

TAYLOR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



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Connecting Baptist Churches in Taylor County

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Purpose Statement:

To Equip and Assist our member churches to accomplish their ministries.

Heralds from Harold

It is always an interesting report when a mother returns from having taken her child to the doctor for a "well checkup." Often she brings back a chart with some bell shaped curves and on those curves there is a dot which represents the child's height, weight, head circumference, etc. The child is being compared to all other children of the same age. These are some of the factors in seeking to define whether the child is normal and healthy.

Are we as Taylor Baptists healthy? In recent meetings it has been noted that most of our key indicators for spiritual health are in decline. Average church attendance, baptisms, and receipts have declined or they are flat.

So, what is the prescription for health in our churches? It sounds simple, but it is profound. We must be intentionally evangelistic. Reaching people for Jesus must be at the forefront of everything we do as churches. Building relationships to share the gospel is important. We have to turn every event at the church into a gospel sharing time. You cannot leave all of the work of reaching people up to the pastor or a few folk who visit. The church that eats and breathes evangelism is the one that will thrive. If you are saved, then you are called to share what the Lord has done for you!

In Christ,

Bro. Harold

BUDGET RECEIPTS

July 2017

Athena	\$642.00
Blue Creek	\$200.00
Calvary	\$228.92
Cornerstone	-0-
Crosspoint	\$384.67
Fellowship	\$215.00
First Baptist	\$562.50
Lakeside	\$424.05
Midway	-0-
Mt. Gilead	-0-
New Home	\$500.00
Oakland	-0-
Pisgah	\$72.99
Pleasant Grove	\$200.00
Salem	\$340.59
San Pedro	\$75.00
Shady Grove	\$161.58
Southside	\$293.78
Temple of God	-0-
Total Receipts	\$4,301.08

Thank you for your support!

Monthly Budget Needs = \$5,343.25

Monthly Average Received to Date= \$4,821.11

Annual Session...

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Session at New Home Baptist. There were approximately 90 in attendance. Thank you New Home for hosting our meeting and for serving a delicious ham dinner. Thanks to all who participated on the program and a special thanks to Dr. Steven Ruff for a challenging message to live a SENT life.

New Pastors...

We welcome several new pastors to our area. Fellowship in Steinhatchee, Jeremy Tatom; First Baptist, Dr. Steven Ruff; Lakeside, Luke Beattie, Interim; Midway, Marc Pargo, Interim; Salem, Randy Maubach, Supply. We praise God for their willingness to serve.

Change your socks...I mean your clocks!

On November 5th, Daylight Savings time will end. Remember to set your clocks back one hour so you'll be on time for Sunday School!!!

Convention...

Pray for those attending the Fl. Bapt. Conv. in Miami on Nov. 13-14.

Director Search...

Now that the guidelines have been established we are beginning our search for a part-time Director of Missions. Resumes may be sent to taylorbaptistdom@gmail.com.

Disaster Relief Trailer...

Plans to order a trailer are in the works. Once it is on site we will begin to stock it with needed equipment. CD's are still available.

November Birthdays:

Sharon Lundy, Pigsaw

Doing more together

CALENDAR

November

5 – Daylight Saving Time Ends!!!
6-Executive Committee called meeting, 11:00
11- Disaster Relief Shelter Training by Red Cross
Ta. Co. Elem. School, 9:00-2:00p.m
13-14 – Florida Baptist Convention, Miami
23 – **Thanksgiving Day**, office Closed

December

3-9 – Week of Prayer for International Missions
5 – Pastors Christmas Party
10 – Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
18-31 – Office closed for Christmas Break
25 – **Christmas Day**, office closed

January 2018

1 – **New Year's Day**, Office closed
8 – Planning Committee, 11:00 AM
15 – Men's Ministry, Oakland Baptist
21 – Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
22 – Executive Board, 11:00 AM
28 – Day of Payer for Baptist Colleges
29-30 – January Bible Study

Prayer focus...

-Lakeside, Pastor search
-Mt. Gilead, Youth Pastor, part time
-Salem Baptist, Pastor search
- Midway Baptist, Pastor Search

Food for Thought...

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; but for an honest man, it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude allows. Happy Thanksgiving!

Just for fun...

Q: Why did they let the turkey join the band?
A: Because he had the drumsticks!