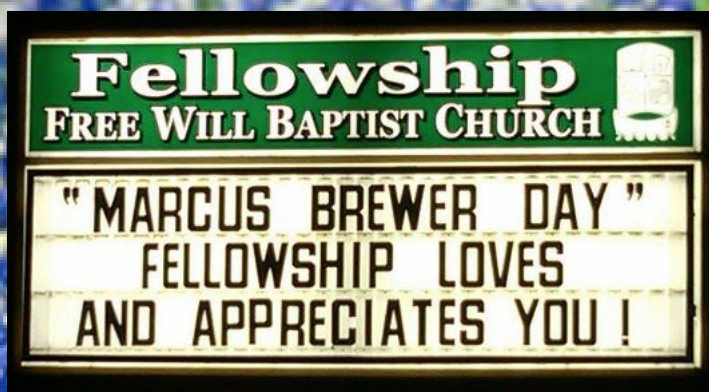


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# THE TEXAS CHALLENGE

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# Good Hope Reaches Out With American Cancer Benefit *by Lee Wilcox*



The 8th annual benefit for the American Cancer Society was held at the Henderson Civic Center in Henderson, Texas and sponsored by the Good Hope Freewill Baptist Church. It is called "The Relay for Life" and it truly is a Gospel Concert with the goal of contributing to the ACS.

Sponsored is really not an adequate term to describe what the church did. I can't help inserting this picture of Adethia Rudd working the serving line. I promised David that I wouldn't brag on him or his family. There is a problem with that. I can't identify the members of the



*Adethia Rudd on the serving line*

church but I do know the Rudds. If the church were given a job description you would describe them as "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer." I am given to understand that most of the people handing out food and doing the unsung jobs were church members at Good Hope.

Anyone reading this who catches themselves thinking that secular benefit is no place for a church to put forth such an effort needs to think about this. The program was all gospel and I heard the message mentioned more times during the night than I can recall hearing in any single sermon. That is important because there were a number of non-believers in the crowd.

Long before the end of the evening I had come to believe that it was a very intelligent and subtle form of evangelism. The crowd was primed to listen.

This (facing page top) is the majority of the crowd that was listening. There was no place where I could catch them all. Brother David says that this all started with a couple in his church named Doyle and Sallie Green. They managed to get The New Plainsmen involved as well as everyone else. Doyle passed away from cancer in February 2009 and Sallie has continued on. There was a recurring theme of the evening if someone were asked how they became involved with the effort. That common theme was that they just couldn't say no Sallie. (I have known that for years. Just different Sally.)



*This young lady is Hatti Bridges and she is a gem.*

Someone who probably didn't get near-enough recognition is David Chenault. David is local radio personality in Henderson and Tyler. He seemed to be involved at some level with just about everything that went on.

Hatti Bridges attends Good Hope and is pleasure to listen to. My first thought was that with the accent and delivery she sounded like a young Reba. It's just an impression and completely my opinion. What is not just an opinion is that she had her way with the crowd.



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## The New Plainsmen



According to her bio Ally Fuller is a 14 year old singer (right) from Nacogdoches that has opened for several professional acts. One of the songs she sang “He’s Alive” was made remarkable by the richness of her voice.



about them on facebook.

The group that calls themselves “The New

Plainsmen” has been around since 1999. Energy! Amazing! Instead of talking a lot about



them I would like to refer you to their website: <http://www.thenewplainsmen.com/TNP/Welcome.html>. This was the featured act and they were good...really good!

There was one segment of the evening that put things into perspective. Sallie Green lost her husband Doyle in 2009 and has been the force behind this Relay for Life ever since. She recently was informed that she has cancer and is scheduled to be at MD Anderson as I write this.

Hatti Bridges then sang a song about cancer recovery that was dedicated to Sallie. I think it might have been the gutsiest performance of the night. There was something in my throat and in my eyes... and Hatti was singing to her Aunt.



Harold Bassett who resides in Henderson sang several songs throughout the evening. Here he is performing with daughter Shellbee.

This quartet is from Mount Enterprise, Texas. We were totally impressed by their sound and love for the Lord. Read





*Specials by the praise team. Some of these ladies performed at the last state meeting in Henderson.*

## First Free Will Baptist Carthage

Carthage is a rather remarkable for a city of less than 7,000 people. There have been a number of famous or infamous people who have emerged from there. I won't mention them all but a quick visit via google will satisfy your curiosity.

We weren't expecting to meet anyone we knew but we were surprised. Twice. Brother Billy Ferguson conducted our adult Sunday School and we knew him. He is the brother of Ruth Richards. We had met him while we were attending Wildwood Church. He had a big part in the construction of Wildwood. His wife Ruth Ferguson (Not a typo, she has the same name as his sister!) played the piano for the service.

The second surprise shouldn't have been. Brother Don Ellis was sitting in the back of the church. I knew Carthage was his home church but think I had forgotten. It was different to see him listening to a sermon instead of giving it.

There was a presentation by Dr. David Cockerham who is a member of the Gideons International. I certainly learned from the presentation and tried to read a Bible written in Swahili. Dr. Cockerham said that 100% of any donations went to distribute Bibles. If any of you would like a presentation you can reach him at: davidc9389@att.net.

The Pastor at Carthage is Joshua Horton. He and his wife Stephanie come from the Carolinas. Texas is not

new to him as he remembers living in Corpus Christi as the Son of a Navy father. That sort of background will also frequently get you to the Norfolk, Virginia/ North Carolina area. That was so in this case.

Brother Josh attended Southeastern FWB Bible College. His Church has a web site <http://www.carthage-forchrist.com>. I found myself to be impressed with this young man. If you would like to sample his preaching and/or thoughts I suggest reading his work on the church site. I am amazed as we travel about to find the quality of people we have assembled who toil with little recognition. Josh Horton is another one chosen of God to minister to Texans.



This is Stephanie Horton. She and Josh have two small Sons. Ethan is 2 1/2 years and Elliott is 8 months. She is a real sweetheart. Everyone we ran across at Carthage was welcoming but she took it to a special level. Hope to see them both again and not take so long getting back.

Josh's words to live by: "The Christian life is not a 'try- harder' religion. It's a 'trust-Him' relationship."

A great place to visit and looking forward to doing so again.



# Riding for Christ in Canyon

by Jeff and Sondra Cates

We want to thank you so much for your prayers and support of us and our church. God has blessed in so many ways. We now have our second grand-baby. Whitney had her second child and it was a little girl. Her name is Charlee Rayne. She sure is a sweet one.

