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The rebuilding in our community will be starting soon and, in fact, has begun in some areas. If you know of teams from outside our area that would be willing to help these families who have been affected, please contact us. We have churches that can house teams if that is a need.

The Director Speaks . . . Donald Hintze

Harvey has paid us a visit and it has changed things around here. My son once asked me “*Why are all the hard lessons learned in the darkest storms?*” Well I think we learned some lessons during this time.

1- Life will give you the unexpected. No one could have imagined that Harvey would drop so much rain and that we would have flooded in the areas we did. So many had no time to prepare.

2- We find out what is really valuable. It is interesting to see what people grieved over losing. They weren’t worried about the nice furniture or other household items. It was the pictures, the items passed to them by parents and grandparents. Maybe because you couldn’t replace the memories that those things brought you.

3- Community is important. We saw friends, neighbors, relatives and strangers reach out and help. They came and are coming from near and far. We had a guy from Rhode Island come to our county last week to help. It did not matter if you were rich or poor, old or young, big house or little and your race didn’t matter. People are people and they need help. We have more teams coming from outside of the county to help in the coming days.

4- Churches are leading the way. I do not know where our county would be if it were not for churches. We were truly the hands, feet and heart of Jesus to our neighbors in need. We have not received much help from the major disaster teams. The need is so broad that they were spread so thin. The church filled the gap. They worked together across denominational lines to organize to meet the need. They have cleaned out houses, taken up offerings to help rebuild, gathered supplies, cried with those who were hurting and shared the love of Jesus with so many.

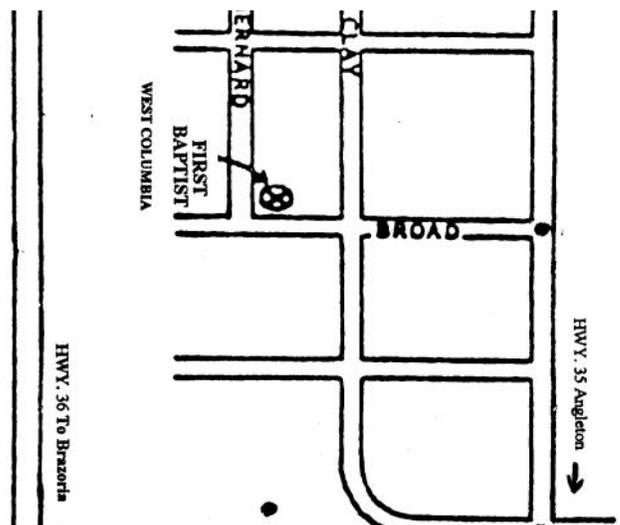
5- Pastors have been amazing. I sat in several meetings across the county to meet with pastors to determine how best to help their communities. I saw their hearts. Man, they are big. They have worked like it was their houses that had flooded. I also noticed that most of the pastors in these meetings were GCBA pastors and they were leaders in the meetings. You guys are amazing and I pray for that “Well done” from our Lord Jesus.

The Mey, Rosharon Bible Baptist Church had the church building and his house flooded. Don Pope of Garden Road and Mark Brumbelow from Grace Wild Peach had flooded homes. Holiday Lakes Church flooded.

It is truly a joy to serve the leaders and churches of Gulf Coast Baptist Association.

Donald

TEAM MEETING
November 14 at 11:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church
226 South Broad
West Columbia
979-345-3244



HISPANIC EVENTS

Oct. 10—Hispanic Pastors Mtg at GCBA at 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20-21—Hispanic Leadership Conf., Dallas (BGCT)
Oct. 27-28—Hispanic Men's Conf., Glen Rose (SBTC)
Oct. 29—Hispanic Fellowship, Primera Clute, 3pm
Nov. 12—Hispanic Rally, Waco (BGCT)
Nov. 12—Spanish Session of SBTC Annual Meeting,
6:00-9:00 p.m., Primera Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida ,
Dallas

Brazosport Baptist Temple will be celebrating **45** years with a homecoming on **Nov. 3 at 6:00 P.M and Nov. 4 at 10:00 AM.** Lunch will be served. Friday night will be fellowship with snacks. Saturday will be a time of sharing memories. There will also be music. Anyone and everyone is invited. It would nice if you could **rsvp to 979-849-3602** at least for lunch on Saturday.

December GCBA TEAM Meeting
Tuesday, December 12 @ 11:30 a.m.
Pregnancy Help Center

GCBA Pastorless Churches
Shadycrest Baptist—Pearland



SBTC 2017
Annual Meeting
November 13—14
Criswell College, Dallas



November 12—14
Waco Convention Center

OCTOBER

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| 10/02-03 | Pastor/Staff Golf Tournament, Bastrop (SBTC) |
| 10/10 | Hispanic Pastors' Meeting at GCBA at 7:00 p.m. |
| 10/13 | Safeguarding Church Ministry Conference, Champion Forest (SBTC) |
| 10/16-18 | Youth Ministry Conclave, Arlington Convention Center (BGCT) |
| 10/20-21 | Hispanic Leadership Conference, Dallas (BGCT) |
| 10/27-28 | Hispanic Men's Conference, Glen Rose (SBTC) |
| 10/29 | Hispanic Fellowship, Primera Clute, 3:00 p.m. |

NOVEMBER

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| 11/05 | Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall back |
| 11/07 | Election Day |
| 11/11 | Veteran's Day |
| 11/12-14 | SBTC Bible Conference and Annual Meeting, Criswell College |
| 11/12-14 | BGCT Annual Meeting, Waco Convention Center |
| 11/14 | GCBA TEAM Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, West Columbia |
| 11/23 | Thanksgiving |

DECEMBER

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| 12/03-10 | Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Offering |
| 12/06-07 | GCBA Christmas Open House, 11:00-2:00 |
| 12/12 | GCBA TEAM Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Pregnancy Help Center, Lake Jackson |
| 12/21-31 | GCBA closed for holidays |
| 12/25 | Merry Christmas! |