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# FANNIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## *the Advocate*

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Jesus is here!*

2 Corinthians 9:15

Merry Christmas  
2020

Darrel & Kimberly  
Hathcock

Carl & Donna Cox

Hello All,

I am sitting here thinking what words to write that might encourage you as we move toward the end of 2020. For nine months we have lived with unexpected changes brought about by COVID, and the accompanying difficulties that continue to be a part of everyday life. Perhaps many will consider 2020 as a year that was filled with disappointment, loneliness, and failure.

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel." (Is 7.14) In Matthew, we read the fulfillment of this prophecy, and learn that Immanuel means "God with us." (Matt 1.23) What a wonderful, amazing thought that God is with us, that He chooses to be among us, to walk with us, and to be our God. This is true even in the darkest, most difficult times of our lives, including the year 2020.

In the first chapter of Matthew, we also read about Joseph and his dream in which an angel says to him, "...She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name יֵשׁוּעַ "Yeshua." Yeshua is a form of the Biblical Hebrew name יְהוֹשֻׁעַ Yehoshua (Joshua), and Joshua means "Yahweh is salvation" or God is my Savior! All this to say that even the name Jesus should remind us that our salvation is in God and Him alone.

So, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let us rejoice in at least these two things: God is with us, and He is our salvation. Perhaps doing so will lead us to remember 2020 as a year in which we became aware of how great the need is for Christ in every life.

IN HIS GREAT LOVE,  
Darrel

## Open Arms Shelter

### OAS NIGHT OWLS WANTED!

Open Arms Shelter depends upon volunteers to help homeless in Fannin County. We need you! Please join our NIGHT OWL TEAM.

Option 1: Volunteer to work an overnight slot monthly  
10:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Option 2: Adopt an overnight slot by paying \$60 monthly

For more information or to sign-up call 903-449-445. You may also sign up by going to [www.oashelter.com](http://www.oashelter.com)

### Adopt a Resident Campaign

Currently there are 8 residents at the shelter. We have given each resident a form to fill out of Christmas wishes. If you are interested in adopting a resident, please get in touch with Melody.

Melody McKibbin, Director  
Open Arms Shelter, Bonham  
903-449-4451

[www.oashelter.com](http://www.oashelter.com)

New Zion Baptist Church Invites You To A  
European

*Christmas*

Market

Hand Crafts-Natural Goods-Caroling-Hot  
Drinks-Food  
Christmas Activities and More...

Friday | December 4

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday | December 5

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



**December 8 @ 6:00 PM**

Pastor/Staff & Wives

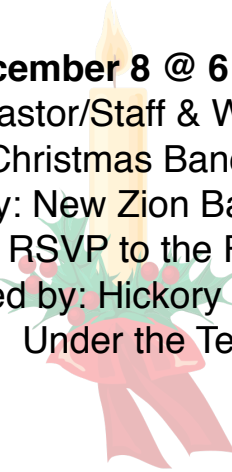
Christmas Banquet

Hosted by: New Zion Baptist Church

Please RSVP to the FBA Office

Catered by: Hickory Barbeque

Under the Tent



Cooperative Program Christmas Video

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/fh63q70nznsufrn/Texas%20CP%20Christmas.mp4?dl=0>

Texas Baptist  
Bruce McCoy, D.Min  
888-244-9400, xt 5306

*Merry Christmas*

## December Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to...

Becky Ball	December 18
Reuben Trussell	December 21
Denny Tompkins	December 21
Colby Rich	December 24
Lori Kinnaird	December 24

### Wedding Anniversary

Brad & Melanie Connelly	December 11
Casey & Ashley Rogers	December 15
Bill & Alta Thornton	December 20
Mike & Sheila Allred	December 22
Josh & Ashley Lott	December 27

### Church Anniversary

Lyn Holly	
Pastor, Calvary Baptist	4 Years
Tony Martinez	
Pastor, Camino Real	4 Years
Ronnie Ball	
Pastor, Sandy Baptist	1 Year



## Youth Minister Search

Valley Creek Baptist Church is searching  
for a

Youth Minister. For more information  
contact Jonathan Turner 903-269-0855  
or email

[gr8fisherman593@gmail.com](mailto:gr8fisherman593@gmail.com)



## Financial Receipts\_OCTOBER 2020

ALLENS POINT	\$1666.97
BAILEY FIRST	\$ 200.00
BOIS D ARC CREEK	\$ 266.43
BONHAM FIRST	\$ 450.00
BOYD	\$ 100.00
CALVARY	\$ 100.00
CAMINO REAL	\$ 40.00
CORINTH	\$ 207.60
DUPLEX	\$ 266.00
ECTOR	\$ 100.00
EDHUBE	\$ 114.00
ELWOOD	\$ 102.00
HONEY GROVE FIRST	\$ 300.00
LAMASCO	\$ 344.00
PECAN GAP FIRST	\$ 180.00
RANDOLPH FIRST	\$ 234.00
RAVENNA	\$ 278.00
SANDY	\$ 374.12
SAVOY FIRST	\$ 100.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 500.68
TRENTON FIRST	\$ 50.00
TRINITY	\$ 89.32
WINDOM	\$ 308.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6371.12</b>

*Listed above are contributions made to  
FBA during the month. We are very  
thankful to those who faithfully give.*

Hand Sanitizer and Masks are available at  
the FBA office if churches have a need for  
them.

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