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## SWMBA Tanzania Partnership Trip September 1-17, 2010

Thank you for praying for our associational partnerships. This month a small group from Crestmont Baptist is planning to travel to Mt. Baker Association to assist with construction. Pray for safe travels and productive work. In September we will have 16 volunteers, representing 6 churches in our association, traveling to Tanzania to work in the Karagwe Association.

Thank you, churches, for your generous contributions for the church leadership conference in Tanzania coming in September! One church set their VBS goal for \$100 to sponsor one couple for the leadership conference. They raised enough to sponsor two couples, \$220! The WMU has graciously given \$500 to support this work! To date the association has received a total of \$1,100 from various churches and individuals. What a blessing this will be to our brothers and sisters serving the Lord in the Karagwe Association. Thank you for your generosity – we are well on our way to reaching our \$4,000 goal!

Scott Whitson, Partnership Coordinator, 817-648-2890

T.J. Lewis has been called from Cana Church as youth minister to Village Meadows Baptist Church, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Calvary, Burleson has called David Miller as pastor. He and wife, Carolyn have three college-age children. They are former members of First, Burleson.

First, Burleson has called Trent Sellers as interim children's minister.

## Around the Association

Living Proof, Grandview is searching for a part-time minister of youth. Send resumes to the church: Living Proof Baptist Church, 4309 CR 307, Grandview, TX 76050 or [pastor@livingproofbc.com](mailto:pastor@livingproofbc.com).

First, Grandview has called Les Williams as minister of youth. He and Nicole began their ministry at First, Grandview June 7th.

Keene Baptist Church has called Lamar Black as pastor. His and Carol's first Sunday at Keene Baptist Church was June 6. Lamar formerly served as minister of education at Crestmont, Burleson.

### **TEXAS BAPTIST BIVOCATIONAL AND SMALLER CHURCH 24th Annual Statewide Conference**

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas

**July 9-11, 2010**

For complete details go to [www.bivocational.com](http://www.bivocational.com)

### **PRAY FOR THIS PASTORLESS CHURCH**

First, Rio Vista (interim - Bill Roe)

### **PRAY FOR THIS PASTORLESS MISSION**

Nueva Vida, Joshua

### **NEW SWMBA EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Effective immediately SWMBA has new email addresses as follows:

Email to the DOM should be addressed as:  
[dom@swmba.net](mailto:dom@swmba.net)

Email to Judy Cole should be addressed as:  
[judy.cole@swmba.net](mailto:judy.cole@swmba.net)

The old addresses [swmba@pobox.com](mailto:swmba@pobox.com) and [judy.cole@pobox.com](mailto:judy.cole@pobox.com) will continue to be valid also.

The following addresses will be closed effective immediately:

[judy.cole@charterinternet.com](mailto:judy.cole@charterinternet.com) and  
[swmba.dom@charterinternet.com](mailto:swmba.dom@charterinternet.com).

Thank you for making these changes in your address book.

### **DOM Search Committee Report**

After much prayer, after reviewing several dozen resumes, after speaking with several both in and beyond our Association, and after several meetings and interviews, the SWMBA DOM Search Committee has identified the individual we believe the Lord has led us to for our next Director of Missions. We met with him once again today, June 24, 2010, to formally express our desire to present him to the full Association as our nominee. The individual has requested additional time to further seek clarity from the Lord, something we unanimously affirmed. We don't expect to hear a definitive response for at least a few weeks. We request prayer support from everyone throughout our Association and look forward to receiving a response soon, but not prior to our July Executive Board meeting. Should the response be positive we anticipate scheduling a called meeting of the Association Board to consider the recommendation.

