
Per month.

February 2023 giving was \$10,032.21
"Praise The Lord"



Association News



For event reminders, follow us on
Facebook: Lake Ivie Baptist Association



Please continue to pray for our pastorless churches:

First Baptist Church, Menard
Lohn Baptist Church
Millersview Baptist Church

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#### *Thoughts For The Day:*

*"An umbrella can not stop the rain, but  
it allows us to stand in the storm. In the  
same way, our faith in God may not  
remove our trials, but it gives us  
strength to overcome them.."*

*"It's hard to hear God's voice when  
you've already decided what you  
want Him to say."*

### Lake Ivie Baptist Association 2023

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## **Keith's Konnections...**

II Chronicles 7:13-14, "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." We are all familiar with these verses and have probably even quoted them at times, but are we serious about what they say? Do we truly humble ourselves before God? Are we willing to pray for forgiveness? Are we willing to turn from our wicked ways? These verses may very well be to precursor to a true revival breaking all across our nation. HOWEVER, true revival must begin with each one of us! I often hear people say, "What we need today is an old fashioned revival!" In reality, what we need is for the CHURCH to be revived!!! And individuals within each church to get a new fire in their souls for the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely of the world.

To humble ourselves means to relegate authority to the ONLY ONE deserving of that authority, and that is God himself. When Paul compared himself to God, he concluded the he was the worst of the sinners. (I Timothy 1:16) We must realize that, outside of God's amazing grace, we are nothing more than the dust from which we came. We must NEVER compare ourselves to others, but rather to the higher standard of God, and when we do that, we must realize WHO HE is and what he has done for us.

Secondly, Scripture mentions prayer, which is vitally important as we see what is going on around our society today. I am reminded of Isaiah 5:20, "Woe to those who call evil good, that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." This seems to me to be a warning to our culture and society and we see ourselves today. Those things which God's word calls evil, who not only call them good, but we condone and promote these things. Christians have sat by for the last 60+ years as we watched prayers taken out of schools, abortions being legalized, and other such atrocities that are against God's word. We REALLY need to wake up and pray as never before. IF we TRULY desire for a revival to occur across our land, we must first pray, then we need to acknowledge that we are sinners in need of forgiveness.

And in this Scripture, we are told to turn from our wicked ways. The Psalmist says, Search me and try me and see if there is any wicked way in me." OUCH, that hurts. But we DO have wicked ways in us, simply because of our inherited sin, we tend to follow our ways, rather than God's ways and that is wickedness. It is enlightening to see what is currently happening at Asbury College, across other venues and various parts of the world, in which primarily, young people are confessing their wickedness and shortcomings and asking for divine forgiveness and God is granting those petitions. In Joel 2:28 and in Acts 2:17, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." God is revealing Himself to us in these dire times, but we must FIRST get right with God, confess our sins, turn from our wicked ways, and WHEN we do this, God will move as never before. Throughout history, every time that it appears Christianity is dying, a great revival has occurred!! Is this what we are seeing? I am not smart enough to determine that, but I strongly believe that we are slowly beginning to come back to God in a new and marvelous way and it is being led by those who have long been neglected, our young people.

So, what do we do? First, pray for a spiritual awakening ALL across America and across the world. Pray that people start earnestly seek HIS face and HIS way. "Confess your faults to one another" as Scripture says and confess our shortcomings, sins, and trespasses before God and ask for His forgiveness, mercy and grace. Ask God to come back into our society, our culture, our governments, our schools, our homes and yes, even our churches!!! Remember: Church is a hospital for sinners, NOT a sanctuary for saints. God bless each person and each church across the association, Texas, and the United States. Remember:

**REVIVAL BEGINS WITH US INDIVIDUALLY!!**