

# HEARTBEAT

HEART OF TEXAS BAPTIST NETWORK

Fall 2018

## ANNUAL GATHERING: OCTOBER 28

### THE MIND OF CHRIST

This year's Annual Gathering will take place at the [Coggin Avenue Baptist Church](#) in Brownwood, Texas on the last Sunday of the month of October (**October 28, 2018**). Our theme for the meeting is "**THE MIND OF CHRIST**" drawn from Philippians 2:1-11. Our keynote speaker is Brother Jeff Gore of [Jeff Gore Ministries](#) located in Abilene, Texas. A graduate of Howard Payne, Jeff and Donna travel the United States and minister in churches, at rodeos and camp meetings, at fairs, Cowboy gatherings, and many other venues where people need to hear the gospel. They are very experienced evangelists who minister in Word and song.

Jeff is an accomplished musician and singer. I believe the people will receive a blessing as we gather at Coggin.

The Business Session will take place at 4:00 p.m. upstairs in the Family Life Center. The meal will start at 5:00 p.m., and the worship will begin at 6:00 p.m.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to Coggin Avenue Baptist Church for all of their work and hospitality demonstrated to this Network each year.

*Now if your experience of Christ's encouragement and love means anything to you, if you have known something of the fellowship of his Spirit, and all that it means in kindness and deep sympathy, do make my best hope for you come true! Live together in harmony, live together in love, as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you. Never act from motives of rivalry or personal vanity, but in humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves. None of you should think only of his own affairs, but should learn to see things from other people's point of view.*

*Let Christ himself be your example as to what your attitude should be.*

*Philippians 2:1-5*



# MISSION NEWS

Sharing the Gospel, Living Its Truth From Everywhere, To Everywhere, For Everyone

## SOUTH TEXAS

We want to thank all of the churches and individuals who participated in the Backpack project for the children in South Texas. We worked closely with Pastor Ernie Chapa at Crossroads Church in McAllen, Texas and the Resurrection Catholic Church in the same city. A total of 188 backpacks were delivered to the church, and we were met there by the Director of Education at Resurrection Church who gladly toured us through their facilities and related the story of the feeding and holistic care provided for 12,000 people to date.

We also met with Pastor Ernie and discussed the possibility of bringing mission teams into McAllen to work alongside the existing churches. We appreciate the effort made to secure backpacks and deliver them to the office. Thank you for demonstrating the love of Christ to the hurting and broken of the world.



At this time we are closing out the backpack project. Any money received will be sent to Pastor Ernie to use at his discretion in and through his church in

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Extrapolated from September of 2018, the Network has had a relatively strong year. Of course we are operating on reduced budgets and a very streamlined structure from 2009. We continue to work hard to make the best use of the moneys and offerings given to this ministry from the churches and individuals. Some may not be aware that we have two distinct and separate accounts- the General Fund, from which we pay salaries, office operating expenses, and other supporting ministries, and the Mission Fund, which is used solely to fund mission efforts in the Network and beyond. The vast majority of the Mission Fund is designated for specific causes and projects by the givers, which can be individuals and/or churches.

Thank you for supporting the work of the Network.







In 2017, The Network Coordinating Team was convened twice in special called meetings to assess the needs of the churches, the status of the current work and organization of the Network, and to formulate a plan for the long term health of the Network going forward from 2018. This report has been circulated among the churches prior to the Annual Meeting and contains all of the necessary adjustments to the guiding documents, budget, and organization relevant to the plan.

This packet was sent to the churches via conventional mail and e-mail 40 days prior to the Annual Gathering, and will be voted on at the 4:00 p.m. Business Session at the Gathering.

Please address your questions to the Director of Missions prior to the Annual Gathering via e-mail, or one can set up a face to face meeting at the Network Resource Center or in the field at some acceptable location. We would be happy to address your questions during that time.

## ELECTION OF MESSENGERS

Here are the guidelines regarding the election of messengers to the Annual Gathering. Messengers are to vote their conscience concerning the business and initiatives of the Network.

“Each cooperating church shall be entitled to elect messengers to the Annual Meeting based on the following formula: Five (5) messengers plus one additional messenger for each fifty (50) resident members above one-hundred (100) or fractional part thereof. No church shall be entitled to more than fifteen (15) messengers. Mission churches do not elect messengers, but sponsor churches may elect their messengers from the mission(s). These messengers will count toward the total allotted messengers from the sponsor church. All elected messengers will register at the Annual Gathering and be given some form of visual credentials.”