God has also richly blessed our church this year. We had an average attendance of 96 this year. God has blessed with many being saved and baptized. We praise God that we had 2 more saved and baptized this past month. We were able to complete our classroom addition on our church. The kids are really enjoying the room because before they were just about sitting on top of each other.



*Charlee Rayne*



*The new Sunday School room!*



*Canyon Country Kids all ready to present the Christmas program. What a nice bunch of kids!*

Finally, we are starting the dirt work for a new arena on the church property which will be located behind the church on our 15 acres. We are excited to get the arena up and have another way to outreach the many are un-churched in our community. We are going to

start with family oriented events like sorting and just play days for the kids and adults.

God has also blessed and we were able to increase the size of our parking lot. Many were having to park somewhere off of the old parking lot every Sunday morning because we were out of room. We were able to almost double our parking lot and we praise the Lord for the funds to complete this project.

Praise God we are out of seating in our sanctuary and are having to pull out the old pews and refinish them to add some extra seating. We are starting to plan for another addition on the other side of our church building to house a fellowship hall so we can take in the back part of the church that is now our fellowship hall and add it as more seating for our sanctuary. God is so good.

We ask you to pray that we will be able to raise the funds needed to add on the fellowship hall.

We know that we cannot grow much more until we have more room, so people are not sitting shoulder to shoulder. We know new people need more room than this, the rest of us already know and love each other but this is not good for growth and we know it. We are working hard toward this goal so we can continue to grow and reach those who do not know the Lord.

Thank you again for all you do to help. We are working hard and your prayers and support are appreciated more than words can say.

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# etc... Conference

## **Focusing on the “other things” of Church ministry.**

Our Pastors do a great job preaching the Word of God, yet leading a church includes many “other things.” Through the **etc. conference**. The Texas Mission Board provides skilled and experienced speakers, who share a Biblical perspective on the “other things” of ministry.

## **The Texas State Meeting of Free Will Baptists** **Wednesday, June 12th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

*Titus 2:1-2, 6, “Speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; . . . Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded . . .” (NKJV)*

Proverbs 15:22 tells us, *“Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established.”* (KJV) Within Texas there are men who have wise counsel. Because of their life and pastoral experience they have much to teach us all.

This year through the ETC. Conference we are seeking to help us all learn from the life experiences of these wise counselors.

**Submit your questions at: [www.texasfwb.org](http://www.texasfwb.org) and then join us . . .**  
**Wednesday, June 12th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

### **Q&A Times:**

1. Keith Woody @ 1 pm to 2 pm
2. Bobby Ferguson @ 2 pm to 3 pm
3. Clarence Hearn @ 3 pm to 4 pm
4. A Vision for Texas Free Will Baptists, Marcus Brewer @ 4 pm to 5 pm

**Location: Collin Creek Free Will Baptist Church**  
**1905 East Parker Road - Plano TX 75074**

# Texas State Convention Information

This is the formal announcement for details of the 2013 annual meeting of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists. Herein you'll find hotel information, the tentative meeting schedule, a local church reporting form, and registration forms. Please feel free to make copies of these items as necessary to distribute to your members.

The 99th Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists will be meeting June 12-14, 2013, at the Collin Creek FWB Church in Plano. Board meetings will begin on Wednesday morning June 12, and the formal opening of the Annual Session will begin with the Wednesday evening worship service. Our keynote speaker will be Bro. Will Harmon, pastor of Cavanaugh FWB Church in FT. Smith, AR.

We have made arrangements for lodging at this year's meeting with the Southfork Hotel, 1600 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074.

**RESERVATION PROCEDURE - INDIVIDUAL CALL-IN:** Please call the hotel reservations department at 972-578-8555 or their toll-free number, 866-665-2680. All reservations are must be guaranteed with a credit card to be confirmed. <http://southforkhotel.com>

To receive the contract rates, attendees should identify the group as Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists. All reservations should be made by Wednesday, May 22, 2013. After this date, they will release the remainder of your guest room block. Additional reservation requests will be honored on a space and rate available basis.

Please note that check-in time begins at 3:00 P.M. and their check-out time is 12:00 P.M. Upon request, we will be happy to arrange for baggage storage for attendees luggage until actual departure from the hotel. Rate includes all standard amenities of the hotel, including:

- Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi internet, fitness room, and guest laundry

Single Occupancy: \$ 82  
Double Occupancy: \$ 82  
Suites: \$102

As in years past, pre-registration for the State meeting is available and encouraged for all attendees. You may register using one of the registration forms sent to your church, mailing it to the State Office, or you may register online at [www.texasfwb.org](http://www.texasfwb.org). All pre-registration must be completed by May 15 to ensure that your information is compiled prior to the meeting. Onsite registration will also be available, but you are encouraged to pre-register if you know that you will attend. Pre-registration helps us to keep records more efficiently, and pre-registered attendees will have a pre-made nametag at the registration table.

All of the meeting information is in this issue of the Challenge and more will be online at the State Association's website: [www.texasfwb.org](http://www.texasfwb.org). Please make plans now to join us in Plano, and feel free to contact the State Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Doug Dickey  
State Clerk

P.S. If your church or district has had any directory changes since last year's State Meeting (new pastor, address, area code or phone number, e-mail address, website, etc.), please let me know your new information by April 15 so that I can update the directory for the 2013 Yearbook.

## *Significant Milestone Reached*

I just wanted us to stop to celebrate the moment... this morning (March 3) we passed the half-way point in our 2013 WMO campaign!!! We are currently at 461 churches!

Will you join me in thanking the Lord of the Harvest for His moving on our people thus far? We should also thank Him for them, and for their obedience to global evangelism. Let us pray that each church would give obediently and sacrificially to the cause of missions. And let us ask, in faith, that He would honor Himself in this offering. We are trusting God, but we still have a lot of camel-tying to do!

I am also thankful for each of you, and your diligence in connecting with the churches in your respective states! Thank you for all you are doing!

Reaching Farther Together,  
Mark Price





## 2013 Convention Speakers Named

Antioch, TN—The Executive Committee has named speakers for the 2013 National Convention to be held in Tampa, Florida, July 21-24. Convention worship services will be held in East Hall of the Tampa Convention Center.

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Tim Owens (FL)

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Randy Riggs (TN)

Sunday Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Donnie Miles (SC)

Monday Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Will Beauchamp (FL)

Tuesday Morning Preaching Conference  
..... 10:00 a.m.  
Speakers: Oral McAfee (CAN), Tim Stout (OH)

Tuesday Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Larry Clyatt (FL)

Wednesday Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Larry Powell (TN)

Additional convention information will be published in the April/May issue of ONE Magazine.

