

# ANNUAL

# *gathering*

September Newsletter

**100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**Annual Gathering and Leadership Development Graduation**  
**Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 PM**  
**Southcrest Baptist Church - 3801 S. Loop 289**

- 4:00 PM: Celebrating 100 Years of Kingdom Impact
- 5:30 PM: Dinner  
(Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased at the LABA Office by Oct. 3)
- 6:30 PM: LDC Graduation

**100 YEARS OF KINGDOM IMPACT:** The Association of Partnering Churches is 100 years old. What a HUGE milestone! It causes me to slow down and ponder all the people who went before us—those who took up the mantle and moved forward in "taking the name of Jesus" to a lost world. As I look back at the records, the first meeting was on November 3, 1924, in Lubbock. There are churches listed that were willing to "take a corner of the blanket" to bring more souls to Jesus. Those churches include Anton, Center, Cap Rock, Carlisle, Canyon, Estacado, Hackberry, Levelland, Lorenzo, Post, Pleasant Valley, Union, Union Center, Slaton, and Southland. Isn't it interesting that about half of these churches no longer exist? Yet, their impact lives on. I ponder the fact that there are names of individuals listed like T.W. Sawyer and J.P. Boyd—names long forgotten by the passing of time, but NOT by our Lord. A couple of statistics struck me regarding that first year: there were 222 baptisms, the total membership of all the churches reached 3,573, and the money raised for the Association was \$47,647.17. That is an amazing figure for 100 years ago.

**ANNUAL GATHERING:** Please mark your CALENDAR for October 6 at 4:00 PM at Southcrest Baptist Church. We will spend the afternoon reflecting on yesterday, celebrating today, and being challenged to move forward for tomorrow. A meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, and a cookie will be served. The cost for the meal is \$5.00 per person. VERY IMPORTANT: Tickets for the meal MUST be purchased at the LABA office by Thursday, October 3, at 3:00 PM. The LABA Disaster Relief Volunteers will serve the meal at 5:30 PM.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CENTER GRADUATION:** I am convinced that part of celebrating the past is to celebrate the present, which impacts the future. We will be doing just that at the Annual Gathering. There will be 15 Leadership Development Students graduating that evening at 6:30 PM (please see our schedule at the top of this page). Ed Sena has developed one of the best, if not the best, leadership development models in the state of Texas and beyond. These students have spent a year gaining knowledge and experience in every area of ministry. Now it is time to celebrate this accomplishment as they "go forth" to serve in churches all over the South Plains and beyond. Please plan to stay after the meal to celebrate and encourage these students.



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(closed Noon-1:00)  
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# UPCOMING *Events*



Reaching Raiders. Reaching the World.

**Sept. 5 • Tech BSM Fiesta Dinner** provided by One Accord

**Sept. 18 • Tech BSM Paletas** handout to students 10:00 AM

**Sept. 19 • Tech BSM Fiesta Dinner** provided by Iglesia Hispana



DISCIPLESHIP  
COLLECTIVE  
PLAINVIEW

**September 7, 2024**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Wayland Baptist University**

Harral Auditorium,  
700 Utica St,  
Plainview, TX

**Register for this FREE event at [txb.org/dc](http://txb.org/dc)**

**Sept. 13-15 • African American Pastor & Wife Retreat, Grand Prairie, TX**

Join us for our "Mark Six Retreat," happening on September 13-15, 2024. For more information, please contact Pastor Kenneth Jackson.



MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING  
WMU of Texas

## Week of Prayer Program

"Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions"

at Across the Way Baptist Church (2913 E. 2ND St.)  
Sunday, Sept. 22, 4 - 6 pm



**Sept. 25 • See You At The Pole**

SYATP is a time of prayer when students meet at their school flagpole, before school, to lift their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. It is student-initiated, student organized, and student led.

**Oct. 18-19 • Five Star Women's Retreat** at Plains Baptist Camp - Floydada

**FINAL CALL for Enrollment  
in the Leadership Development Center  
for the Year 2024-2025**

Orientation for this year's class will be held on September 21, 2024, at GRACE CHURCH, Lubbock and classes will begin on October 19, 2024.

