

HEARTBEAT

SUMMER 2020

HEART OF TEXAS BAPTIST NETWORK

NETWORK MISSIONARY REPORT

I don't know how many different ways we can say we are in unprecedented times. Almost everything reminds us of the fact we have never been through a moment like our current one.

Sometimes, this is overwhelming. We have decision fatigue, we are tired of the constant battles on social media, and we are often confused about the future.

But, we have an eternal, unshakeable hope in Jesus. We know Jesus has won the victory over sickness, suffering, and death. We know we can trust His Word and rest in His presence and it is this Gospel truth that helps us put one foot in front of the other day after day.

I want to encourage you to keep going, keep praying. God works when His people pray. Let's pray for His healing hand on our communities. Let's pray for His power to protect our schools. Let's pray for our churches to use this moment to show and proclaim the love and power of the Gospel. Let's pray for one another to endure, to not grow weary in doing good, and to live with the hope and joy of Jesus even in the midst of the chaos of this world.

I am excited about the days ahead because I believe we have a unique opportunity to work together in our Network to see God's Kingdom go forth. Let's pray, as Jesus does in John 17, for unity, that we might be one as we band together for Gospel work.

I have had the great privilege to be in a few different churches in my first few months in this position and I am encouraged because God is working. God is doing a good work right here among us from our smallest church to our biggest church.

Every church, every ministry, every person is important and vital to God. The faithfulness of the pastors and leaders of our Network churches fills me with hope about the days ahead. I look forward to working with you to see Jesus glorified and the Gospel advanced in our Network and around the world. Keep going! We are here for you, we are praying for you.

In this newsletter you will find information from our Ministry Teams about what God is doing through them, you will see resources we have for you to use for ministry in your community, and you will find information about our upcoming Annual Meeting. Though the times may truly be unprecedented our mission hasn't changed because our God hasn't changed.

Let's trust Him together!

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church.

Our business meeting will begin at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with the seating of the messengers. **We will not have a meal this year.**

Worship service will begin at 6:00 pm. Dr. Cory Hines, President of Howard Payne University will bring the message and the Howard Payne University Chapel Band will lead us in worship through music.

We will be social distancing and encourage everyone to wear their mask.



THE MISSION TEAM

The function of the Mission Team can be summed up in two broad objectives.

1. Missions Education: to foster a greater awareness of what God is doing to glorify Himself among the nations. The Team will:
 - Provide learning opportunities for HOTBN member churches that stimulate a greater passion for God's glory in our local communities and world.
 - Publicize the work of a missionary family each year so that network churches will pray and advocate for missionaries.
 - Create tools that help us engage more meaningfully with internationals in our communities. People from many different countries live in our communities.
2. Increased partnership by network churches in mission trips: Currently, the approach of the HOTBN office is not to create mission trips led by the Network Missionary. Considering that our network churches already go on mission trips, the approach is to encourage network churches to invite folks from network churches to join them on their mission trips. In addition, each year the team will emphasize a mission trip in each setting: local, domestic, and international.

At the Annual Meeting, the Mission Team will present our plan for the last months of 2020 and throughout 2021.

EQUIPPING TEAM



We will be hosting a conference at the Network office on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Wes Carroll, from Eastside Baptist Church in Comanche, will lead a practical training on audio/visual basics.

- Do you need better sound quality in your worship services?
- Do you have questions about technology and your church?

This will be a great opportunity for you to learn from Wes.

We hope you will join us. Please RSVP to the Resource office by September 10, 2020. You can do so by calling Abbie at 325-643-1348.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Special Thank You to Rocky Creek Baptist Church for their generous donation towards the renovation on the BBQ Trailer

Fellowship Unit. 16' Barbecue trailer with pit, fish fryers, and a built-in serving table.

(Please be advised that this trailer is very heavy and will need to be transported with a vehicle that has a 2" trailer ball.)



ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

If your church relates to the BGCT (Texas Baptist) they are asking each church to submit their Annual Church Profile (ACP) online. Your church should receive an email with the following information:

"Welcome to the Annual Church Profile (ACP) Community. Below you will find the link to set your password and log in to the Community. There is only one username and password for your organization/church. Be sure whoever is filling out the ACP for your organization/church has this information. If you need any assistance please contact Texas Baptists by calling 888-244-9400 or emailing imt@texasbaptists.org."

The BGCT asks that all ACP information be submitted by **November 30, 2020**. For assistance you can contact them at **(888) 244-9400**.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AMONG THE CHURCHES

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, at the Network office at 6:30 pm.

There will be a Zoom link that we will send out a few days prior to the meeting so Executive Board members that would like to join virtually, can do so.

We will be discussing amendments to our by-laws and constitution which were mailed and e-mailed out last week. If anyone needs a copy of these amendments please contact the Resource office at 325-643-1348.

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- FBC Lake Brownwood is seeking a Pastor
- FBC May is seeking a Pastor
- Star Baptist Church is seeking a Pastor
- FBC Gustine is seeking a Pastor

FINANCIAL REPORT

(AS OF JULY 31, 2020)

HOTBN Primary Account Balance	\$ 96,685.65
HOTBN Mission Account	\$ 26,807.52
Year to Date Budgeted	\$ 90,648.53
Year to Date Spent	\$ 73,925.18

Thank you for your investment in this ministry. The Heart of Texas Baptist Network receives the vast majority of its resources from the voluntary gifts of the churches of this Network.

Thank you for your faithfulness and confidence in cooperative Baptist missions beyond the local church.