## Convention Seeks Interns

The Free Will Baptist National Convention is now accepting applications for the Convention Internship Program. The internship is available to any college student in the Free Will Baptist denomination. The program offers a unique opportunity for college students to get a behind-the-scenes look at how the convention operates, the logistics involved, and how the organization is structured. During the National Convention in Tampa, Florida, participants will work in areas such as registration, press relations, production, stage management, and more.

Students who are selected will receive on-the-job training plus room and board during their stay in Tampa, July 18-25. Applications are available online at [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org) or by emailing Convention Manager Ryan Lewis at [ryan@nafwb.org](mailto:ryan@nafwb.org). College credit is available for the internship.

The deadline for applications is April 12, 2013.





# Hillsdale's 62% graduation rate is third highest in Oklahoma

The Hillsdale College graduation rate of 62.2% is one of the top rates of any college or university in Oklahoma. This is verified by the White House College Scorecard that President Obama referred to in his State of the Union speech recently. The link is below:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/higher-education/college-score-card>

Hillsdale President, Dr. Timothy Eaton, said, "This graduation rate is notable because many students who enroll at Hillsdale are the first in his or her family to attend college. I think it proves the power of a campus whose students are valued and engaged." The average graduation rates for the 13 Oklahoma public universities was 34.1% and the 11 private colleges and universities had an average rate of 42.7%.

## The Top Five Graduation Rankings for Oklahoma Institutions of Higher Education are:

1. University of Tulsa = 67.8%
2. University of Oklahoma = 66.9%
3. Hillsdale = 62.2%
4. Oklahoma State University = 61.8%
5. Oklahoma City University = 60.1%

Direct inquiries to Michelle Fink in the Office of the President [mfink@hc.edu](mailto:mfink@hc.edu) or 405-912-9455.



## Fellowship FWB Church Celebrates "Marcus Brewer Day!"

We have said over and over that we need to recognize Marcus for everything that he does not only at our church but in the Central District and the State of Texas. We finally set aside a day to do that; so on Sunday, February 24th, Fellowship honored Marcus Brewer.

His parents, Jim and Donna Brewer, made the long drive in from Kansas and his sister and brother in law, Amy and Mike Walker, traveled from Tennessee to be with us for this special time.

To give you some background on Marcus, he was raised in the Free Will Baptist denomination and has a strong desire to serve wherever the Lord leads. As a youth he was active in the National Youth Competition and competed pretty much every year he could. He did Bible Memorization grades 1-3, Sword Drill grades 4-6 and was on at least one Tic-Tac-Toe team, if not two during his 7-9 grades. He also performed a solo and he was in the very first year of the "Horizon" competition, now Truth Quest, the competition he currently MC's. He won the Horizon Competition, dominated actually. He was also in Truth and Peace his Sophomore-Senior years.

After College, Marcus moved to Texas in 1998 to attend Graduate School at Texas A&M University and began faithful attendance at Fellowship FWB Church. In 1999 he became the Music Minister, followed by Adult Sunday School teacher, Wednesday night Bible Study leader, Church Trustee, Church Treasurer, State Moderator and finally State Promoter.

As folks streamed into church that morning we passed out buttons with Marcus' picture printed on them. Everyone in the congregation had Marcus pinned very close to their hearts! Brother Doug Dickey fitted Marcus with individual hats to demonstrate the numerous roles that he fills. In addition to the responsibilities he has within our denomination Marcus also fills roles on his job at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and volunteers within the community. Not only was Marcus recognized for his many roles but he was presented with

# From Texas....

## Bud & Ruth Bivens Mexico

Dear Friends,  
March 5, 2013

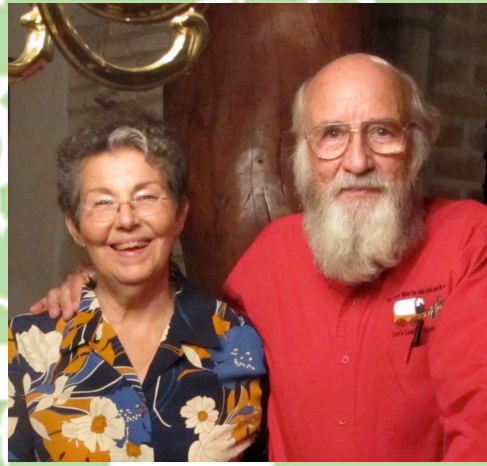
Greetings from Pharr, where I am still here alone, talking to myself. On Wednesday last week, a group of men from Woodcrest Church in Catoosa, OK headed this direction. They picked Brother Mark Cole up in Blanchard on their way down. They came by here on Thursday morning and I accompanied them to the border, helped them find taxis that would take them across the border to the bus station, then I drove their van back and parked it in our front yard.

They arrived in Ciudad Mante that afternoon and Bud picked them up there. Since then they have all been working in Celaya along with two brothers who flew in from Alabama. It was a group from Woodcrest, many of the same men, who built the church there a few years ago. They are working on building an apartment for Pastor Rodrigo Guzman and his wife Felipa above the Sunday School rooms. Brother Rodrigo and Felipa have been living in one of those rooms since they got them built several months ago. This upstairs addition will give them two bedrooms and a living room with a half bath and a lot more privacy. They are going to maintain the kitchen down stairs and use the showers in the large bathrooms that serves the church. That will simplify the plumbing.

Bud called this evening and said that they have the apartment up, the roof on, and the sheetrock was delivered this afternoon. They will be working tomorrow, then the group will head back for the border on Thursday.

On Saturday they went out in small groups and canvassed the whole town inviting people to church. Sunday morning there were 51 present, including a couple who come from another small town up in the hills called El Refugio. They brought two visitors with them. Those two elderly men accepted the Lord that morning.

Bud said different ones had gone several times to visit an elderly man there in Celaya who came down with some kind of rare virus a month or so ago. Since then he has been completely helpless, paralyzed. His doctor told the family that it would take him six months to a year to recover use of his arms and legs



although he does have good sensation and feeling in his extremities. On each visit they have always prayed for his health. Bud went back night before last and sat down and visited with him at length, sharing the plan of salvation and he prayed to accept the Lord. So, apart from building the apartment, they have also been busy building the church. Please keep them all in your prayers.

After the Okies leave, Bud will return to Altamira to take the two brothers from Alabama. They will be flying out of Tampico on Friday and Bud should start home early next week.

God bless you richly for your investment in our work in Mexico. We could not do it without you.

