



TAX TUNE-UP WORKSHOP

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

Soda Lake Office

107 W Meredith

With the start of a new year, the matters of taxes of all sorts come to mind. Of course, payroll taxes are an important part of that. If you are treasurer, financial secretary, or anyone who makes personnel decisions for your church, it is crucial that you understand matters relating to payroll taxes. To help you with that, we offer this opportunity to refresh and update you as you begin to process year end and new year tax matters. It will be of special importance to anyone new in these positions. No pre-registration is needed, just come and bring your questions.

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' Missions Mid-Winter Retreat February 9-10 Lakeview Assembly

This annual event is for girls from first through twelfth grade, whether or not the church has a G.A. program. The retreat begins with registration on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and concludes Saturday around 1:00 p.m. Between those hours, participants will enjoy three wonderful meals, inspirational worships small group Bible study, interaction with "real Live" missionaries, craft projects, and much more. As a mission project, girls are asked to bring any brand of laundry detergent pods to be used with our Texas Baptist Disaster Relief laundry units. The cost is only \$50 per person. Of course, adult sponsors will be needed for each church group. Pre-registration is required by January 19. Information and registration materials can be obtained on our website under the Info Center tab or call us and we can mail them to you. For questions, please contact Louis Nowell at 903-759-9420 or girlsmissioncamp@gmail.com

ASSOCIATIONAL TRANSITION TEAM

Vision 2020

The following men will be serving to explore the current needs of our churches, pastors, and staff as we look to the future role of the Association in meeting those needs. Additionally, they will consider possible ways our churches can partner in missions and ministries locally and globally. They will examine our governing documents, policies, procedures, and traditions to see if any modifications are needed. Part of this process is to hear from you. You can send your comments or suggestions to us at our mail or email address. Of course, we hope you will be praying for these men and this process in the days ahead. The men are Peter Allen (Pastor, New Hebron); Scott Seeley (Pastor, Nesbitt); Jeff Taylor (Pastor, Jefferson); Jeremy Roberts (Asoc Pastor, Immanuel); Geoffrey Davis (Campus Pastor, Mobberly); Will Sherman (Pastor, Woodlawn); Derek Hicks (Pastor, Crossroads); and Craig Evers (Pastor, Pope City).



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Online Giving On Our Website

Recent studies by Lifeway Research and other firms have revealed that contributions to churches are continuing to decline for a variety of reasons. The greatest factor, especially for younger adults, is the growing number of persons who do not use cash or checks. Their preferred method of payment is “plastic” or electronic. Studies have further shown that churches that offer an online giving option have been able to increase their contributions, especially from younger adults.

We have recently partnered with Lifeway to model their new online giving product, “Generosity”. This new tool is more than online giving, however; it offers a comprehensive ministry of stewardship resources for a congregation. For us, the online giving option gives persons the opportunity to contribute directly to the ministries of the Association such as Disaster Relief, the Ministry Center, Hispanic ministry, or something of their choice. When you go to our website, you will see on the top right hand side a tab for “Online Giving”. When you choose that tab, a choice for “Give Now” appears. Click on that and a window opens up with choices for giving. We would love for you to try it out and let us know what you think. It will also give you an idea of how this would work for your church. We have a special deal to make with five of our churches that are interested in providing online giving. If you are interested in finding out more about “Generosity”, let us know.



Executive Board
Meeting
Tuesday, January 15
6:00 p.m.
First, Marshall
Dinner will be served!

SAVE THE DATE

A Special Night of Worship
Saturday, March 23
6:00 p.m.
ETBU Baker Auditorium