

You will notice changes in this publication. As of January 1, Blanco Baptist Association will be publishing the Blessing six (6) times this year. This is a Jan/Feb issue. The combinations will be: Mar/April; May/June; July/Aug; Sept/Oct/ and Nov/Dec. News items should be in the Association office by Mar 19th, May 21, July 18, Sept 17 and Nov 12. This will enable the staff to include your news in the next newsletter. If you have literature or media with your news, email us a copy of that and we will use it.

The Blanco Blessing is available on our website: Blanco Baptist Association.com. Thanks for your support.

BBA Staff

### *REFLECTIONS*

#### FUTURE PLANNING

Plan are being formulated for a "GATHERING" within the next month. This will be the equivalent of our Annual Meeting which was postponed because of Hurricane Harvey. Details will be sent to all as soon as plans are finalized.

#### PRAY FOR:

Criminal Justice Ministry at Gaza Units. There is an **urgent** need for churches to volunteer to man the Visitors Center on the weekends. Currently, only one church has volunteers working the weekend. This is the time when families (wives and children) visit their husband and fathers who are in prison at Garza East and Garza West. Contact John Holman, Dir. At 361-255-9027 or email to [johnmandymisty@gmail.com](mailto:johnmandymisty@gmail.com).

Our Churches who are still in the process of restoring buildings damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Many are still meeting in temporary facilities. Pray for the church leaders as they work through this process.

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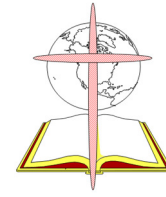
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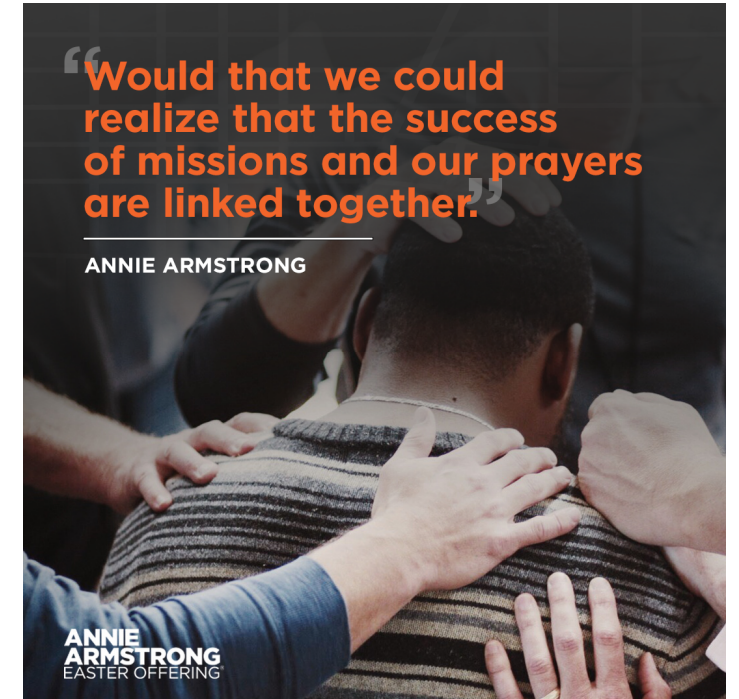
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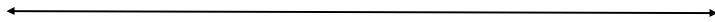
*Week of Prayer  
For  
North American Missions  
And  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
March 4-11*

# Companerismo

Feb 4th 3:00 PM at Primera Iglesia Bautista El Buen Ingleside. The Youth (Jovenes) will be performing.

April 8 (Date changed due to Easter) 3:00 PM at Primera Iglesia Bautista Sinton. An Easter program is planned.

