

TEXAS BAPTIST MEN

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words...

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RETIREE BUILDERS JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER



HOW ABOUT THAT RALLY !

It was a great time of fun, rest and renewal! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. Over 150 builders and very special guests attended this year.

Henry Blackaby challenged us with messages entitled "Chosen and Called", "Accompanied and Equipped", and "Therefore Accountable".

Dr. Bill Thorn's talk on his "older age experiences" made us laugh until we hurt !

Thursday evening, Bob Dixon took us on a review of Retiree Builder history... down roads God has taken us in the past and a look forward to future roads and the legacy we'll be leaving for others.

Roy Cotton led us in some great old hymns and some new choruses. A group of our own ladies sang a special, "Grandmas on Wheels" which was written by Betty Richie.

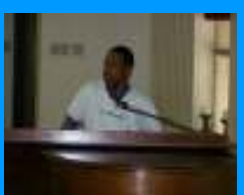
Breakout sessions included Dr. and Mrs. Curran from Athens, Texas, who graciously gave us two hours of "free" health information. Keith Mack taught us all about our new TBM website. Southern Fastening sent men to help us with tool repair and maintenance questions.

Each meal time was enhanced with drawings for door prizes which totaled

over \$2500. Not many people missed a meal! Tools, a oil painting, multiple gift certificates, books...and one of the most anticipated prizes which was "Two Dinners Anywhere You Choose in Texas". We haven't heard exactly where in Texas the winner planned to take them, but we hoped it wouldn't be too far away as they were the "frozen Morton variety".

The builders, their wives, TBM and Latham Springs Staff behaved themselves well until the last couple of hours before the close of the "silent auction", at which point the bidding turned from friendly to fierce! There was a little pushin' and shovin' over a beautiful hand made cross made of horseshoes (which ended up going for over \$100)! The biggest winners, of course, were our ladies and their sewing ministry. Over \$1500 was collected from the auction when all was said and done.

Heaven's going to be like a big Rally one day, you know, and it will be all for the Glory of God! We may be doing some of the same things we did at the Builder's Rally, but then we'll be seeing and fellowshipping with Jesus face to face... and none of our brothers and sisters in Christ will be missing. And can you imagine the size circle as we hold hands and sing, "I'm So Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God" !



BRICK MASONS

At the present time, the brick masons have no jobs scheduled for the summer. I will notify you as soon as I have any other new information.

Thanks, Gus Green 903-564-3721

CAMP BUILDERS

We are having a special job from June 2nd to 13th at Ray and Anita Keller's Church, (New Prospect Baptist Church) in Nemo near Glenrose.

Sept. 8 to 26 2008 jobs are at Aspendale and Riverbend.

God Bless all God's Volunteers and have a great summer!

In His Service,

Burt

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Touch Forever Now By Bob Dixon

Sixteen years ago a group of Texas Baptist Men leaders looked down through the years and had a sense from the Lord that TBM was going to need additional monies to help with its ministries.

After a time of prayer, C.J. Humphrey, Wilton Davis, Joe T. Lenamon, Andy Andreason, Olen Miles and Fred Weisen brought a proposal to the TBM Executive Board that TBM should form its own charitable foundation to receive funds for the ministries of TBM. It was named the TBM Forever Foundation. Only the dividends would be used and the principle would be placed in an endowment account until Jesus returns. This foundation is independent of all other organizations and has its own board of Trustees. The current board officers are: Joe T. Lenamon, President; Fred Wiesen, Vice President; Horner Thornton Secretary/Treasurer and Robert E. Dixon, CEO. The other Trustees are: George Andreason, Bill Arnold, Larry Blanchard, Jerry Brentham, Bryan Finley, Joe France, Mike Harwood, Mark Houston, Jerry Horn, Roger Hall, John La Noue, Dick Moody, Troy Portwood, Fred Roach, Leo Smith, Jerry Bob Taylor and Jim Wren.

The Texas Baptist Men Forever Foundation is starting a campaign called Touch Forever Now 2010 in gifts through people's Wills. The foundation already has over \$1,000,000 in cash and has given away more than \$500,000 to projects like: The Canadian Baptist Seminary, Retiree Builders, Disaster Relief, Victim Relief Ministries and many others. When you invest your gift to the TBM Forever Foundation through your Will, the money stays in the foundation and only the interest is used to further God's work through TBM. If all of our TBM family would leave a gift of only \$5,000 to TBM in their Will, this would help us raise our goal in just a couple of years.

If you would like to receive more information about how you can make a gift through your Will to the TBM Forever Foundation, please contact Mickey Lenamon at 214-828-5177 or go to our website at www.texasbaptistmen.org. Please pray about your part in helping TBM minister to people and sharing the love of our Lord, until Jesus returns.

CHURCH BUILDERS

June 9, 2008

Searsville Country Church

686 FM 217

Searsville, TX

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 667

Valley Mills, TX 76689

Phone: 254-848-4998

Pastor: Andy Walker

4859 Baylor Camp Rd.

Crawford, TX 76638

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C. 254-709-5277

Directions:

Go West from Valley Mills on Hwy 6 to Hwy 217, turn at ball field, go south (left) for 2 miles to Church on right.