If God has placed a call on your life for special service to your church or beyond, and yet you do not feel ready, we would like to talk to you.

The Leadership Development Center of our Association is dedicated to developing leaders for the local church. It is a 40-week program, meeting 3 Saturdays a month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. This training covers many areas of ministry in the local church and will help you crystallize your God-given call into ministry. It will also help you better understand the ministry of the local church and the communities we serve.

There is space for only 5 more students. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is zero, but the sacrifice of attendance is significant.

**Contact Pastor Ed Sena at 806-252-1057** if you are interested in the training program.



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**Sept. 6-7 "Un Hobre de Fe" Men's Retreat**, Glen Rose, Tx \$80  
[texasbaptists.tfaforms.net/4964431](https://texasbaptists.tfaforms.net/4964431)

**Sept. 22• Vigilia de Oración**, 7:00 PM -11:00 PM Alliance Church, 5825 Calle 34

**Sept. 28• Compañerismo Work Day** at Plains Baptist Camp - Floydada

*For more information on these events please contact*

**David Jehsuan Ramirez** | Hispanic Church Consultant at [spanish@alliancechurch.us](mailto:spanish@alliancechurch.us)



Aparta la fecha!

**DOMINGO**  
**de** *compasión*  
**Septiembre 29, 2024!**

Together we will help release children from extreme poverty in Latin America.



# Get Access to +25,000 Bible Study Videos

Sr. Pastors in our Association have free access to biblical video series for adults, youth, and kids— now streaming on your favorite device.