Ruth

*Make me a blessing to someone today.*

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## Bridge Builders News

<http://www.bbftc.org>

We still have a few spaces available for the Cuba Children's Camp July 14-24, 2013 mission trip. The deadline date is April 15th (must have passport in your hand by April 15th) and there is enough time for a person to apply and receive a passport before that date if you 'expedite it.' Contact Gary Curry (580.320.1473) ASAP if there is interest in traveling with us. It is going to be a BLAST!

Gary Curry (580.320.1473)  
Director



# To the uttermost parts of the earth



## **Anthony & Lea Edgmon** **Alpedrete, Spain**

**FAMILY:** After almost three weeks, I feel like my voice and throat are almost back to normal. Thank you for praying for me. Our son, Marc, was sick the second half of last week. Thankfully, he seems to be doing better and was able to go back to school today. This week our kids will be having several tests since it is the end of the grading period. Next Monday our kids will be out of school for Father's Day. Father's Day is actually the 19th, but starting this year some of the holidays will be celebrated on the Monday before the actual date.

**WEATHER:** This past week we have had a lot of rain. We had a stretch of more than a week that it rained every day and during most of the day several of those days. That is not all that frequent of a thing here in central Spain. Highs for most of this week are supposed to be in the mid-40s, except for Wednesday and Thursday when a cold front pushes through giving us a chance of some snow.

**IN THE NEWS:** The euro exchange rate has dropped a little to \$1.30. Recently an article came out saying that Spain has moved up to the 4th most competitive country in the world in the area of tourism. The World Economic Forum that published these rankings suggests that tourism could tremendously help out the unemployment problem in Spain. The 17-nation euro-zone hit a new record in unemployment with an 11.9 % jobless rate. This compares with Spain's unemploy-

ment of 26.9%. The Spanish airline company Iberia has negotiated with a mediator to "let go" only 3,141 employees instead of 3,807.

**CHURCH / MINISTRY:** Tim Johnson ended up preaching for me the last time I was supposed to preach, so that I would have more time to let my voice recover. Last Sunday, a layman in our church brought the message. This Sunday, March 17, we will be celebrating Bible Day. The Director of Spain's United Bible Society will be presenting their ministry and preaching for us this Sunday in Alpedrete. Next week we will have Field Council meetings along with the Director of Field Operations, Jeff Turnbough. Last week the Alpedrete Church turned in the final papers to be recognized as a legally organized church. Pray that these papers will be processed in a timely and favorable manner. Thank you for your prayers. Pastor José Manuel's mother-in-law passed away last week. Pray for the family and the church in Alcalá who will miss this godly woman.

Anthony & Lea Edgmon

**India: Carlisle Hanna's son Don** spoke at the Palm Sunday service in Sonapurhat with many in attendance. Good Friday and sunrise services filled the large church building to capacity. Thank God for the work He is doing in India and pray the gospel will continue to spread throughout the country.

## **Bulgaria: The Good News**

FWB Church in Svishtov held their first large-scale outreach event earlier this month. Praise God for the 89 in attendance at the evangelistic lunch and dinner. Pray for continued interest in the gospel by all who attended, and for church members' follow up with the first-time visitors.

## Former General Director Rolla D. Smith Dies

Antioch, TN—Reverend Rolla D. Smith, former general director of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, entered Heaven's gates around 1:45 a.m., March 15, 2013. The 92-year-old was hospitalized and diagnosed with pneumonia earlier this month.



Brother Smith was transferred to West Meade Place, a rehab facility, where he continued to decline and died.

Smith had the unique responsibility of serving as general director two times. He was first asked to serve in 1959 and continued until 1962. Following his resignation as general director, the Missouri native was elected to the mission board where he served faithfully from August 1962 until July 1975. During those years, he also pastored churches in Missouri, Georgia, and Tennessee. The board asked him to serve a second stint as general director and Smith spent another 11 years at the helm (1975-1986) of the foreign missions department. "Uncle Rolla," as missionary kids worldwide called him, loved missionary families and was passionate about getting the gospel to the regions beyond.

Reverend Smith leaves behind his wife Helen Ketteman Smith and daughter Beth (Vernon) Whaley. Additional family members are listed in his obituary. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to International Missions.

*Note: There is a lovely story of Rolla D. Smith at [www.meetingthetexaschallenge.com](http://www.meetingthetexaschallenge.com) submitted by J. Mark Vandivort called "Fishing With Uncle Rolla." We invite you to visit that link and enjoy some good memories.*  
Sally Wilcox

## 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting 2013 Announced

Antioch, TN—International Missions' General Director Clint Morgan has issued a new call to prayer and fasting. "In 2011, as I began my tenure, I greatly sensed an immense need for God's direction and guidance. I asked others to join me and the Mission family in 40 days of prayer and fasting," Morgan recalls. "People responded generously. Many told me how God worked in their lives as a result of this focused time of prayer.

Even more amazing was how we saw God respond! We believe He gave wisdom and direction to International Missions' board and directors. Last year's World Missions Offering exceeded \$1 million—only through God's goodness and grace. Monthly income, though not at record levels, exceeds the previous year. Enthusiastic, highly qualified young people are seeking to serve overseas. God has totally exceeded our expectations, on every level!"

The 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting is scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 20 and conclude on April 28—World Missions Sunday. According to Director Morgan, "We want to focus prayer on three areas: missionary and Mission needs, the needs of national pastors and leaders, and the Mission's future strategies concerning fields of work, people groups, and finances."

"I believe fasting and prayer are essential elements of our Christian walk. However, we do not want either one to become ritualistic. For that reason, I was a bit hesitant to ask our Free Will Baptist people to join us in another 40 Days of Prayer," Morgan explains. "But several pastors and laymen have asked if we were going to have another 40 Days this year. Our office staff and some of the missionary force have requested it. I am delighted to press forward with this initiative." Prayer requests will be available via a PDF download on the Mission's website ([fwbgo.com](http://fwbgo.com)), sent out through social media daily, and released via email to inboxes each morning. Blogs that amplify the request of the day will be uploaded to the Mission website most days.

"We trust God will use this 40 Days to remind us of His faithfulness and, as a result of focused prayer and fasting, lead us to rely even more fully on Him," Morgan concluded.



## Seminary of the Cross

“The Mexican FWB’s are strong and healthy!” says Dr Thomas Marberry, former president of the Seminario de la Cruz in Reynosa, Mexico. The national convention drew several hundred from north, south, east and west Mexico. Together they praised the Lord and thanked Him for His grace.

The Seminary, however, is in dire need of funds to complete registration (\$1,000 each) of two vehicles donated. The mens’ dorm and the couples’ dorms are also in need of repair. Brother Marberry shared his concern for these and other immediate needs while completing a Missionary Conference at New Beginnings in Bryan. If the Lord lays these needs on your heart, you can contact Brother Marberry at Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, OK, for information on where to send donations.