### Cherokee Baptist Church

is looking for a motivated and energetic person to lead their church in worship as a part-time music minister. Cherokee is on State Highway 16 between San Saba and Llano. This is a small congregation, running around 50-60 in Sunday School and 75-100 in worship. There is a church choir and each Christmas the choir performs a Christmas cantata.

Interested and motivated applicants may submit a résumé to: Cherokee Baptist Church, P. O. Box 117, Cherokee, TX 76832 or [cherokeebaptist@yahoo.com](mailto:cherokeebaptist@yahoo.com).

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**First Baptist Church, Bangs,** is seeking a bi-vocational or part-time Minister of Worship. This person will seek to glorify God and edify the body of Christ through the ministry of music. Because we value a blended worship style, this minister must be completely at ease with both contemporary worship music and traditional hymns. Ability to direct both a praise band and a choir is necessary. For a full job description, go to [www.fbcbangs.com](http://www.fbcbangs.com). Submit resumes to [fbcbangs@fbcbangs.com](mailto:fbcbangs@fbcbangs.com).

## NETWORK CHURCHES

Board, Comanche  
FBC Comanche  
Comyn, DeLeon  
FBC DeLeon  
East Side Baptist, Comanche  
Emmanuel Baptist, Gustine  
Good Shepherd, Comanche  
FBC Gustine  
Liberty Baptist, DeLeon  
Mt. Pleasant, Comanche  
Proctor Baptist  
Sidney Baptist  
Sweetwater, Comanche  
Primera Iglesia Mision, DeLeon  
Bagget Creek Mission, Gustine  
Zion Hill, Comanche  
Comanche Co Cowboy Church  
FBC Bangs  
Bethel, Zephyr  
FBC Blanket  
Brookesmith  
FBC Brownwood  
Calvary, Brownwood  
Center City, Goldthwaite  
Central, Brownwood  
Coggin Ave., Brownwood  
Concord, Bangs  
High Mesa Cowboy, Bwd  
FBC Cross Plains  
Crossroads, Brownwood  
FBC Early  
Fellowship, Goldthwaite  
FBC Goldthwaite  
Greater Faith, Brownwood  
Grosvenor, Brownwood  
Heart of Texas Cowboy, Bwd  
Iglesia Nueva Vida, Bwd  
Lakeview, Brownwood  
FBC Lake Brownwood  
Little Zion Missionary, Bwd  
FBC May  
Primera Iglesia, Brownwood  
Mt. Zion, Brownwood  
FBC Mullin  
Northridge, Early  
Pleasant Grove, May  
Priddy Baptist  
Rocky Creek, Brownwood  
Salt Creek, Early  
Southside, Brownwood  
Star Baptist  
Victory, Brownwood  
FBC Zephyr  
FBC Mission, Brownwood  
FBC Cherokee  
High Valley, San Saba  
Parkview, San Saba  
FBC Richland Springs  
Pecan Grove, San Saba  
FBC San Saba  
Primera Calvario, San Saba  
Iglesia de Bien Pastor, San Saba



Brother Jose Mares, longtime leader of the Network Mexico Mission Team, Pastor, and mentor to many, recently passed away.

The Network, the Mares family and [Howard Payne University](#) are working to establish a scholarship fund in his honor — the Jose Maria Mares Scholarship. We are giving the churches and individuals of this Network, an opportunity to honor Brother Mares with a gift to fund this scholarship.

Gifts may be sent to the Network, where they will be held in escrow. Please write on the check memo: "Mares Scholarship Fund."

We want to thank you for honoring this great man and his family.

## OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

*The work of the Network is accomplished in partnership with churches in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Mills and San Saba counties. We encourage all churches to financially support the work of the Network. This can be done through budgeted giving and/or special offerings.*

- ◆ We want to support the Network by giving \_\_\_\_\_% of our monthly offerings each \_\_\_\_ month; \_\_\_\_ quarter \_\_\_\_ semi-annually
- ◆ We want to support the Network by giving \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly.
- ◆ We also want to support the work in \_\_\_\_ Macedonia
- ◆ \_\_\_\_ Nigeria \_\_\_\_ Mares Scholarship \_\_\_\_ Where needed most

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