

# Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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## May, 2023

### Upcoming Events!

**APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM –**

Mission Trip Information Meeting at FBC Eden. Need all on south end of association who are planning on going on trip to attend. (Will have meeting for those on north end on another date)

### MAY EVENTS

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Brady Breakfast, 8:30am, at Sandy's Kitchen

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** - Coleman breakfast, 8:30am at Hidalgo's

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** – **“Mother’s Day”**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30am Cowboy Coffee at Don Sessoms

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – “Memorial Day” (office will be closed)

### JUNE EVENTS

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** - **“Father’s Day”**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30am Cowboy Coffee at Don Sessoms

**June 24 – July 1** – **Mission Trip** to Tse Bonito, New Mexico

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

February 2023 giving was \$8,218

“Praise The Lord”



## Association News



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



**Please continue to pray for our pastorless churches:**

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First Baptist Church, Eden

Lohn Baptist Church

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### **Thoughts For The Day:**

*“I have never known a man who received Christ and ever regretted it.” Billy Graham’ ”*

*“David didn’t need to know Goliath’s strength, because he already knew God’s.”*

*“The cross is proof of both the immense love of God & the profound wickedness of sin.” J. MacArthur*

## Lake Ivie Baptist Association 2023

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## Keith's Konnections...

"If I were the devil ... If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — Thee. So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first — I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.

To the young, I would whisper that 'The Bible is a myth.' I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington...

And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography — soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil I'd make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil I'd take from those who have, and give to those who want until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

And what do you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would caution against extremes and hard work in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing."

Paul Harvey, good day. 1969

Presented on Paul Harvey's radio program in 1969—54 years ago, and maybe truer today than it was in 1969!! We have allowed society to diminish the role and purpose of God (remember Madalyn Murray O'Hair?) and eliminated the sanctity of human life (Roe v Wade?), and we wonder why our nation is in the MESS that it is in? Have we forgotten God as the Israelites did in Judges 3:7?