## Matthew Bracey Joins Welch College Team in Registrar/Teaching Position

NASHVILLE, TN—Matthew Bracey will join the Welch College family as Registrar beginning July 2013, assuming many of the responsibilities of the Academic Administrative Assistant position formerly held by Lynsey Riggs, along with registrar duties, according to Provost Greg Kettman. Mr. Bracey will also teach courses in history, law, and theology.

Mr. Bracey is a 2008 graduate of Welch College (B.A., history) and holds an M.A. degree in theology from Beeson Divinity School and a J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Mr. Bracey sat for the Tennessee Bar Exam in February, and he and his wife Sarah will celebrate their first anniversary in May.

Dr. Kettman, said, “Matthew Bracey is exceptionally well-prepared to assume his duties at Welch College. It is rare to find an individual who is so qualified to wear the various hats the college needs at this time. Thank God for His providential leading of Matthew back to his alma mater.”

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Stephen Nelson  
Editorial Assistant  
Welch College

## Provide Aid to Pakistani Christians

Antioch, Tennessee—Darren Portell, administrative director of The Hanna Project, asks our people to respond to a humanitarian crisis impacting our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. Recently, a Free Will Baptist brother and leader in the work in Pakistan communicated dire news: “I recently informed you about the dark problem in Lahore Pakistan... The recent incident in Badami Bagh which burned approximately 300 Christians’ houses...(the) government was powerless and could do nothing to ensure security and protect non-Muslims from violence committed by Muslim hardliners...”

Fox News and other news outlets indicate hundreds of Christians’ homes were destroyed, Bibles burned, and bodies injured during this attack in Pakistan’s second-largest city.

Our brother continued with a plea for help: “Today we were with them (in Lahore) and distributed some food. During our visit with them we found that they need clean water, clothes and utensils and bedding. I would like to ask you, can Hanna Project help the victims of Lahore. They are really needy (at) this time; more than 500 families are settled in canvas tents without any bedding. Please pray and see what (the) Lord guide(s) you (to do to help).”

Let us help our brothers and sisters facing persecution!

Please respond as quickly as you can. The Hanna Project is receiving monetary donations to help with this crisis. All funds collected for our Pakistani brothers and sisters will be used to alleviate their suffering. Please send gifts to The Hanna Project, PO Box 417, Antioch, TN 37011. You may also donate online.

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Happy spring, everyone! If you're reading this, you have successfully accessed *The Texas Challenge* electronically or you have acquired a "homemade" printed copy. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this trial issue that has been published only in electronic format. The State Office functions on a very limited budget, and we want to be good stewards of God's resources, and a review of our budget and expenses during the All Boards Meeting in January reiterated to the Executive Board that printing and distributing the magazine is the largest expense the State Office incurs. The State Office finished 2012 approximately \$1300 in the red, which is roughly the same amount it costs to print and mail one issue of *The Texas Challenge*. To help offset those costs and bring the State Office back into the black, the Executive Board has decided that the Spring 2013 issue (this issue) would be published in electronic format only.

We are now seeking feedback from our churches on how well this meets your needs, to see if this is a plan we need to continue in the future or if there is a better solution, such as subscription fees or other ways to offset costs of producing the magazine. Sally and Lee continue to do a stellar job in producing the Challenge, and we want to continue the high quality presentation and relevant information that the magazine has become known for, but we want to do it in such a way that is a responsible use of the funds entrusted to us. If you have suggestions on additional savings in the cost of producing *The Texas Challenge*, please let us know.

Also, the State Office is supported only through representation fees and the offerings that you designate to the State Office through your churches and districts. All other monies received by the State Office are distributed to the boards, missionaries, colleges, and other ministries that you have specifically named to receive your offerings. If your church does not already do so, we encourage you to support the State Office in your church's budget. We serve at the pleasure of the state and we look forward to continuing to serve as we partner with you in your prayers and your giving.

Info on state convention also in this issue can be found on pages 6,7, and 15. Thanks to John Davis for posting the information on the state convention on the website, as well as for his efforts in

posting *The Texas Challenge* there.

This year's National Convention will be July 21-24 in Tampa, Florida; details can be found

in ONE Magazine or on

the NAFWB website (<http://nafwb.org/site/?p=191>).

By the time you read this, the 2013 World Missions Offering (WMO) will be right upon us. Texas had 82% participation in last year's WMO, and as of March 25, we had passed that total with 91% signed up to participate. Hopefully by the time April 28 arrives, we will have had 100% participation. We encourage every church to sign up, but even if you don't, all it takes to participate is one offering, coin bank, or coin folder. Set some goals for your church and be sure to get everyone involved. Details can be found at <http://www.fwbgo.com/funding/wmo/>.

As we've mentioned before, next year will be a busy year for Texas FWBs. Next year's State Meeting will be our 100th annual session. It will be held in the Bryan/College Station area, and planning is already underway. Clarence Hearron and Mark Headrick are leading a committee to plan the program for this milestone meeting, and they will be looking for your help in identifying noteworthy people, places, and events to highlight. Please contact them with your ideas and information.

As you'll remember, we will also be hosting next year's National Convention in Ft. Worth. We are now looking for volunteers to serve as Prayer Coordinator and Hospitality Coordinator, and we will also need NYC, WNAC, and usher assistance, among other positions. We also need to raise approximately \$20,000 to finish covering our requested donation to pay for cost of renting the meeting space; on average, this is about \$400/church. Some churches have already been contributing on a regular basis when we started this effort in 2005. However, we want to make sure that everyone can be involved as we prepare for this event, and churches are strongly encouraged to find creative ways to give to this worthy cause as we prepare to serve as hosts to our denomination.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.





## Youth Competition Changes

Due to unforeseen circumstances it has become necessary to move the state CTS competition to:

MAY 18TH, 2013

10: 00 AM

FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1228 W. VILLA MARIA RD  
BRYAN, TX 77801

Please pass this information on to anyone who is planning to participate or attend the competition. If anyone has questions they can contact either myself at the cell number below or Teresa Voltz at 832-647-3458. I have competition entry forms available on request or go to <http://www.texasfwb.org/cts.shtml>.

While you may pay your entry fee at the competition we do need to know ahead of time who is planning on competing so judging packets may be prepared. The sooner that we receive those packets the easier it is to get ready. You can scan and email them to my address below or Teresa's at [tvoltz@kleinisd.net](mailto:tvoltz@kleinisd.net).

