

PVB News

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. –1 Corinthians 15:58



*SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME
JESUS, BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.*

MATTHEW 1:21

PVBA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

12/22 - 1/4

John's Jots

I know your December schedules are full with wonderful activities involving outreach and sharing the love of Jesus with your communities. My prayer is that you see many blessings of God at work in your life and the life of your church during the holidays.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to my wife, Marcia, and the three ladies in your office, for being such gracious hosts to our Hispanic pastors and their lovely wives in our home for the annual dinner before the holidays begin. There was so much wonderful food and laughter in my home that evening. I am still thanking the Lord for such a wonderful evening.

Pastors and staff members, don't forget the association Christmas party on December 8th at First Baptist Church in Artesia. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail, so be sure to RSVP and let us know what kind of meat you would like to eat that evening. You will have a choice between chicken or steak. We have a great group from West Main Baptist Church that cook and serve so you can relax and have fun with your PVBA extended family.

You will be hearing so much during 2026 about the One Day event that will be in Roswell on September 26, 2026. Wouldn't it be great if every one of our churches in the association participated? Please be praying for the One Day evangelism event so that all may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Roswell area.

If your church has not received the Lottie Moon Offering material, please give the office a call and we will make sure you have what you need. I would like to offer my services to your church to let them know how their giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes a difference in reaching the world for Christ. As your New Mexico Trustee for IMB, I can help your church know why giving is so important and share a few stories of how God is at work around the world.

Thank you for your support of the PVBA with your financial and prayerful gifts. As churches, we are better together. You are not alone!



You're invited to join any PVBA Church for their Christmas Services and Events!

Artesia

- **First Baptist:** One Night in Bethlehem—an interactive, guided tour of Bethlehem for the whole family on 12/12 & 12/13 from 6-8:30pm; Candlelight Christmas Eve Service from 6pm

Carlsbad

- **Cavern Baptist:** FREE Garage Sale focusing on new toys on 12/13 from 9am-noon; Christmas Choir Program on 12/21 at 11am; Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6pm
- **Happy Valley Baptist:** Christmas Potluck Dinner on 12/7 following 10:45am Worship Service; Kids Christmas Party on 12/14 at 9:30am, Christmas Cantata on 12/14 at 10:45am; Ladies Christmas Party on 12/15 at 6pm (bring a finger food to share and a \$15-\$20 gift to exchange); Special Christmas Message on 12/21 at 10:45am; Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6pm
- **La Huerta Baptist:** Candlelight Service on 12/21 at 6pm with refreshments/finger foods following

Roswell

- **Bethel Baptist:** Christmas Cantata "O Holy Light" on 12/13 at 2:00pm & 12/14 at 10:40pm; Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

Out and About PVBA

The 2026 One Day Mission Trip will take place on September 26, 2026! The two locations are the East Mountains of New Mexico and Roswell, NM. The One Day Mission Trip is a statewide missions effort where New Mexico Baptists unite to serve in two areas of the state on the same day. Partnering with local churches and associations, volunteers share the Gospel through practical acts of service. It's one day with one purpose: to meet people where they are and share the love of Christ across New Mexico. Mark September 26th on your calendar and stay tuned for more details!

PVBA hosted their annual Hispanic & Retired Pastors' Dinner on November 13th. Several of PVBA's finest came out for the dinner at the Hinze's home and enjoyed the fellowship together. The association appreciates these individuals and all they do for PVBA!

First Baptist Church/Roswell had a Fall Festival on November 2nd. The morning began with Bible study and worship, followed by lunch and fun! Folks there enjoyed lots of fall games on the lawn such as corn horn, relay races, pumpkin ring toss, tic tac toe, and much more. There were bounce houses and face painting, too! What a fun church gathering!

Please be in prayer for the churches in our association without pastors: Bykota Baptist/Roswell, Garden Street/Carlsbad, Blodgett Street/Carlsbad, and Loving Baptist/Loving.



- 4 Petra Puentes (B)
- 11 Carol Sullivan (B)
- 16 Connie Stageberg (B)
- Jimmy & Toni Hamilton (A)
- 18 Nolan & Chelsea Frederick (A)
- 26 Pam Houghtaling (B)
- 27 Ben & Katrina Cox (A)
- 28 Sam Plumlee (B)
- 30 Gary Davis (B)
- 31 Ben Cox (B)

(A) - Anniversary

(B) - Birthday

Upcoming Events

December 2: 11:30am Roswell Pastors Lunch, Pepper's

December 8: 6:00pm Pastors & Staff Christmas Banquet, FBC/Artesia

December 16: 9:00am Newsletter Day, PVBA Office

December 16: 11:30am Carlsbad Pastors Lunch, Pizza Inn

December 18: 8:00am Artesia Pastors Breakfast, Alma's

December 22-January 4: PVBA Office Closed for Christmas & New Year's

January 19: PVBA Closed for Martin Luther King Day

January 26: PVBA Executive Board Meeting, PVBA Office, Meal-6pm, Meeting-6:30pm

February 14: 10:00am Senior Adult Event, FBC/Artesia

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Spotlight

Week of Prayer for IMB & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer, November 30 - December 7, for International Missions before the annual Lottie Moon Offering emphasis. Please join others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel.

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem – **LOSTNESS**. Meeting so many people who had never heard the Gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence. She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Every year, Southern Baptist churches collect an offering to send and support missionaries to be steadfastly present among those who have never heard the Gospel. 100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enable Gospel transformation among the unreached. Use the QR code to give, find specific pray needs for International Missions, or to find resources to promote the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at your church.

The people in China were suspicious of Lottie Moon. Lottie turned to a favorite Christmas activity to build relationships with her new neighbors—baking cookies. Children flocked around her to try the sweet treats. Soon, mothers within the community invited Lottie into their homes where she told them about Jesus.

***How will you share
the love of Christ
this holiday season?***

Maybe it will start with
a plate of cookies or
another shared
tradition.



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share the hope of Christ, and witness God grow
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