



REHOBOTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

# THE RECORD

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## My Wish List for Christmas and the New Year as a DOM



Sometimes I dream! Do you? I dream of big things like what I could do if I were given the amount of money in the recent “power ball” jackpot of \$550 million.

I know, I know... it’s not about what you would do if you had such and such but what you do with what you have.

But it’s okay to dream now and then, isn’t it?

Well, here’s my “dream” for RBA Churches and ministries and my “wish list” too!

I wish every church in RBA would be a part of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions for one year.

100% of this offering goes directly to the “fields” around the world! Last year, only 25 of 52 RBA churches participated in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

I wish every Church, Pastor and Staff member in RBA would participate in our Annual Gathering of Churches for one year.

Is it for me? No, it’s for Us! Purposely and intentionally coming together in worship and fellowship and testimony blesses others, glorifies God, and makes a “joyful noise” about Him in our area! It lets people know the “Church” is gathering and it’s serious about the region and about each other.

I wish more of our “dedicated” Christians would faithfully tithe for one year!

The Bible has only 500 verses on prayer, but over 2,000 verses on money and possessions. Oh that we would take God to “test” for one year. (Malachi 3:10)

I wish more of our Pastors and Church leaders would focus on building biblical, healthy relationships for one year.

According to Lifeway Resources, relational issues took the first five spots in staff terminations at Churches for ten consecutive years. John Maxwell says, “To go along we must get along.”

I wish our Church leaders and people would truly think vision and purpose for one year.

The maintenance mentality over being mission minded hurts the Kingdom and keeps the lost, lost. There is a “disconnect” and researchers forecast 60% of all American churches will disappear before 2050. We live in the “mission age”, not the “church age.”

I wish our Churches and leaders would be intentional and deliberate in overcoming racial barriers in ministry for one year!

Jesus still loves the little children “red and yellow, black, brown, and white.” I don’t know how to do this, but God does! (Matthew 6:33)

“This pursuit is a mission of the heart, the mind and the Spirit. It manifests itself not solely in tactics such as marches, protests, and legislation, but in intentional acts of righteousness, justice, kindness, faith and love.” (Anonymous)

Well, that’s my list for Christmas 2012 and the year 2013. I’m looking to God to fill it, not Santa Claus. Look with me!

Yours in Christ,  
Kent Pate

**A word from our  
Director of Hispanic Ministries**



Thank you for your persistence and giving to the Hispanic Churches. There is no doubt in my mind that if any assistance were to be cut off to the few Hispanic Churches, they would not be able to survive on their own. Thanks for giving an supporting Rehoboth Baptist Association. Thanks to my Anglo Christian Pastors, Staff and Churches. Pray, work, and take time with your Hispanic Pastors and Churches as some of you have done until now. That is what is needed in order to correct, rebuke and exhort with love. That is what is needed to be a better minister of our Lord Jesus Christ. None of us is an exception. We all need encouragement to function as one, ministers and churches.

May the Lord continue to bless our Anglo brothers and sisters as they have done so to equip the church. Time is running out and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is at hand. I hope he finds us faithful to Him and only to Him.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your persistence in giving and supporting the Hispanic work. THANKS!

¡Feliz Navidad y Año Prospero 2013!

*Eloy Gonzalez*



We would like to wish you  
and yours a  
very Merry Christmas!  
Kent Pate, Eloy Gonzalez  
and Shelly Huff

EVERY MAN'S DESTINY  
EVERY WOMAN'S DREAM



# KINGDOM MAN Conference

SSHS Multi-Purpose Building  
February 15-16, 2013

Tickets \$20      Fri 7-9:30pm  
Sat 9am-12pm



with **Dr. Tony Evans**

2013 RBA Evangelism Rally

February 24, 2013  
First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs  
6:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker: Dr. Richard Jackson  
Jackson Center for Evangelism  
and Encouragement Brownwood, TX

Music Led by: Mike Parks  
Green Acres Baptist Church  
Tyler, Texas

## START OVER

When you've trusted Jesus and walked His way  
When you've felt His hand lead you day by day  
But your steps now take you another way  
Start over.

When you've made your plans and they've gone awry  
When you've tried your best and there's no more try  
When you've failed yourself and you don't know why,  
Start over.