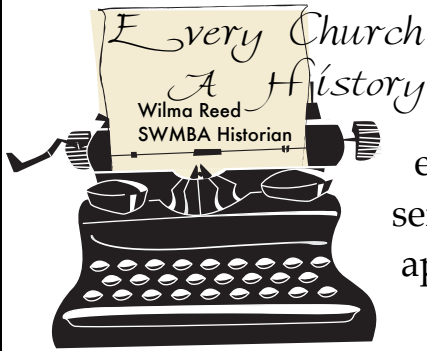
Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Sharman, Search Committee Chairman

### **Looking for good Christian books for your church library?**

Field Street Baptist Church Media Library is running out of room and is working on a MAJOR weeding project to make more room.

Many good older or duplicate books, especially in the Religion class 200's are being pulled from our collection.

If you are interested in looking over the books for your church's collection, please contact: Betsy Ruffin via email at [betsyx@fieldstreet.com](mailto:betsyx@fieldstreet.com) or by phone at 817-641-9201 to set up a time this summer to meet her at Field Street library and take a look (and take as many books as you wish).



There is no thrill quite like being in a worship service with a small rural Baptist congregation that has come to praise and worship the Lord. That is what I experienced Sunday, June 27, when I attended the 11 o'clock service of Willow Springs Baptist Church located approximately 4 miles southeast of Alvarado at 10501 FM 1807.

Steve Fletcher has been serving as pastor since December, 2009. The Johnson County Historical Commission awarded a county historical plaque to the church, commemorating 120 years of ministry, in 2008. In July, 2009, an electrical fire destroyed the worship center but plans are underway to erect not only a new auditorium but to renovate the fellowship hall now used for services.

After the song service, the group moved outside to the construction site where Pastor Fletcher shared a meaningful message and prayer time. David Petton, SWMBA chair of missions expansion voiced the closing prayer. Pastor Fletcher and the congregation are to be commended for maintaining the witness established by Baptist believers on June 17, 1888.

Coming September 5, 2010

## The 19th Annual Associational Labor Day Weekend Evangelism Rally

### GA Camp Report

The theme for camp this year was "Diamonds in the Rough" and the Bible verse for the week "I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Ps. 139:14.

There were 194 campers, 12 professions of faith, 2 re-dedications, and 2 who surrendered for special service.

Our next planning meeting will be the second Saturday in September and anyone interested in helping with next year's camp may contact me at [barbaramarchbanks@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramarchbanks@yahoo.com)

### Senior Adult "Night of Music"

Thursday, September 2, 2010 5:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church, Cleburne

A meal will be shared in the Christian Activities Building followed by a Program in the Sanctuary.

The Senior Adult Advisory Council has put together a great mix of musicians who will inspire and uplift:

- Sherri Wagner will bring message in song.
- Amber Goddard on the flute.
- Jerry and Betsy Reed, a pastor/wife duet.

Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.  
Meat, bread and tea/coffee will be provided.

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## July 2010

- June 28-2- Progressive Hearts Youth Camp  
Latham Springs Baptist Encampment
- 4- Independence Day
- 5- SWMBA office will be closed
- 9-11- Bi-Vocational/Smaller Church Conference  
Mary-Hardin Baylor
- 12- Associational Council Meeting  
Lunch at SWMBA office 12:30 p.m.  
SWMBA office 1:30 p.m.
- 19-23- Next Level Kids Camp  
Latham Springs Baptist Encampment
- 20- SWMBA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Cowboy Way, Alvarado

## August 2010

- 3- Latham Springs Board Meeting 12:00 noon  
Meeting to follow lunch  
Latham Springs Baptist Encampment
- 23- Ministers' Luncheon 12:00 Noon  
First Baptist Church, Burleson

## September 2010

- 2- Senior Adult "Night of Music" 5:30 p.m.
- 5- 19th Annual SWMBA Evangelism Rally 7:00 p.m.
- 6- Labor Day SWMBA office closed
- 12-19- BGCT State Missions Emphasis
- 13- Ministers Luncheon FBC, Lillian 12:00 noon
- 16- Fall Senior Day at Latham Springs 8:30 a.m.
- 19-26- SBTC State Missions Emphasis
- 27- Ministers Luncheon College Heights, Cleburne 12:00 noon