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FANNIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
*the Advocate*

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*Annual Pastor/Staff Christmas Banquet*

Thanks to New Zion Baptist Church for hosting this event!



Happy New Year,

We are excited about the new year as we continue to seek God's direction for life and ministry in Fannin County. We just held our first pastor/staff luncheon of the new year, and had a great time of fellowship. Yet we realize that not every pastor/leader can make it to these monthly meetings. In an effort to acknowledge this, we have begun a random drawing to select a church to whom we will send a gift certificate. The first name selected was Camino Real de Bonham. They will receive a gift certificate to Los Amigos. While we realize that this is a small token, we so much want you to know that you are missed when you are not able to gather with us.

In addition, we desire to make a more concerted effort to gather monthly to discuss and envision the ministry of FBA. We are setting aside the third Tuesday of each month as a time to gather, first at your association office, and then at another place if a larger venue is needed. Times and locations will be provided through Donna's weekly email.

I remain convinced that we are at our best when we work together. One example of this is the upcoming D-Now to be held at FBC Bonham on February 18-19. Plans are for youth to join leaders of Texas Baptists to set up and feed both the D-Now participants, local pastors, and those from the community who would come to hear the Gospel. Consider coming to be a part of this event on Saturday, February 19. We will begin set up and dinner preparations in the afternoon. This would be a great place to invite others to see how they too can be involved in a feeding unit that is utilized for disaster relief. Whether cooking, serving, setting up, washing up, electrical/mechanical solutions, or numerous other tasks, people are needed to help in every area. Let your people know that this is a place where they can be engaged with others in making a kingdom difference.

I look forward to serving and ministering with you in 2022, and I continue to pray for you and your church.

In His Great Love, Darrel

# LAKE LAVON EVENTS 2022

For more information [www.lakelavoncamp.com](http://www.lakelavoncamp.com)



## 70th Birthday Bash

January 22, 2022

It's Lake Lavon Camp's 70th birthday and you're invited! Celebrating 70 years of life changing legacy! Enjoy a day of fun and games, free food and enter to win some really great prizes.



March 25 - 26, 2022

## Father-Son Retreat



**Proverbs 23:24**

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice: he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him"



## Jail Ministry Volunteers Needed

2021 was challenging for the jail ministry. We were closed to volunteers from March 2020 through the end of July 2021, due to COVID-19. We had to close to volunteers again from October 20<sup>th</sup> thru November 27<sup>th</sup> this year as we had another wave of COVID make it's way thru the facility. COVID has not only affected inmates and staff, but volunteers as well. When we shut down in March of 2020, we had 21 active volunteers. Today, we are down about fifty-percent.

In 2022, we are hoping to establish a faith based housing program. It's my hope that we can procure volunteers and curriculum for this new project. I believe God wants us to help our residents be spiritually prepared for their future success whether they are imprisoned, or released back into society. Most people in jails will be released (about 94%) without ever going to prison.

Currently, I have received permission to use a new program called **CHANGED FOR GOOD: Managing Your Anger, and Developing Interpersonal Skills**. It is a faith-based curriculum developed for The Institute for Prison Ministries at Wheaton College. It is authored by Dr. Karen Swanson, and Brenda and Steven Ratcliff. It is biblically-based, skill-based and implements evidence-based practices established by the National Institute of Corrections. It is an 8 week program and has been tried and proven in a correctional setting by the author(s).

### Our Need:

I'm praying for God to provide volunteer(s) to facilitate/teach **CHANGED FOR GOOD: Managing Your Anger, and Developing Interpersonal Skills**. It's set up similar to teaching a LifeWay Sunday School Lesson. The first step is praying, then announcing our need, which is why I'm writing this to you. The next step would be training volunteer(s) to teach the program. And finally, scheduling and implementing the program inside the facility.

Thanks!

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# JANUARY

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to...

17	Casey Holly	Calvary
18	Karen Ogea	Gathering Time
21	Cary Kinnaird	Corinth
23	Terry Cunningham	Westside

### Wedding Anniversaries...

1	Cody & Kristina Nelson	7th & Main
4	Kevin & Heather Lane	Bois D Arc Cowboy
8	David & Kay Hawkins	Valley Creek
25	Denny & Karen Hopkins	Dial

### Church Anniversaries...

Denny Tompkins	
Pastor, Dial	8 Years
Steve Walker	
Pastor, Duplex	1 Year

### Tax Seminars

Southern Baptists of Texas is offering online tax seminars.

**January 18\_ 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**January 19\_ 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**January 25\_ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**January 27\_ 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

For more information or to register

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



### Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest Sympathy goes out to  
Bro. Mike Haney and his family in the loss of  
Bro. Mike's father.

Gerald Haney passed away on January 3  
at the age of 96. Services will be held on  
January 8 in Topeka, Kansas.

## Financial Receipts\_NOVEMBER 2021

BAILEY FIRST	\$ 200.00
BOIS D ARC CREEK	\$ 519.22
BONHAM FIRST	\$ 490.83
BOYD	\$ 100.00
CALVARY	\$ 200.00
CAMINO REAL	\$ 40.00
DIAL	\$ 187.20
DUPLEX	\$ 267.00
ECTOR	\$ 100.00
EDHUBE	\$ 101.00
ELWOOD	\$ 309.00
IVANHOE	\$ 609.24
LAMASCO	\$ 343.00
NEW ZION	\$ 585.00
RANDOLPH FIRST	\$ 264.00
RAVENNA	\$ 136.00
SANDY	\$ 394.80
SAVOY FIRST	\$ 100.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 675.27
TRENTON FIRST	\$ 131.97
TRINITY	\$ 114.71
WINDOM	\$ 346.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6214.24</b>

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

## EMPOWER CONFERENCE

**February 28 & March 1, 2022**

Irving Convention Center

Southern Baptist of Texas Convention

Register: [www.sbtexas.com](http://www.sbtexas.com)

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