



Hey Y'all,

Well, this year is just flying by us. After a somewhat rocky fall semester filled with students trying to help their families after the storm, new students getting the hang of things, and some of our other students preparing to graduate, we are finally seeing some fruit here at the BSM. This year with your help the BSM has served over 1000 students, seen a continually growing Thursday night Bible Study with our peak numbers being 35-40. This year we formed a leadership team made up of 6-7 students, took 8 students to a state-wide BSM prayer conference, and have already seen 4 students come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Thank you for your prayer and financial support over the last year, the harvest is plentiful. I am blown away week after week as we have been studying Psalm 119 and what it looks like when you allow the Word to change your life. I have been challenging the students to really open the Bible and see what happens. Well, wouldn't you know it, their lives are changing. This year has been such an encouragement to me, being my first year and all, and I wanted to share that encouragement with you.

This is just the beginning, as I already look toward to next year, I am believing that the Lord is going to draw more and more students to hear what God is capable of doing in their hearts. Not only in them but through them as well. Next school year, I will be focusing on encouraging students to get involved more in their local church and missions abroad. I know that in years past this was a huge part of BSM culture at Coastal Bend and I plan to bring that back to the forefront. I am seeking to be more intentional about talking with them about GoNow Missions and trying to plan some local mission project days, so if that is something you would like to be involved with financially or helping plan, please contact me. I will also be encouraging students to find a home church. I think they are part of a generation who have lost why being a part of a church community is important and I hope to be able to inspire them as to why it is necessary.

Lastly, we have some projects I would like to tackle this summer: our bathrooms and our grounds. Over the summer, I would like to see our bathrooms be remodeled to reflect how much we care about the students. We have stalls missing doors, lights that are only partially working, missing toilet paper holders, and wallpaper that needs to be replaced. I would like to see us invest in these students beyond something that is just about getting by. I have already received an estimate of some of the work I would like to have done, which includes replacing both lighting and plumbing fixtures, stalls, and countertops. Our grounds are in need of some work in the flower beds, and I would love to see some picnic tables around our property for students to be able to enjoy the outdoors when it is cool out.

If you have questions about the BSM or would like to aid in any way please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you again for your support,  
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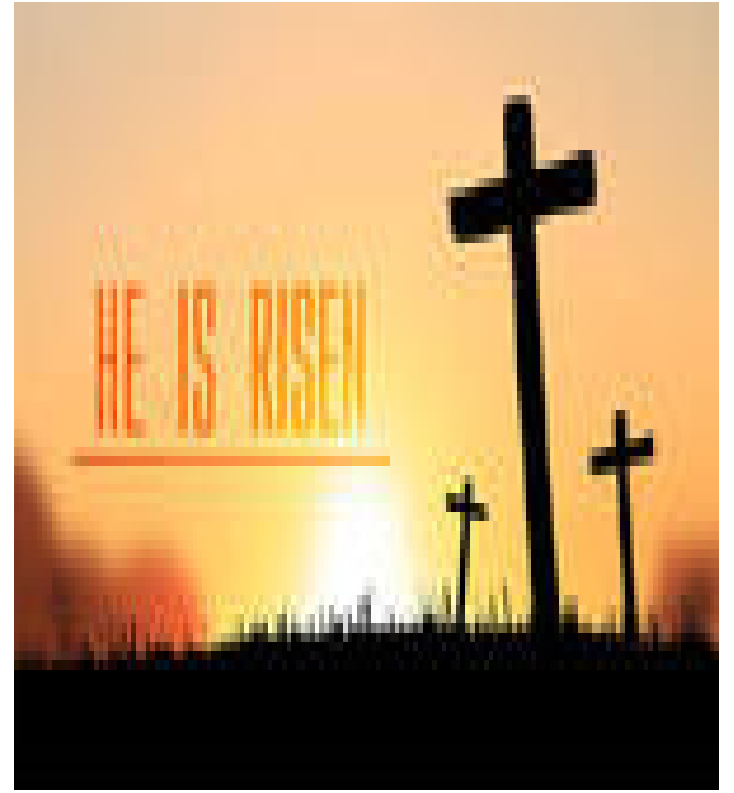
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# Blanco Blessing

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By  
Attending the Church of  
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## Calendar of ACTIVITIES



- 1 EASTER SUNDAY
- 6-7 BGCT Regional Bible Drill & Speakers Tourn, FBC Allen  
SBTC Regional Bible Drill & Speakers Tourn, FBC Spring
- 6-7 Hispanic Preaching Conference Dallas/Fort Worth
- 8 Companerismo Maranata, PIB Sinton
- 13-14 Texas WMU Annual Meeting & Missions Celebration,  
FBC Georgetown, TX
- 27-29 Congreso- Baylor Univ, Waco= ages 13 & Up
- 28 BLANCO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S GATHERING  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCKPORT



- 4-5 Hispanic Pastors & Wives Retreat in Fort Worth
- 6 Senior Adult Sunday
- 8 Zephyr Camp Board Meeting, Sandia
- 14 MOTHERS DAY
- 20-27 Associational Missions Week
- 25-27 Hispanic Convention of Texas in San Antonio
- 28 Memorial Day Observed

### 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; Friendship BC, La Esperanza, George West; Bethel & First, Ingleside; PIB, Odem; Emmanuel, Pawnee; Salt Lake, Rockport; PIB, Taft; Good Hope BC Three Rivers. FBC Beeville is seeking a Worship Leader.

Pray for several churches that are petitioning the Association for membership.

# FIRST SEMI annual GATHERING

**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 28, 2018**

First Baptist Church  
Rockport

**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND  
FUN**



# Companerismo

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

### Church Anniversaries: (April)

- 18 yrs Marcelo (Mars) Garcia, 4/15/2000 Pastor PIB Beeville
- 11 yrs Alcides Guajardo 4/29/07 Pastor, PIB Mineral
- 10 yrs Jeff Brewer 4/6/08 Pastor, FBC, Pawnee
- 8 yrs Larry Martin 4/18/10 Pastor, Cadiz BC
- 6 yrs Sherri Miller 4/18/12 Sec. FBC Portland
- 4 yrs Rafael Murillo 4/1/14 Director of Missions  
Karl Combs 4/20 Pastor, St Luke BC, Refugio  
(May)
- 33 yrs Charles McKnight 5/1/85 Pastor, St Paul BC,  
Rockport
- 9 yrs Robert Lynch 5/31/09 Pastor, FBC Gregory

### Birthdays

- |    |                 |                |                |
|----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|    |                 | <b>(April)</b> |                |
| 5  | Patricia Roggy  | 14             | Ben Buchanan   |
| 21 | Verna Ashcraft  | 28             | Cheryl Gentry  |
|    |                 | <b>(May)</b>   |                |
| 3  | Joanne Barris   | 4              | Chris Peterson |
| 13 | Lynn Means      | 15             | Tommy Stogner  |
| 16 | Jordan Newberry | 20             | Vic Barris     |
| 23 | Ron Earley      | 27             | Nancy Traylor  |

### Wedding Anniversaries: (April)

- |              |                         |      |
|--------------|-------------------------|------|
| 3            | Cindy & Dennis Hatfield | 1982 |
| 12           | Ronaldo & Mary Flores   | 1983 |
| <b>(May)</b> |                         |      |
| 14           | Lyn & Ann Means         | 1977 |
| 28           | Wesley & Lara Tew       | 2011 |
| 29           | David & Brenda Mundine  | 1982 |



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Happy reading!!