



# October Newsletter

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**Del Rio—Uvalde  
Baptist Association**

## **DOM'S Reflections, October 2017**

It is with a sense of profound gratitude that I write this article for our October Newsletter. The gratitude that fills me is first toward our Lord who has graciously allowed me to complete the first year as Director of Missions of the del Rio-Uvalde Baptist Association. I, too, am grateful to you as an Association for extending me the call and granting me this privilege to join with you as we seek to glorify our Lord and be used by Him to extend His Kingdom.

The journey that brought me to this place has been one of fifty-five years as a Christ follower and forty-nine years of preaching the Gospel. Beth and I met and were married while still students at Hardin-Simmons. Our marriage began when I was pastor of my first church. The Lord has permitted us to walk together in ministry for 47 years. Thirteen of those years I served churches as a pastor here in the United States and 31 ½ years we served together as IMB missionaries in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru. We retired from the IMB and came from Lima, Peru, arriving here in the States on January 20<sup>th</sup> of last year. When we arrived back here in the U. S. we knew that the Lord still had ministry for us to be involved in. He has given us the gift to come here to work together with you of the churches that comprise our Association. It is with a sense of celebration that I can state that my résumé includes that I now serve as the DRUBA Director of Missions.

I believe that my pattern for the ministry that I have as your Director of Missions can be seen in the example of my two favorite Biblical characters. One is Caleb from the Old Testament and the other is Barnabas from the New Testament. Numbers 14:24 says that Caleb was a man of a different spirit that followed the Lord fully. Even at 85 years of age he still burned with passion and wanted to continue faithfully in his walk with the Lord. The best way I can serve you as your DOM is to give priority to my spiritual life and make sure that daily I stay close to Him.

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### **Special points of interest:**

- \* Task Force Meeting
- \* Annual Meeting



## **Working Together for the Growth for the Kingdom of God**

## Association Calendar

### ASSOCIATION and AREA CALENDAR

Oct 15	Association Annual Meeting	Northside Baptist, Del Rio, 3pm
Nov 5	Daylight savings ends, Fall Back	
Nov 7	Baptist Men's Meeting, 6:30 pm	FBC, Rocksprings
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday	Office closed
Dec 4	Ministers & Spouse Christmas Fellowship Dinner	FBC, Uvalde 6:30pm
Dec 25	Happy Birthday Jesus	
Jan 18	Executive Board Meeting	Frio Canyon Baptist, Leakey, 10am



**The Del Rio Uvalde Baptist Association will have the Annual Meeting  
on Sunday, October 15, 2017 @ 3pm**

**Northside Baptist Church  
1000 Amistad Blvd  
Del Rio, TX  
830-774-6111**

**Annual Sermon Preacher: Lonnie Moore, Pastor FBC Uvalde  
Officers: Dan Bliss, Moderator, Pastor, La Pryor Baptist**

*Please be prepared to give to an offering  
for Alto Frio Baptist Encampment.*

**Please register on your church's sheet at the door to be counted.**

**We are asking everyone to please bring a can good to the Annual meeting for the Bethel Center, a local food pantry that helps the needy of the community!**

**Churches please elect your messengers & bring other members as well!**

**Each church shall be entitled to 4 messengers, and 1 additional messenger for every 25 members above 100. No church shall be entitled more than 8 messengers.**

**ANNUAL MEETING ENDS WITH A DELICIOUS MEAL PROVIDED BY THE HOST CHURCH.**

## Annual Church Profiles

It's that time of year again.

There are 3 basic things we request of our churches 1) they contribute financially to the Association, 2) they complete an Annual Church Profile (ACP) each year, and 3)

they participate in the activities of the association.

We will begin to mail out the ACP's from the BGCT in September. The SBTC ACP's are online and can be accessed thru the church portal on their website. Please be sure to send a copy to the As-

sociation. The Association will also need any memorials to be included in this years Annual Meetings' book of reports by October 4, 2017. These will include anyone who has passed from 10/01/2016—09/30/2017. Thank you!

## Baptist Men's Meeting

The Baptist Men will meet at First Baptist Church in Rocksprings on Tuesday, November 7 for Wild Game Night

Come enjoy a wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship with Rusty Pipes Famous Venison Chili

\*\*\* Homemade cornbread contest

(Please bring your own homemade cornbread to share)

Call YJ Jimenez for more information 830-563-7464



- Domino Tournament
- 10 second Free Throw Basketball
- Men's Volley Ball



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES:

First Baptist Church, Camp Wood

Concan Baptist Mission, Concan

Jerusalén, Eagle Pass

Peniel, Eagle Pass

Primera, Eagle Pass

First Baptist Church, Eagle Pass

Reagan Wells Baptist Church, Reagan Wells

First Baptist Church, Rocksprings

Utopia Baptist Church, Utopia



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Updates...

The churches of our Association have been very generous and loving to those hit by the hurricanes. Several churches have groups who have gone out to minister to those in need in Rockport, Port Aransas, and Houston areas. Some churches have adopted sister churches to help in the rebuilding.

The association has also collected a total of \$ 4,817.00 for Disaster Relief.

Thank you!

We're on the Web! Check  
us out at [www.druba.net](http://www.druba.net)

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## Continued—Dom's Reflections

Barnabas's name was actually Joseph but the Apostles named him Barnabas, which means Son of Encouragement. Our journey through life with the Lord Jesus is often referred to in the Scriptures as a walk, but it is also classified as a race. However, I have discovered that this race is not a 100-meter dash, but rather, it is a marathon. Because of the great distance in a marathon there is always the possibility to deplete one's resources. But the very demands of such an arduous race can also lead the participant to be overcome with discouragement and thus fail to perform to their full potential or even withdraw from the competition. One of the key lessons that I have learned in this marathon of the Christian life is that endurance is more important than speed. By the grace of God, I want to continue faithfully to the end, and it is my desire to be used by the Lord to inspire others to remain faithful in this wonderful but arduous race of the Christian life. For this reason, in the most practical ways I want to be used by the Lord to encourage our churches and my brothers and sisters in the churches to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Please remember I am available to you as an Association. I have visited with nearly all of the pastors in the Association and I will look forward to maintaining personal contact with them during the coming year. Beth and I have been in around two-thirds of the Associational churches during this first year and will work to soon be in all of them. My desire is to be a blessing to the DRUBA churches. I will assist in any way I possibly can; please call on me. I would love to have the opportunity to preach in your church as a supply preacher, for special services or just to preach at any time. I would also relish the opportunity to share in times of special Bible Study or other ways that I could serve you in your churches.

Let us go forward together as an Association to glorify the blessed Name of the Lord Jesus and to be used by our Lord to extend His Kingdom.

*Tommy Larner*

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