



The spring semester of Coastal Bend College will begin with classes starting on Monday, January 9. The BSM will serve the first lunch on Thursday, Jan. 12th.

We urge each student to attend and participate in the Bible studies and activities that are prepared for you each week.

The value of an active Student Ministry can be seen across our Baptist family. Many of our church workers met the Lord through BSM activities and enriched their lives through the teachings they received while attending BSM activities at their respective colleges. Pray for the work of the BSM and for our leaders as they plan and pray.

Executive Board Meeting

FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR

JAN 17 AT 10:30 AM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
511 HODGES ST
PETTUS

The pastor of every BBA church is automatically on the Executive Board. We urge you to attend and conduct the business of the association in a manner that pleases God. Lunch will be served.

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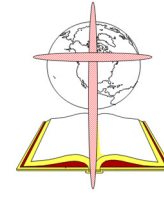
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Sing in 2017 at the

Thurs & Fri, Jan 5-6
 6 pm - 10 pm
 Saturday January 7
 10 am - 10 pm

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R-F High School Auditorium
 Rockport, Texas

Rockport Gospel Music Festival

featuring The Nelons, Crimson River Quartet, and 14 other great groups!

**FREE
 ADMISSION!**

Call Gary Howard at (409) 255-2789 for additional information.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES

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; First, Holiday Beach; Bethel, Ingleside; Mt Pisgah, Mathis; PIB, Odem; Emmanuel, Pawnee; Bethel & Salt Lake, Rockport; PIB and Rising Star, Taft; Good Hope BC Three Rivers and Emmanuel, Woodsboro.

First Woodsboro has called Jordan Newberry as Pastor. He and his wife, Clauncey, have 2 small children, Selah-1 yr and Isaiah -3 mos) and moved on the field October 30. Welcome to our Association.

Good Hope Three Rivers reports their Interim Pastor is moving back to East Texas. Christmas Day was his last day at Good Hope.

Moises Gonzales. Pastor of Berclair reports that effective Dec. 4 they have started Sunday School at 10 am and regular Worship Services at 11 am on Sundays with services on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. The name of the church has been changed to Berclair Community Baptist Church.

Tommy Ingle has been preaching at First Baptist of Holiday Beach during this time without a pastor.

Calendar of ACTIVITIES



- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY**
 5-7 Rockport's Gospel Music Festival @ HS Aud.
 12 4:00 PM Regional Criminal Justice Ministry Meeting at Garza Center On FM 202, south of Beeville
 17 BBA Executive Board Meeting/with meal. 10:30 am at First Baptist Pettus.



- 6 Blanco Baptist Men at 6:00 pm at First, Woodsboro
 18 VBS Overview and workshop at First Baptist, Corpus Christi 9-12 am
 13-19 Focus Week for SBC Women's Missionary Work
 27-28 Empower Conference, Irving Conv Center

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 Happy reading!!



Church Anniversaries:

- 17 yrs Joyce Kerr Sec, FBC Three Rivers
- 15 yrs Ben Buchanan, Pastor, Trinity, AP
- 14 yrs Greg Traylor, Pastor, First, Beeville
- 13 yrs Joe Burke, Pastor First, Mineral
- 11 yrs Patty Albin, Sec, First, Rockport
- 9 yrs Scott Jones, Pastor, First, Rockport
- 9 yrs Abel Almendarez, Sr Adult Pastor, First, Portland
- 6 yrs Jeff Lanningham, Min of Ed & Adm, First, Rockport
- 5 yrs Tonya Davis, Sec, Oakville BC

Birthdays

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| 1 Jane Curlee | 2 Karen Perkins |
| 4 Marcelo Garcia | 6 Arlen Miller |
| 9 Betty Smith | 13 Moises Gonzales |
| 16 Ginger Creasy | 18 Dee Basingame |
| 18 Jenny Guzman | 20 Lisa Benavidez |
| 20 Sara Brewer | |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| 2 Jeff & Laura Lanningham | 1994 |
| 3 Kevin & Kelley Muilenburg | 1981 |
| 5 Moises & Virginia Gonzales | 1966 |
| 5 Larry & Rosemary Stewart | 1973 |
| 23 Verna & Kevin Ashcraft | 1979 |
| 24 Bruce & Karen Irving | 1970 |
| 27 Vernon & Myrtle Andrews | 1956 |