When you've failed your kids and they're grown and gone  
When you've done your best but it's turned out wrong  
And your grandchildren have come along,  
Start over.

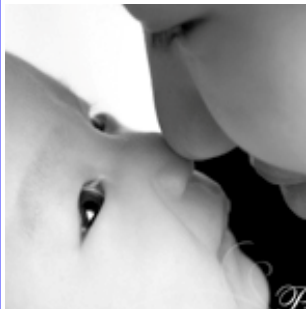
When you've prayed to God so you'll know His will  
When you've prayed and prayed and you don't know still  
When you want to stop cause you've had your fill,  
Start over.

When you think you're finished and want to quit  
When you've bottomed out in life's deepest pit  
When you've tried and tried to get out of it,  
Start over.

When the year has been long and successes few  
When December comes and you're feeling blue  
God gives January just for you,  
Start over.

Starting over means "Victories Won"  
Starting over means "A Race Well Run"  
Starting over means "The Lord's Will Done"  
We need not just sit there...START OVER.

## SBC Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 20, 2013



*"Let the little children  
come to me, and do not  
hinder them, for the  
kingdom of God belongs  
to such as these."*

**Mark 10:14, NIV**

## "Journey To Royalty" Ladies' Conference

**March 1 - 2, 2013  
Pine Street Baptist Church  
Winnsboro, Tx**

**Friday Night - 6:30 pm  
ROYALTY OF GOD-  
Worship Team**

Featuring The Talents  
Of **Teresa Harmening**



Presented By:  
**Chocolate Covered Ministries**

**Saturday Morning- 9:00 am  
I AM ROYALTY-**  
Janice Foley

**ROYALTY OF OTHERS-**  
Marca Cain

**\$55.00 includes conference and meals.**

**Ask about our gift certificates. Bless someone else!  
Information call 903-918-8984 or choccm@yahoo.com**

## A Look Ahead...

January 24 ~ Ministry Team Mtg.  
5:30 p.m. @ FBC, SS

January 29 ~ Administration Team Mtg.  
2 p.m. @ RBA Office

February 15-16 ~ Men's Conference w/ Dr. Tony Evans

February 24 ~ RBA Evangelism Rally  
6:30 p.m. @ FBC, SS

March 1-2 ~ Chocolate Covered Ministries Ladies Retreat  
Pine Street Baptist Church

March 26 ~ Administration Team Mtg.  
2 p.m. @ RBA Office

April 20 ~ Sr. Adult Evening @ Purley Gates with  
Randy Mac of The Promise 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

April 25 ~ Ministry Team Mtg.  
5:30 p.m. @ FBC, SS



## Church News

If your church has a special event or information you'd like to share in the newsletter, please email [info@rehobothonline.org](mailto:info@rehobothonline.org) or call the office, 903-885-2868. The Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.



Please be in prayer for our:  
Pastorless Churches

Enloe  
FBC, Como  
Friendship, Pecan Gap  
New Beginnings Fellowship, Sulphur Spgs.  
Posey Baptist Church  
Ridgeway Baptist Church



Senior Adult Evening  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
@ Purley Gates Retreat Center  
Guest Speaker:  
Randy Mac of The Promise  
5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

For years (many years!) **Randy Mac** has been honing his entertainment and communication skills. And he has served many groups in many diverse settings. While much of his time is spent working with **church groups** in various situations, Randy Mac has provided entertainment ... **Clean Entertainment...** for many **corporate and civic groups** as well.

He is a self proclaimed, one-man **variety show**...using his music (guitar, keyboard, and singing) along with his large selection of **jokes, stories, sound effects, and an illusion** on occasion.

## 2013 RBA Fishing Tournament



Lakeview Baptist Assembly  
May 3-4, 2013  
Guest: Robert Burkhart

The RBA Office received a call about a nice home electric organ with foot pedals that is free to anyone.

If you are interested please call our office at 903-885-2868



**RBA Office**

**will be closed for the  
Christmas Holiday**

**December 24 - January 1.**

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### Mission Statement

*The mission of Rehoboth Baptist Association is to offer leading edge assistance in creating healthy New Testament churches that honor Jesus Christ by their very existence.*



*Changed lives through Christ-centered churches*

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ELOY GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRIES  
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
Friday 8:30AM - 2:30PM