

*From Randy.*

At our Executive Board meeting a couple of weeks ago, I shared I will be “stepping aside” as your Director of Missions on August 31, 2019. On this past October 1, I completed Twenty-five years as Director and on January 1, I will have served Soda Lake a total of thirty-two years, having served a few years when Soda Lake and Gregg Association worked as an Area. This accomplishment is a tribute to your kindness, patience, and generosity. Someone has said that the best job is the one you look forward to going to every morning. Well that is my testimony. It is simply time for a change in leadership for Soda Lake. It comes to every organization and you know it would come eventually to Soda Lake.

The August 31 date is designed for our Executive Board time to do the things necessary for transition. Our officers will be leading in the examination of current policies and procedures. They will be evaluating the present and future needs of our churches. They will recommend whatever structure and leadership will be needed to meet those needs. At the January Executive Board meeting, a Search Committee will be chosen to begin work on looking for the next leader. Your input in this process is welcome and you may share it with your Pastor and /or write it down and mail it to our Moderator, Peter Allen, at New Hebron Baptist Church, 4353 FM 451, Waskom, TX 75692.

Until August 31, I am going to get up every morning looking forward to going to work for you, as always. Beyond that, I will be looking for a new ministry opportunity in the area. I hope to continue teaching the ETBU Certificate in Ministry classes. I will always be available to assist you all as I am able. I will be visiting all of our churches in the days ahead, so I will be seeing you then for sure.

**TAX TUNE-UP WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, January 8 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Soda Lake Office**

If you are the Church Treasurer, Financial Secretary, or anyone who makes decisions about your church's personnel payroll matters, you are encouraged to attend this opportunity designed for you. We will refresh you on these important matters and see what's new for 2018.

**Christmas Music and Programs**

**Crossroads**

**Sunday, December 9**

**"Good News From Home" 10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Christmas Choir 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 12 at 6:20 p.m.**

**"Good News From Home" at  
Telegraph Park on Marshall Square**

**FBC Jefferson**

**Sunday, December 9 at 11:00 a.m.**

**"I have Seen the Light" (Adult Musical)**

**Immanuel**

**Sunday, December 16 at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**"When Hope Came Down"**

**Mulberry Springs**

**Sunday, December 16**

**"Peace Has Come" Adult Musical. 10:00 a.m.**

**"Out of the Box Christmas" Children Musical.  
6:00 p.m.**

**New Hebron**

**Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Celebration.**

**Woodlawn**

**Sunday, December 23 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Candlelight Service.**

**Pope City**

*Sunday, December 23*

*Christmas Musical at 11:00 a.m.*

*Candle-Light Service at 6:00 p.m.*

**Christmas Eve Services**

**Mobberly Marshall at 3:00 p.m.**

**Mulberry Springs at 5:00 p.m.**

**New Hebron at 5:00 p.m.**

**Crossroads at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

**First Marshall at 6:00 p.m.**

**( Service in English and Spanish)**



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## 2018 International Missions Emphasis

Every Church  
Every Nation  
Week of Prayer  
December 2-9

**Lottie Moon Offering Goal  
\$160 Million**

This is always an important opportunity to learn about, pray for, and give to our mission work around the world. You should have video and printed resources to help you with these tasks. The Mission Study this year focuses on work with refugees around the world. There are resources for all age groups. Week of prayer materials provide a glimpse into one location and ministry each day. The offering provides 50% of the annual cost for supporting our missionaries and resources for their work.

*Welcome*

*Central, Jerry Vincent, Pastor  
Clearview- Billy Brewer, Pastor  
Port Caddo- Timothy Pierce, Pastor*

**Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
FBC, Marshall  
6:00 p.m.**

## CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY SPRING 2019

**\*Introduction to Christian Ministry\***  
January 17- February 14

**\*The Work of the Minister\***  
February 21 - March 28

**\*Preparation to Christian Ministry\***  
April 4 - May 2

These courses are taken from ETBU's degree program in religion, but are uniquely designed to be more practical for adult students serving a local church vocationally or as a volunteer. Another benefit is that ETBU offers these courses at a significantly more affordable cost to encourage individuals to take advantage of an excellent learning opportunity. There are eighteen courses offered over a three-year period. Persons may choose to take one, some, or all of them as they desire. Cost is only \$175 tuition for each course after a one-time admission fee of \$25. Classes Meet on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the ETBU Campus in Scarborough Hall (the old chapel building) Room 103 . Call us with your questions or for more information.

**Girls Mid-Winter Retreat  
February 1-2  
Lakeview Assembly  
for all girls grades 1-12  
\$55.00 each**

Registration material will be send out soon.  
Contact Lois Nowell for any questions at 903-720-1657  
or girlsmissionscamp@gmail.com