

# Breezes



Participate in the Ugly Sweater Contest by wearing your ugly sweater to the GCBA Christmas Open House



**GCBA CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**  
December 5th & 6th 11am-2pm



Please Join Us! We will be serving Taco Soup, desserts, and refreshments

## SEE YOU SOON

This Month's GCBA TEAM Meeting is  
**December 11 @ 11:30AM**  
[Pregnancy Help Center](#)



Click the blue Facebook Icon to vote for GCBA's Open House Ugly Sweater Winner!  
While you're there, like our page!

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THE BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS IS NOT  
IN THE PRESENTS BUT IN

*His Presence*



## The Director Speaks . . . Chuck Beem

Christmas is such a special time of the year. As we gather together to celebrate, my mind is filled with words that demonstrate the importance of the season: faith, family, manger, baby, angels, star, joy, hope. As Christ followers we know that the incarnation is a pivotal part of God's plan for saving us. He put on flesh and became one of us in order that we might believe in Him and be saved. For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son. That's what makes Christmas so special.

But there is another word that I think we need to remember at this time of the year: *sent*.

Paul wrote in Galatians, “<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (GAL 4:4-5, ESV). Again, God sent His Son to redeem us, and at Christmas we celebrate the beginning of the execution of His plan to save us. But don't miss that in this act God was also showing us that He is a sending God. It should be no surprise to us that Jesus, nearing the end of His life, said to His Father, “As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world” (JN 17:18, ESV).

Christmas is about being sent. God sent His Son and His Son sent us. He sent us to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. This is the Great Commandment, the mission of the church.

As I look back on 2018, my first year as your director of missions, I do so with much gratitude. What a joy and privilege it is to serve the churches of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association. I am thankful for you and your ministry, and I am thankful for your support of GCBA and the Texas Port Ministry.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas season and in 2019. I look forward to continuing to make much of Jesus together. We can do so much more together than we could ever do alone.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Blessings!  
Chuck...

**NEXT  
TEAM MEETING  
December 11th at 11:30 a.m.  
Pregnancy Help Center  
327 Garland Dr  
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566  
979-297-3622**



## GCBA Pastorless Churches

South Park Baptist Church—Alvin  
First Baptist Church—Angleton  
First Baptist Church—Rosharon  
Fist Baptist Church—Richwood  
Temple Baptist Church—Clute



**Saved to Serve,  
Eager to Grow**  
**Opportunities for the church to  
grow and serve:**  
click below for more info

- [1/19-1/21 Movement Student Conference -  
Open Registration](#)
- [2/1-2/2 SBTC Women's Conference: She Stands -  
Open Reg.](#)
- [World Changers Student Camp - Open Registration](#)
- [Bounce Disaster Recovery Student Missions -  
Open Registration](#)
- [Student Life Camp: ACCESS - Open Registration](#)

*relax  
and  
recharge.*

## **Annual GCBA Ministers & Minister's Wives Retreat**

**Click "relax and recharge"  
to RSVP now!**

We are excited to provide this opportunity for you to get away and RELAX and RECHARGE. This upcoming retreat will be at Sugarland Town Square's Marriott  
**February 28-March 2**  
1 night: \$125 per couple  
2 nights: \$200 per couple

## **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### **December :**

12/2-12/9 Week of Prayer Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
12/5 & 12/6 **Annual GCBA Christmas Open House -Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest 11AM-2PM**  
**12/11 GCBA TEAM MEETING @ Pregnancy Help Center Lake Jackson**  
12/24-1/1 GCBA Office Closed for the holidays  
12/25 Merry Christmas!

### **January:**

1/1 Happy New Year! GCBA office closed for the holidays  
1/2 GCBA reopens after holidays  
1/14-1/16 Reach Houston Vision Tour (SBTC)  
1/14-1/15 Preschool & Children's Ministers Retreat (BGCT)  
1/15 Tax Seminar-Houston (SBTC)  
**1/15 GCBA TEAM MEETING @ Second Baptist Church Angleton**  
1/19-1/21 Student Movement Conference (SBTC)  
1/22 Church Safety Workshop Pasadena (BGCT)  
1/30 Worship Summit Howard Payne University (BGCT)

### **February:**

2/1 GCBA Annual Ministers & Minister's Wives Retreat RSVP Deadline  
**2/12 GCBA TEAM MEETING @ Shadycrest Pearland**  
2/15-17 GO NOW Discovery Weekend (BGCT)  
2/23 (Un)Apologetic Conference (BGCT)  
2/14 Valentine's Day  
2/18 President's Day  
2/25-2/26 EMPOWER Conference (SBTC)  
**2/28-3/2 GCBA ANNUAL MINISTERS & MINISTER'S WIVES RETREAT**