THANK YOU for your assistance in this. This seems to be a year for changes but God always gets us through them and I know He will again. We look forward to seeing you at the competition this year. We will be serving a pizza lunch afterwards for all attendees who want to stay and fellowship with us.

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## Family Ministries Praises!

We praise God for His promises! I don't have to tell you, but sometimes ministry is just plain hard. The ministry here at Free Will Baptist Family Ministries is no different. But I've never heard anyone say ministry would be easy. Even Jesus warned His disciples of the hard times and dangers that awaited them in the future. But we have to hold to 2 Peter 3:9, which begins, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise..." Every day, you and I have to hang on to the promise that "He will never leave us, nor forsake us." No matter how hard it gets in ministry (and it will get harder), God is always there. Our house parents here at Family Ministries have the hardest job on campus by far. Please pray for them as they hold to the precious promises of God. And pray for them as they share those promises to the young people we serve!

We praise God for His protection! Over the past few years, Family Ministries has survived natural disasters like floods and tornadoes. Each time God spared us from the worst. A couple of years ago, tornadoes tore through Camp Creek. There were people in our community who died that tragic evening. The next day, we could see that the tornado had come within 100 yards of one of our cottages. But the Hand of God caused the tornado to turn and protect our people. And think of the times He protects us all from things we cannot even see. He is truly a "shelter in the time of storm."

Finally, we praise God for His provision. This summer we hope to break ground on an expansion of the school we have on our campus. The cost is going to be approximately \$1.5 million dollars. But God provides! Last year we were blessed with a gift of \$500,000 from the estate of Rev. O.P. & Ruby Stokes. Without their gift, we would not even be able to think about this much needed expansion project. This is where you could be so helpful to us and let God use you as His provision. Every year, we encourage churches to receive an offering for us on Mother's Day. Would you be willing to participate this year? Every dollar of this offering will go toward our school project. Providing a good education to the young people we serve is the second greatest thing we can do for them. Second only to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ! Thank you in advance for helping us this year with our 2013 Mother's Day Offering for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries!

# Calendar of Events from Marcus Brewer



Following are a few items that I want to be sure you're aware of as we make our way into spring and summer.

**State Meeting:** This year's State Meeting will be June 12-14 at Collin Creek FWB Church in Plano. Will Harmon, currently pastoring in Arkansas and previous pastor of Collin Creek, will be the keynote speaker. Lodging will be at Southfork Hotel, at a rate of \$82 per night, which includes breakfast. Registration information can be found online at [www.texasfwb.org](http://www.texasfwb.org). Information will also be mailed to each church.

**NAFWB:** This year's National Convention will be July 21-24 in Tampa, FL. Details can be found in ONE Magazine or at [www.nafwb.org](http://www.nafwb.org).

**State Youth Retreat:** The dates for this year's State Youth Retreat will be April 19-21 (Fri-Sun), held at Forest Glen Camp outside Huntsville.

**State Youth Competition:** This year, the state youth competitive activities will be held earlier in the year, due to a change in the registration date to compete at the National level. The National registration deadline is June 1, which means that we must have our state competition earlier than the State Meeting. Competition has been changed to May 18, 2013 and will be held at 10:00 AM at Fellowship FWB in Bryan.

**WMO:** Texas had 82% participation in last year's World Missions Offering, and we're already above that mark (91%) for this year, but we still have a little ways to go to get to 100%. All it takes to participate is one offering, coin bank, or coin folder, but we hope that you are preparing to do much more than that. We encourage you to set goals and special events for your church and be sure to sign up to participate at <http://www.fwbgo.com/funding/wmo/>.

If you're on Facebook and want to keep up with our progress on the World Missions Offering, you can follow along on a special page that Nick Stewart has created. Just search for "Texas WMO" in the search bar on your Facebook page.

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## New Randall House Release

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**Churches on Facebook:** As we set up more and more "footprints" online, we're finding new ways to communicate with and read about our churches' activities. One of those ways is through Facebook. Right now, I'm aware of 15 of our Texas FWB churches that have official Facebook pages in one form or another (group page, fan page, "business" page, etc.). If your church has a Facebook presence, please let me know (send me the link to your page or let me know what to search for). Even if I am already a "fan" or "friend" of your page, please confirm it with me, so that I know I have the most current information. This is another way we can communicate with one another and you can keep up with all that your fellow churches in Texas are doing.

Thanks,  
*Marcus Brewer*  
*Moderator/State Office Coordinator*



**Connecting Church & Home** is the newest release from Dr. Tim Kimmel, who is well known for his Gold Medallion Winner, Grace Based Parenting. Kimmel writes to both the parents and ministry leaders, bridging the gap that often finds its way

between the church and the home.

Kimmel equips parents and leaders with a plan that will make each other's efforts more impactful—leveraging the influence of the church and home to pass faith to the next generation.

Kimmel gives a comprehensive strategy to churches for family ministry as well as a plan for parents seeking to pass their faith to the next generation. He shares valuable tools for the church to use to build a strong family ministry. A child who has seen grace lived out in front of him at church and at home is much more inclined toward staying committed to a relationship with God into adulthood. So Kimmel shares what a grace-based family ministry looks like in a local church. He also teaches parents how to translate every part of the ministry they are exposed to at church into spiritual training at home.

**Marcus Brewer Day** (*cont'd from p. 9*) a gift card to help show our appreciation along with notes that were collected from several individuals prior to this day. Marcus was given a minute to respond to the congregation and as expected he made it clear that he was doing what he felt the Lord was leading him to do and that he did not do any of it to bring glory to himself but only to glorify the Lord. I can see the Lord responding to Marcus as in Matthew 25:23 "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy lord." We appreciate Marcus!

*by Cathy Stark, member of Fellowship FWB, Bryan*

# Texas Leaders for Christ Conference

by JD Davis

The State Christian Education Board held the 2013 Texas Leaders for Christ Conference (TLC) on March 1-2 at Camp Sonshine. Once again, we had a great time of learning and fellowship.

This time, we used some self-assessment tests to determine Spiritual Gifts and Personality Temperament. The Spiritual Gifts Test helped the participants determine their gifts, including administration, evangelism, exhortation, giving, helps, hospitality, leadership, mercy, prophecy, service, shepherding, teaching, or a combination of some of these. Once we determined our unique set



of gifts and interests, we had a good time discussing effective ways of applying them in service to the Lord.

