

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:

- Downsville BC
- Emmanuel BC
- Harris Creek BC
- Lakeview BC

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: CHALK BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH

The Lord had different plans for Pastor Zach Johnigan at Chalk Bluff Baptist Church. Six years ago, instead of a position in the Baylor Religious Hour Choir he was auditioning for, the director and music minister for Chalk Bluff, at that time, offered Zach the music associate position. From there to interim music minister, then interim pastor and now pastor. **“Even though a job brought me here, the powerful bond of love in this congregation is what has sustained me and made me the man and pastor I am today,”** says Pastor Johnigan. Over the years, Zach has come to love the kindness of Chalk Bluff. The people, whether visitors or long-time members, show an unlimited source of kindness.

**“No matter who you are, if you walk in our doors on a Sunday, especially for the first time, there is a high chance you will be invited to lunch by one of our members.”** Along with the congregation continuing to have a hunger for God’s Word, they also have an amazing music ministry program, Kids in Christ, and a growing youth program. Chalk Bluff also participates in the Tri-Cities Ministries, which helps community members in need of assistance in their lives. Chalk Bluff asks for prayer that they will grow a deeper passion for God, practice spiritual giving and become witnesses in the community.



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## FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

I want to extend a special word of thanks to Cyndi and Steve Abbe and the members of Crossroads Fellowship for the amazing job they did hosting our WRBA Annual Meeting. They went above and beyond to help make all of us feel welcome and loved. The spirit of the meeting was just beautiful. I witnessed laughter (thank you Mike Copeland), prayers, hugs, and open hearts worshiping the Lord together. Our WRBA family continues to grow in numbers as well as in closeness. Our focus on Jesus makes that possible.

I regularly hear of churches partnering together for neighborhood outreach events, and mission projects and camps and retreats. I see pastors praying together, working on sermons together, and listening deeply to one another as they struggle to grow in Christ-likeness. These are the things that I look at to see if we are on the right track as an association. Some might evaluate an organization by its budget and attendance. I evaluate an association by its relationships. Are church leaders regularly growing their network of friends and colleagues? Is our fellowship continually growing more diverse (economically, socially, ethnically, and culturally)? Are churches laboring together in a spirit of Christ-like trust and respect? These are things that deeply matter in the growth of the Kingdom of God. This is how communities are transformed. This is how churches are strengthened. This is how the world knows we belong to Christ.

Our meetings (especially the Ministers Round Table) are specifically designed to **foster relationships**. The topics of the meetings matter too, but that is not the main thing. The main thing is that we know one another and love one another. **You demonstrated that at our Annual Meeting two weeks ago.** For that, I thank you.

In His Service,  
Tim Randolph





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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Save the Date!**

**Taste of Waco Baptists**

April | 30 | 2019

First Woodway Baptist Church, The Venue

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

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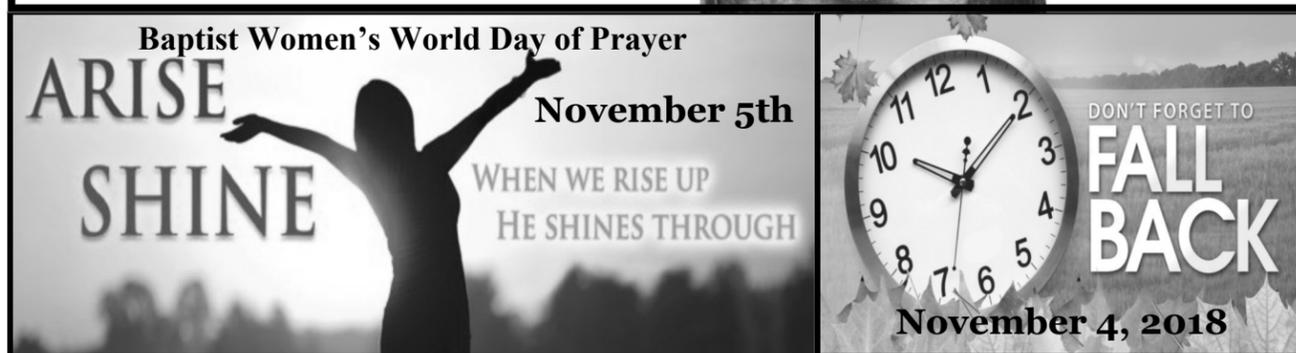
**Together at the Table**

HUNGER & POVERTY SUMMIT  
AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

HOSTED BY THE TEXAS HUNGER INITIATIVE

NOV. 7-9 2018

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS HUNGER INITIATIVE



**Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**

**ARISE SHINE**

November 5th

WHEN WE RISE UP HE SHINES THROUGH

**DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK**

November 4, 2018

It's time to file your church's Annual Church Profile (ACP). This information is vital to updating WRBA's church directory and keeping record of historical data. It becomes useful in the long-run when churches are hiring staff, applying for ministry grants, looking at growth options and more. The ACP information is also used as a method to calculate the number of messengers your church can have at next year's WRBA Annual Meeting. ACPs are due **November 30th!**  
Let us know if you need help.

## MCC COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

The fall semester at McLennan Community College is halfway over and it has gone by so fast! The community college campus life is difficult to keep up with because of all the commuting, class schedules, and part-time work they do. Thankfully this semester has gone by smoothly with regular Bible studies and regular attendees every week!

The past few weeks have been more difficult with midterms coming around and papers piling up. As the Baptist Student Ministry we will be passing out popcorn and water bottles filled with pens, pencils, and highlighters to help the students with the mid-semester stress. Our pizza and spiral giveaway went great last month and we are hoping to show the students on campus that they are loved and have value.

We now have a student leadership team with five students that have been willing to help with new ideas, events, and outreach to the MCC community. There is no other word to describe this semester than "thankful". We are thankful to have regular attending students, students interested in leadership, and a church community that is eager to support this ministry. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in helping the MCC BSM and please be in prayer if you are not. This ministry needs helping hands to reach the students on campus and we could not do it without your support!



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*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." I Chronicles 16:34*

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**November 4**  
Daylight Savings Time  
Clocks "fall" back 1 hour

**November 5**  
Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

**November 7 12:00pm**  
Ministers Roundtable  
Truett Seminary  
Topic: Sustainability in the Church  
Speaker: Dr. Robert Creech  
RSVP by October 31st

**November 7-9**  
Together at the Table  
Hunger & Poverty Summit  
Baylor University

**November 11-13**  
RA Campout/Missions Mania  
Latham Springs

**November 12-19**  
Operation Christmas Child  
Collection Week

**November 13 4:00pm**  
Board Meeting  
WRBA

**November 22-23**  
Thanksgiving  
WRBA Office Closed