Reported by Ron Flores, Secretary  
Pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista, Mathis



**Oakville Baptist Church**  
*Is hosting 2 video series studies in February. Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm will look at the Biblical study "Roles of a Man" On Sunday, Feb 11th at 6:00 pm a video study of "Every Great Marriage" begins. There is no charge. Oakville BC is located on frontage road of IH-37 next to Van's BBQ. Call 361-786-3030 for more information. Tommy Stogner is the Pastor.*

The Blanco Blessing is available on line at: [blancobaptistassociation.com](http://blancobaptistassociation.com). Just click on info link and select the month you wish to read. If you wish to receive a digital version of the Blessing, email us at: [blancobaptist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blancobaptist@sbcglobal.net).  
Happy reading!!

## Calendar of ACTIVITIES



- 4 3:00 Pm Companerismo Maranata at Primera, Ingleside
- 12-18 Focus on WMU week
- 13 11:45 am Zephyr Board Meeting
- 24 9-11:30 am -VBS Material Overview– sponsored by San Antonio Association at Shearer Hills BC, 12615 San Pedro, San Antonio
- 28 Day of Prayer for Christian Womens Job Corp and Christian Men's Job Corp



- 2-3 African American Leadership Workshop at George W. Truett Seminary at Baylor University Waco
- 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering
- 17-18 2:30 pm Suggested date for Association Bible Drill– place to be determined.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Pray for our churches and their Search Committees who are seeking for new pastors or other staff members. Churches without pastors are El Calvario, Edroy; La Esperanza, George West; Bethel & First, Ingleside; PIB, Odem; Emmanuel, Pawnee; Salt Lake, Rockport; PIB, Taft; Good Hope BC Three Rivers.**

### Church Anniversaries: (Jan, Feb, Mar)

- 36 yrs Bruce Irving, Pastor, FBC George West
- 16 yrs Ben Buchanan, Pastor, Trinity, Aransas
- 15 yrs Greg Traylor, Pastor FBC Beeville
- 14 yrs Joe Burke, Pastor, Mineral BC
- 14 yrs Eugene Lewis, Pastor, Union BC, Refugio
- 13 yrs Pat Traxler, Pastor, Brush Country CC
- 11 yrs Patty Albin, Sec, FBC Rockport
- 10 yrs Scott Jones, Pastor, FBC, Rockport
- 10 yrs Abel Almendarez, Sr Adult, FBC Portland
- 10 yrs Willis Moore, Pastor, FBC Odem
- 7 yrs Jeff Lanningham, Ed & Adm, FBC Rockport
- 7 yrs Rick Roman, Pastor, El Buen Pastor, Beeville
- 7 yrs Ed Gentry, Pastor, Lakeview BC, Mathis
- 6 yrs Tonya Davis, Sec, Oakville BC
- 3 yrs Wesley Tew, Pastor, FBC Mathis
- 3 yrs Jimmy Allen, Pastor, FBC Skidmore
- 2 yrs Micah Brewer, Pastor, Friendship BC
- 1 yr Jerry Mercer, Pastor, Holiday Beach, FBC
- 1 yr Steve Trout, Pastor, Central BC, Ingleside

### Wedding Anniversaries: (Jan, Feb, Mar)

- Jan 2, 1994 Jeff & Laura Lanningham
- Jan 3, 1981 Kevin & Kelley Muilenburg
- Jan 5, 1971 Larry & Rosemary Stewart -45 yrs
- Jan 23, 1979 Verna & Kevin Ashcraft
- Jan 24, 1970 Bruce & Karen Irving
- Jan 27, 1956 Vernon & Myrtle Andrews
- Feb 11, 1975 Ricky & Rosie Roman
- Feb 17, 1962 Vic & Joanne Barris
- Feb 24, 1989 Wanda & Smitty Smith
- Mar 6, 1993 Scott & Kimberlie Jones– 25 yrs
- Mar 9, 2002 Andrew & Mary Barlow
- Mar 15, 2003 Glenn & Patricia Killam– 15 yrs
- Mar 19, 1982 Jerry & Lynn Mercer
- Mar 30, 2011 Micah & Sara Brewer