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LABA Newsletter

.working side by side for the faith that comes from the Gospel." Philippians 1:27

"Keeping Christ at the Center This Christmas"

Jerry Joplin, Director

I love it! Yes, I love it! I love Christmas. I enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas. Most of all, I love the fact that we highlight and celebrate that "A CHILD IS BORN." That Child is the "Anointed One." He is the "MESSIAH." Astonishingly, through a young virgin, Immanuel (God with US) came to dwell among humanity (that's us). On that specific anointed day, the HOPE of GLORY arrived. Throughout the Old Testament, the "Cord of Hope" was promised to the Israelite people. Then, on that wonderful, supernatural day, "THE HOPE" was delivered by God through Mary. Now that is the reason to celebrate.

I love Christmas; however, I do not like all the distractions that society has introduced, which can steal our joy and the true message of Christmas. The truth is, I can do very little in the grand scheme of things to influence society at large to keep the "real reason" for the season in mind. However, I can do much within my circle of life to ensure that the main thing remains the main thing. The truth is, you can do the same. So, together, let's impact our world by making sure our focus is RIGHT this season: "A CHILD IS BORN."

Let me be the first to start us on the right track this Christmas. Karla and I want to wish you a VERY MERRY, JESUS-filled season. May the "light of glory" fill your every day and every gathering with family, friends, co-workers, and even strangers who encounter you. ☐



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CHRISTMAS

From the Staff at the Lubbock Area Baptist Association



AFRICAN AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL
Christmas
CELEBRATION



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20


7:00 PM ~ TICKETS \$25 / PERSON

KOKO PALACE 5101 AVENUE Q

You Must Make Your Reservation by
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

CONTACT:

Rev. H.K. Thomas (806) 292-2114,
Rev. Deshun Avery (806) 777-1597, or
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EQUIP

WEST TEXAS

JANUARY 18, 2025

Sign up for early bird pricing of \$10 - ends on January 3rd

A Regional Equip Experience Closer to Home



Legacy Grandparenting Summit · 2025

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Save the date and join us February on the 21st at Southcrest for the Legacy Grandparenting Summit! This year's theme will empower grandparents to embrace their divine purpose + the crucial role they play in their families' spiritual journey.

The early bird pricing of \$34 ends on January 31st. Visit LubbockBaptist.org for more information.

KINGDOM SEEKERS

BOYS CAMP AT PLAINS BAPTIST CAMP

July 23-26, 2025
Plains Baptist Assembly Camp

CAMP COST:

Super Early Bird Rate: \$200/camper by Dec. 31st

Early Bird Rate: \$210/camper by Mar. 31st

Standard Rate: \$220/camper by May 31st

Late Registration: \$230/camper after June 1st

LUBBOCKBAPTIST.ORG/BOYSCAMP



Come Join Us For A Night Of Rest!

Sponsored by the LABA & Texas Baptists

**Who Is This For? This is for the PASTOR & WIFE, and
ALL CALLED Staff & Spouses**

Date: December 9, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

**Place: Broadview Baptist Church
1302 N. Frankford Avenue, Lubbock**

COST: FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE

It is a DRESS up NIGHT....Come in Your Sunday Best!

Pictures to be taken!

**"You will have to call in your RESERVATION to the
LABA Office no later than December 2, 2024.....**

LABA - 806: 791-4442

A Full Mexican Dinner Will Be Provided & Dessert!

Christmas Music by: Robby & Celia Ramirez



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WEST TEXAS

1.18.2025 SOUTHCREST BAPTIST
CHURCH, LUBBOCK

A Regional Equip Experience Closer to Home

MINISTRY TRAINING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- + Apologetics
- + Children Ministry
- + Cyber/Tech
- + Deacons
- + Disability Ministry
- + Discipleship
- + En Español
- + Evangelism
- + Family
- + Men
- + Missions
- + PreK
- + Security
- + Students
- + Sunday School/Groups
- + Video/Website
- + Women
- + Worship

20+
BREAKOUT
SESSION
LEADERS

60+
BREAKOUT
SESSIONS

**ABOVE &
BEYOND**

THEME VERSE: EPH. 3:14-21

REGISTER AT

sbtexas.com/equipwtx



EXPO-2025

Called to LEADERSHIP....



SAVE THE DATE

March 1, 2025

Place: Wayland Baptist University

Conference Time: 9:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Continental Breakfast Served From 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

10 Breakout Conferences

**THEME: Move from being a FOLLOWER to a KINGDOM LEADER
with SUCCESS....**

Special Conference:

“Walking as a LEADERSHIP TEAM”

Just for the Pastor & Wife:

Dr. Gary Patterson - San Antonio, TX.