This is a small project wood (cedar) walls, window seats, electrical, pulpit, and office.

LaCoste First Baptist Church

11885 FM 2790

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 219

LaCoste, TX 78039

Pastor: Cliff Harden

Phone: 210-241-7235

This is a small job. We will build 4 walls, sheetrock, install 3-doors in existing walls, install electrical and build a deck and a handicapped ramp around the building. Call me before going. Hookups will be limited.

Directions:

From San Antonio take Hwy 90 west toward Castrovilla and Del Rio.

Go approximately 10 miles to Hwy 482, go left, green Hwy sign on right, turn left to LaCoste. Continue 1 mile and connect to FM 471, go left to Lacoste over railroad track going straight on FM 2790 for 3/4 mile road curves left to church on right.

Have a Blessed Summer.

May God Bless you,

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DISASTER RECOVERY

June 2 – 13, 2008

New Prospect Baptist Church

Nemo, Texas

This is the home church of Ray & Anita Keller. We will be constructing a class room building that was destroyed by high winds. Let's support one of our own in this project.

Directions: From Glen Rose, TX, take US Hwy 67 North toward Clebourne, TX,. After crossing the Brazos River, take Hwy 199 to right. The church will be on left about 1 mile. From Cleburne, TX take US Hwy 67 South, turn left on Hwy 199 just before crossing the Brazos River. The church will be on left about 1 mile.

Jerry Dill
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FURNITURE BUILDERS

The furniture builders are still working at the **Highland Lakes Conference Center**. We expect to finish up this job about the second week of June. It has been a good job with a total of twelve couples participating.

Our ladies have been busy sewing about eighty sets of curtains for Falls Creek Camp in Oklahoma. The men have been working on four projects other than HLCC. These include fifty-five pieces for Glorieta, fifteen pieces for Frio Canyon Baptist Church near Leakey, ten bunk beds for Lake Tomahawk and twelve pieces of office furniture for the TBM building.

Our next project will be at Pineywoods scheduled to start on September second. There will be plenty of RV sites available there for all who wish to come. Have a good summer.

In His Service,

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WE ARE HAVING MORE AND MORE MAIL RETURNED AS "UNDELIVERABLE" WITH NO GOOD EXPLANATION., SO IF YOU OR A FELLOW BUILDER SUDDENLY STOPS GETTING THE NEWS, SOMEONE PLEASE LET ME KNOW! WHEN THIS HAPPENS, I RE-SEND THE E-MAIL.

IF IT COMES BACK A SECOND TIME, I ASSUME THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN E-MAIL PROVIDERS AND WAIT FOR SOME NOTIFICATION. IF 1ST CLASS MAIL IS RETURNED TO TBM, WE ASSUME THERE HAS BEEN AN ADDRESS CHANGE WE THEN FLAG THEIR BASIC DATA CARD WITH A "DO NOT MAIL" UNTIL SOMEONE CONTACTS US. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY CHANGES.

Thanks, Linda

CABINET BUILDERS

***PLEASE NOTE ORDER CHANGE OF JOBS.**

JUNE 9, 2008

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MERIDIAN

207 N. HILL STREET
MERIDIAN, TX 76665

June 15, 2008

Freestone Baptist Church

738 FM 80 South
Teague, TX

JULY 14, 2008

New Hope Baptist Church, Bay City, TX

Tentatively , we also have the following:

August 11, 2008 First Baptist Mineola, TX

September 8, 2008 (Open)

October 13, 2008 Six Mile Baptist Church, Hemp-hill

November 10, 2008 Kingdom Manifesters Church, Ft. Worth

God is good, all the time!

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PROJECT BUILDERS

Starting in June we will be working in New Mexico and Colorado through September or October.

June 9—July 11

Orka Baptist Church, Orka Colorado

This is at Hwy 17 and the Conejos River, North out of Chama, New Mexico or West out of Anita Colorado. This will be a new church from the ground up.

July 14– August 1

Ignasia Baptist Church, Ignasia, Colorado

This is SE of Durango, Colorado on Hwy 151 and 511. We will be building this church from the ground up.

Mountain Vista Baptist Church, Farmington, N.M. August 11-29

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Farmington, New Mexico, 87401

God Bless,

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Note from Bill....

What a great time we had at the Rally. The fellowship was wonderful, seeing ole friends, meeting new ones and talking about the memories that have been shared down through the years. The speakers that we had, Henry Blackaby, Bill Thorn and Bob Dixon provided the spiritual renewal that we needed to help us keep focused on what we are all about and that is leaving a legacy for the ones that come behind us. The breakout sessions were outstanding and we thank each one of them for taking the time to help us in so many ways. We also thank all those who provided door prizes.

This will be the last reminder for the New York project. It will be July 14, 2008 thru August 8, 2008. The project will consist of finishing the outside of the Great Hall with cedar shingles. If you are not already on the list to go and you would like to, please let me know as soon as possible for planning purposes.

God Bless all of you, be safe through the summer, SYDTR

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