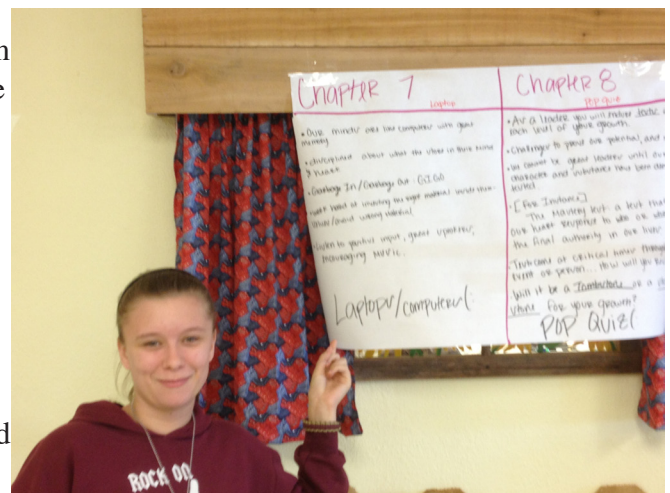


The Personality Temperance Test, derived from Tim LaHaye's book, "Why You Act the Way You Do," was designed to help participants understand their unique strengths and weaknesses in terms of dealing with others. Once we did this self-assessment, Jessica Voltz, one of the facilitators, helped us determine the best ways to apply our individual

temperances to situations in leading people. According to Elizabeth Topping, "I learned some things about my personal temperament that will help me in the future. I realize that I naturally respond differently to situations than some people around me. Knowing this will help me handle certain situations and deal with people in a more effective way."



Ken Austin led us in a course entitled "How to Lead



Someone to Christ." Personal evangelism is truly the way Jesus intended to build His church, and is a critical skill needed by all Christian leaders.

Another activity, led by Teresa Voltz, was the Book Review, in which we studied Tim Elmore's book "Habitudes: Images That Form Leadership Habits and Attitudes." We broke up into small groups and focused on a chapter or two at a time, then presented what we had learned to the group. It was a fun, thought-provoking, and educational experience, which whetted our appetites for more reading in the Habitudes series of books.

The conference ended Saturday afternoon with an uplifting Concert of Prayer. I believe everyone who attended was encouraged and refreshed after participating in TLC 2013. No instructor or student regretted the experience.



# East Texas District WAC is Blessed!!!

by Mitzi Burks

Our cup overflowed with blessings Saturday at the Carthage FWBC East Texas Women Active for Christ gathering. We were honored to have Sally Wilcox, TWAC President, visit and share her heart with us! Sally also introduced Cindy Hunter, from Tomball FWBC! Cindy has a deep love for serving the Lord, for women, and fulfilling God's will! Cindy shared from a study with Nancy Leigh DeMoss that she had just attended. Through Isaiah 40:1-5, Cindy encouraged us knowing:

- ✓ There is comfort for the repentant.
- ✓ Our King is coming and our hearts need to be changed.
- ✓ How to prepare for Christ by lifting up our valleys – complacency, lack of spiritual meditation, self-pity, selfishness.
- ✓ How to prepare for Christ by bringing low every mountain & hill – broken relationships, attitude, money, pleasure, pride, thoughts that I'm too bad for God to change.
- ✓ There is VICTORY! Rough ground will be level, smooth; the glory of the Lord will be revealed!

Cindy challenged us with these questions:

What do Christians love?

Why do so many followers of Jesus seem to be more compassionate about \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank) than His Word, His Kingdom?

Katie King (9 years old) continued the blessings in song with "When I Call On Jesus" – this young lady loves the Lord and has a willing heart!

Stephanie Horton, wife of pastor Joshua Horton, wrapped it all up for us in Luke 4:17 – Our purpose, Women Active for Christ, is to preach the gospel, seek and save the lost – the work of the Kingdom – missions – people & the lost! Our focus is missions; it starts with our family. The enemy distracts us – Facebook, Twitter, phone. Jude 21, 22 tells us we are to make a difference. We need to refocus, pray, have a willing and obedient heart, and go! Stephanie handed out missionary cards and we refocused by closing with prayer groups.

I'm so excited about what the Lord is going to do in the coming days!



# Lakehills Women Active for Christ...REALLY!!! *by Marsha Hood*

While we are known as a recent addition to the state, we first organized as an auxiliary in the early 1990's. We have always had a vibrant group of ladies. As with many organizations, over time our original focus was diluted and somehow our good intention and efforts took other forms. Our focus became more about what was being done inside the church instead of outside. Although we were still doing important things (baby & wedding showers, organizing church dinners, planning pastor appreciation, sponsoring families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and having the occasional missionary speaker or mission project) our primary focus had drifted away from its intended purpose.

That is until I attended the Texas State Meeting last year in Henderson. As I sat in the TWAC meeting I was struck by several realities: First, there was a VERY low number of women in attendance. As I looked around I saw faces I recognized, but many were missing. Secondly, and along the same line, I noticed the absence of young women in the group. The last thing that struck me, and maybe the most disturbing of all, was the disappointing report that was given about the status of the state mission project. As I listened to the report and the numbers that were presented, I realized that the TWAC was falling far short of its goal. In fact, the goal from year to year had been lowered, and we were in danger of not reaching this lowered goal.

I left that meeting and immediately upon returning home called my pastor and shared my concern. I admitted my guilt in the role I played in allowing our ladies group to lose sight of our real mission. I also purposed to do my best to change it, starting right then!

I called a special board meeting with our officers and shared my burden with them. We all agreed that we should shift our focus and redirect our efforts. We would stretch ourselves and truly make missions and our missionaries the central focus of what we are about.

By the end of our meeting we had set a goal for the remainder of 2012 of \$500 - not a lot but definitely attainable in a less-than-six-month period of time. We immediately started a Craig's list program where items in the church were listed with all the proceeds going into our mission account. The ladies hosted a game night. We began highlighting missionaries and their efforts on "Mission Emphasis Sunday" the first Sunday of each month. We select different areas of service, state, home, and foreign.

Coming into the new year we will continue to do this, as well as include our Bible colleges and children's home within our denomination. Our people can see their faces, hear their stories, and know how better to pray for them.

With about \$170 in the bank, we planned our first Fifth Sunday Mission Dinner - the first dinner brought in close to \$500! In one fell swoop, we had exceeded our goal! The ladies were excited, our pastor was excited, and the people of the church were stepping up and coming along side us in our efforts. Our final mission project for 2012 was a Christmas bazaar which featured hand-made and homemade items from ladies in our church. We were competing with other craft sales, weather wasn't great, and on and on. We carried the sale over to Sunday, and offered unsold items to the congregation. When it was all said and done, God had again blessed our efforts and we brought in a total of nearly \$1,200! All in all, our ladies with the help of our church members, had raised \$1,800 in only 5 months! Isn't God amazing! In addition to sending money to the State mission project, the extra money allowed us to help the Jars of Clay Church in Monterrey, Mexico offer scholarships for some of their high school students who must pay to attend school. This is a mission church that was previously was pastored by a couple who attend our church.

