



Certificate In Ministry Fall Schedule

**The Interbiblical Period & Gospels
August 24 - September 21*

**Acts & Paul's Letters
September 28 - October 26*

**The General Epistles
& The Revelation*

November 2 - December 7

Certificate in Ministry courses are for anyone interested in improving their theological knowledge and ministry skills. Each course meets for five Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Soda Lake office. The three courses offered this Fall comprise a survey of the New Testament. They will be very helpful especially for small group Bible leaders. Cost for each course is \$175.00 plus the textbook. There is a one-time enrollment fee for \$25.00. Registration takes place the first night of class. Please call us if you need further details.

Vacation Bible School

Athey:
July 5-7

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Central
July 9-13

5:15 to 8:00 p.m.

Friendship
July 10-14

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Woodlawn
July 16-20

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

De Berry

July 21 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

July 22 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

July 23 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Memorial
July 22

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**FBC Hallsville
Mega Sports Camp**

July 23-26

6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.



Pastor-Deacon Dinner Tuesday, July 25 6:30 p.m. Mulberry Springs

This annual event is designed to gather Pastors and Deacon Chairmen for a time of fellowship and inspiration, as well as a great dinner. This year we have invited the Pastors and Deacon Chairman from Gregg Association to join us. We need to know how many will attend, so give us a call by July 18 to let us know.

Love Week July 17-20

Coordinated by Immanuel Baptist Church, Love Week is an opportunity to put faith to work in helping folks in the Marshall community with various ministries. There will be teams doing general clean up and repair projects. Some will be doing backyard Bible club type of activities around town. You can participate as an individual or as a group from your church. For complete details, contact Jeremy Roberts at 903-938-8275. Here is a mission trip opportunity right here at home.

Great Commission Summit August 11-12 Dallas Baptist University

This is an extraordinary opportunity to be part of a first-of-its kind training experience combining outstanding speakers, conference leaders and clinicians leading sessions in evangelism, music, worship, preaching, theology and more. It begins Friday morning at 8:30 and concludes Saturday at Noon. There will be a couple of extra sessions on Saturday afternoon for children's ministry leaders. Cost is \$75.00 through July 10 and \$100 after that. It includes lunch each day. For a complete schedule and to register please go to:

<http://texasbaptists.org/events/great-commission-summit-2017>



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Important Called Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, July 12 9:00 a.m. FBC Hallsville

Last year the officers of our Association were contacted by leaders from Gregg Association regarding a discussion of reuniting. A team of individuals from each association was formed to explore the possibilities and report their findings. They have met diligently over the last few months and are ready to share their conclusions. This meeting will only be for information and feedback. The "team" wants to get the response from the Board regarding the elements of a possible proposal. They will then take the observations and suggestions and make modifications, if any. They will then formulate a final plan to bring to the Executive Board in September for authorization to bring any formal recommendation to the Annual Meeting in October.

Best of Israel Tour

**Dr. Cecil Taylor, Tour Guide
December 26 - January 4**

Dr. Taylor has been leading tours for over twenty years and invites you to join him for this trip. Find complete information at <http://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/taylorisrael.htm>

Welcome

Will Sherman, Pastor at Woodlawn.

FAITH THAT STICKS Tuesday, September 19 6:30 p.m.

On going research continues to reveal that fewer teens are actively involved in church and fewer of those remain involved in adulthood. Jane Wilson, Youth Discipleship Specialist with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has kept up with trends in this matter and has some information on how youth leaders can help turn it around. Mark your calendars and watch for coming details.

Leading With Passion Sunday School Leader Training Sunday, September 10 5:00 p.m.

Crossroads Baptist Church
Plan now to bring your entire Sunday School leadership team to this training event. There will be individual sessions for leaders with preschoolers, children, youth, and adults. Participants will be challenged and equipped to make a dynamic difference in their Sunday School in the next year. There is no charge for this opportunity but we will need an idea of how many will be attending by September 6.

VBS REPORTS NEEDED

Please send your VBS report to us as soon as your VBS has ended. Forms were mailed out to Directors but if you need another one please call us.