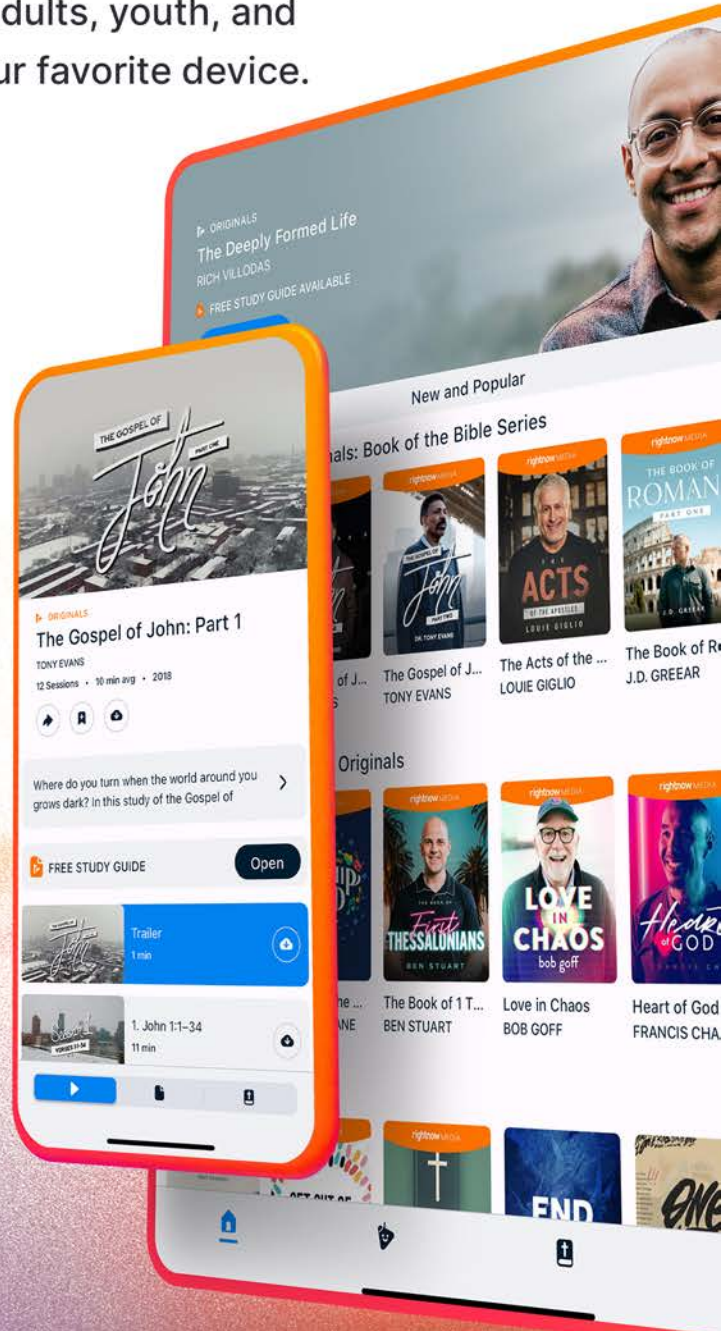
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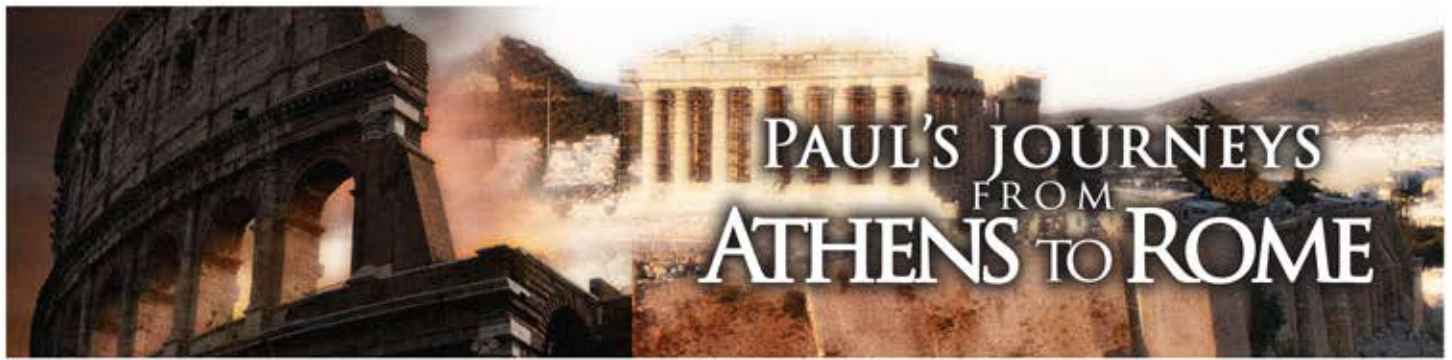
For more information contact Ed Sena at [edsena57@gmail.com](mailto:edsena57@gmail.com)

### QR Code Access

Scan this QR code to sign up or click the link in the email to create your free account!







A Paul's Journey trip has been scheduled for May 19-29, 2025. You will travel to locations in and around Athens and Rome where the Apostle Paul walked.

**The Trip includes:**

- Flight from Lubbock to Athens, Greece
- Three nights in Athens
- Three nights cruising to locations around Athens
- Three nights in Rome
- Flight from Rome, Italy to Lubbock

For a brochure with all the details and cost, email Jerry Joplin at [jerry@lubbockbaptist.com](mailto:jerry@lubbockbaptist.com), come by the LABA office at 4207 34th Street, or visit [LubbockBaptist.org](http://LubbockBaptist.org)

## HOPE *for the* HURTING HEART

When a parent loses a child, only those who have walked the same path can truly understand. Hope for the Hurting Heart is a faith-based support group for these parents, offering understanding and compassion.

This isn't counseling or therapy, but a community where parents share their sorrow and challenges. Using the GriefShare curriculum, we provide guidance from professionals, pastors, and testimonies from other grieving parents.

If you know someone in need, invite them to join us. There's no pressure to share until they are ready, and no judgment here. They don't have to face this alone.

**Hope for the Hurting Heart** Wednesdays at 6:15 PM, Room 215  
September 4 - November 23, 2024 at Bacon Heights Baptist Church 5110 54th Street (at Slide Rd)  
For more information or to register, call Bev Allen at 806.368.1574.

*Partners*