We feel our church as a whole has been blessed because of the efforts we made in 2012. We have set a new goal of \$2,500. This new year we will try to make sure everyone has a place to serve. In every church there is someone who can organize an event, send cards or letters of encouragement, give monetary gifts, gifts of time or service. I'm expecting God to do great things in and through the lives of the people in our church.

I would like to issue a challenge to each church in our district, and state. Do something...anything! Have a small church with only a few members in your auxiliary? Have a large church with an active ladies group? Either way get busy working and give God an opportunity to show you what He can do! Little is much when God is in it!



# Upcoming Events for TWAC Everywhere!

Texas Women Active for Christ have a busy schedule:

## **June 13, 2013, Thursday, 8:30 AM** **TWAC Business Meeting**

We will be voting on a new slate of officers and installing them, some to begin immediately in their office!

**Cindy Hunter** of First Free Will Baptist Tomball will be nominated as the new president. Cindy is a woman after God's own heart. She is a beautiful wife and mother, wonderful and captivating speaker, ex-Navy organizer, and sings with the passion of a woman who loves the Lord. She is highly recommended by her peers.

**Jane Galvan** in Conroe is slated to be the next vice president. Jane is a God-fearing wife, mother and grandmother and the owner of 4 flower shops in the Conroe area. She is ready at the drop of a hat to take on whatever we throw at her! Calm, cool and collected. She will be an asset to the state board.

**Sally Wilcox** will be taking on the position of field worker. With her husband Lee at her side, Sally has been able to visit numerous churches and church events as they are both retired. Sally loves people, and loves to encourage our WACs across the state.

**Lillian Pritchett** needs little introduction. She has for many years been the TWAC treasurer and continues to work wonders with the TWAC finances. She never drops the ball, and continually keeps the board on its toes. Never a penny wasted!

**Esther Mayo** will continue as secretary and will continue to chronicle all TWAC events with accuracy and diligence. With her husband Ken Mayo, pastor of Eastside FWB in Houston, she attends all the conventions across Texas and the National faithfully.

**Mitzi Burks** will continue as a member-at-large. She is faithful to do whatever she is asked to do, and does it with excellence. She is a beautiful example of Christ in the heart of a woman.

**Phyllis Bass** is new to Texas, but not to FWBs. Her husband Howard Bass has stepped into the pulpit of First Free Will Baptist Tomball following Brother Bobby Ferguson's retirement. Phyllis is a long standing member of WAC in North Carolina. She is slated to be a member-at-large.

**Ana Yacobian** will light up the board from McAl-

len where she and her husband Gregory have started a mission church. Ana has homeschooled her two boys, one of which is now 18 and has been selected to be on the YET this coming summer. Ana continues to amaze as she creates websites, programs, costumes, ... you name it! She comes in with joy and excitement!

**Judy Posner** will continue as a member-at-large. Judy is experienced in the WAC and has been a president in the past years. She keeps us in check, and loves the Lord, the WAC, and her beautiful family. Her family is a true testimony to Judy's faithfulness as a woman of God.

## **June 13, 2013, 9:30 AM** **TWAC Worship Session** **Theme: His Hands**

Speaker: Collette Wright, pastor's wife at McKinney FWB Mission

## **June 13, 2013, 11:00 AM** **Joint Session - "His Hands"**

Speaker: Brother Bobby Ferguson, recently retired after 50 years of pastoring First Free Will Baptist Tomball.

## **TWAC Retreat**

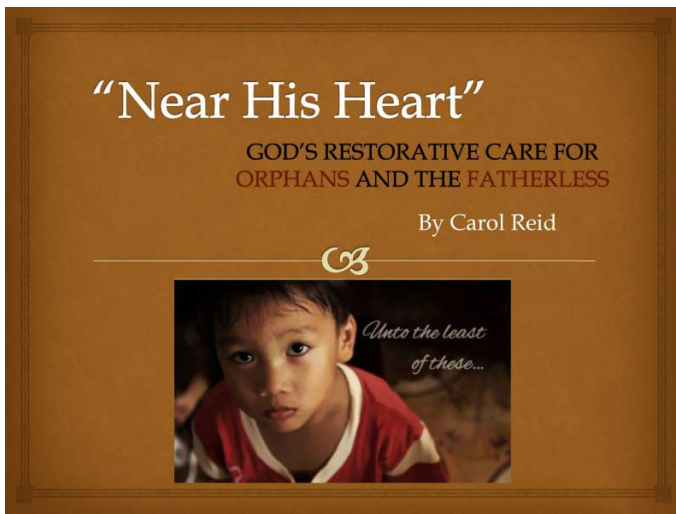
October 11 & 12, Forest Glen Camp, Huntsville, TX  
Cost: \$61 includes one night lodging and 3 meals (Thursday, October 10, \$36, extra night and 2 meals)

Speaker: **Rachel Norris** of Joy Pottery in Bryan Rachel will speak on and demonstrate the "Potter and the clay" both Friday evening at 7:00 and Saturday morning at 11:00. You won't want to miss this! Speaker: **Celina Henderson** of McAllen will share on Saturday morning at the 9:30 session on "The Way of the Master." Celina was a missionary in the Philippines. She learned evangelism on the ground, and continues to use her lessons in McAllen in street evangelism.

We will enjoy learning hand massages, giving and receiving before going to bed Friday evening. Bring snacks and be ready for fellowship.

**Kareen Rust** will be leading us once again in crafts on Friday afternoon, making scrapbooks from a variety of materials. Check out the brochure!

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WNAC now offers PowerPoint programs for its monthly Treasure Bible studies. These programs, prepared by Kentucky pastor's wife Julia Thomas, creatively highlight the main points in each section and provide a summary of the study. The program is available in both ppt and pptx formats, and also in pdf (four slides per page) for leaders who do not have PPT access at their meetings.

## Upcoming Events for Texans

**WMO (World Mission Offering)**  
April 28, 2013

**Youth Competition**  
May 18, 2013 at Fellowship FWB in Bryan

**Texas State Convention**  
June 12-14, 2013 at Collin Creek FWB  
Plano, TX  
**TWAC at State Convention - June 13**

**National Convention**  
July 21-24 in Tampa, FL.

**TWAC Retreat**  
October 11-12, 2013  
at Forest Glen Camp, Huntsville



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