



2018 ANNUAL REPORT



2018 Annual Report Overview

Resources:

- People Movers: 213 rental days
- Ministry Trailer & equipment: 16 rental days
- A/V Library: 24 Bible studies
- Notary Services: 10 clients
- RightNow Media Offered to all 47 churches

Services:

- Minister's Tax Seminar: 7 in attendance
- Church Unique: FBC, Brock, Center of Hope
- Life Younique: 8 Church leaders
- Personal Meetings: 520 hours
- Search Consultations: 5 churches, 32 hours

Ministries:

- Baptist Student Ministry
 - Free lunches served on two campuses, 2,765 total students
 - 34 students involved in small groups
 - 14 churches assisting with lunches
 - 5 churches financially supporting BSM programs
- Community DiscipleNow
 - 350 students, 100 leaders
 - 10+ churches
- Intensity Youth Camp
 - 511 in attendance
 - 23 churches
 - 48 salvations
 - 30 rededications
 - 5 called to ministry

- WMU:
 - 11 ministry action projects
 - 8 in attendance at World Day of Prayer Luncheon
- Senior Adult Luncheon:
 - 108 in attendance
- Lake Mineral Wells Resort Ministry
 - 32 weeks of ministry
 - 588 total worship attendance
 - 80 total ministry contacts
 - 41 total Ministry Opportunities
- Everything A-Z Foster Care Resources
 - 158 total children served
 - 45 total volunteers
- Disaster Relief
 - 59 total attendance at training event
 - 2 deployments with 577 total volunteer hours
- Church Planting
 - Waterbury Church, Vermont
 - Avg. attendance 30
 - Partnership ended at the end of the year
 - Church on the Rock Ministries, Vancouver, BC
 - Two locations: Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge
 - We currently support two missionary families
 - A third missionary family returned to the U.S.
 - Graffiti Fellowship Church, Brooklyn, NY
 - Created non-profit corporation for Community Development Center
 - Created non-profit corporation for the church ministry
 - 43 salvations

Dreams for 2019:

- Strengthen network of churches working together
- Assist more churches to gain clarity for where God is taking them.
- Assist more church leaders clarify direction and sharpen skills
- Plant/replant churches



Reporting the Past, Dreaming for the Future

John Thielepape, Director of Missions

Do you remember Y2K? It seems difficult to believe that 18 years have passed since we wondered if our computers would revert back to the year 1900 making the world plunge into darkness and chaos. I recall people storing up water and supplies in the event of an apocalypse.

None of the predicted catastrophes occurred, but the first two decades of the 21st Century have certainly ushered in an accelerated pace of change. Smart phones with cameras and video chat, smart watches, social media where “friend” became a verb, telecommuting, voicemail, text messaging, flat screen TVs, and online shopping. When was the last time that you memorized a phone number, sent a hand-written letter or played music from a CD?

Baptist life from our national and state conventions to associations and local churches has been forced to engage a changing environment. Several SBC entities are currently searching for new executive leadership while they face declining resources. Churches face a culture that has less interest in organized religion and programming along with aging congregations. Last year the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders produced a study seeking to reposition local Baptist associations to assist churches with many of these issues.

As we report on Parker Baptist Association (PBA) activity for 2018, we have to acknowledge the changes taking place among our network of churches. While Parker County is growing in population, many of our churches are struggling to adapt to the fact that, starting in the eastern part of the county, we are changing from rural to suburban.

PBA was formed in the 19th century when Parker County was on the frontier of western expansion in Texas. Churches were planted from a desire to make imprints of faith in local communities. Once again, our county sits on the frontier of expansion, a suburban expansion that will last well into the next decade. The majority of this growing population will have

little to no interest in organized religion. *God has placed before us a tremendous adventure.*

What would the average person on the street say if asked their opinion of Parker County churches? Likely, their answer would reflect their personal experience. Those who have been blessed might have a positive impression while those who have been hurt or only hear bad stories might have a negative impression. Would any of their answers reflect that churches have helped them to see and follow Jesus? What kind of footprints do our churches leave throughout the county?

In the pages that follow, you will see how our staff and ministry partners have used our resources to assist churches and shine the light of the Kingdom. We count it a privilege to serve churches and to see churches thrive in ministry.

Our dream is for PBA to position itself as a network of churches committed to leaving imprints of the Kingdom in our local communities and beyond, that help people to see and follow Jesus.

I believe we will have to move from a resource center model to a training center model that invests in the ability of churches to train, empower, mobilize and send disciples of Jesus out to be witnesses for the Kingdom.

The markers for our journey will be found in:

- Churches that experience clarity and vitality in disciple-making and mission,
- Church leaders who generate movements of Christ-followers serving the Kingdom,
- Every person in Parker County who is currently far from Christ having a meaningful relationship with a committed follower of Christ.

I believe that the value of the Association will be demonstrated by being the catalyst for this movement among churches. Churches cooperating together will raise the profile of disciple-making and mission. I dream of the day when people instinctively respond that PBA churches are congregations that help people to see and follow Jesus Christ.

PBA Staff Report for 2018

Resources Provided to Churches

People Movers – The Association owns three 15-passenger People Movers (2004, 2010, 2014 models) rented to churches at a discounted rate. The 2004 model has been restricted to a 100-mile radius from Weatherford.

In 2018, churches had 213 rental days at a savings of approximately \$32,000 for those churches. These buses are maintained, licensed and insured through the rental fees received.

Ministry Trailer and Equipment – The Association owns and maintains a ministry trailer that contains inflatable games, a popcorn machine, snow cone machine, cotton candy machine and a generator. Churches had 16 rentals days during 2018, at a savings to those churches of approximately \$9,000. The equipment on the trailer is maintained and replaced through the rental fees received.

A/V Library – The Association maintains an A/V Library with Bible study programs, training materials, and DVDs. These materials are provided to churches at no charge. In 2018, 24 churches checked materials out of the library.

In 2018, PBA entered into an agreement with RightNow Media to provide an introductory account for each church at no initial cost to that church for one year, using a grant from the W.H. Stock Trust Fund. After one year, each church can continue to subscribe at a discounted network rate. The value provided to churches by this agreement was approximately \$32,000. To date, 34 churches have made use of this resource.

Other resources – The PBA office provides a wide-format printer for printing banners, signs and large posters at a discounted price to cover the cost of paper and ink. Churches also make use of a color copier, a large laminating machine, and a die cut machine with a library of dies. Churches provide their own paper for the die cut machine and pay a small fee for laminating and copying.

Services Provided to Churches

Minister's Tax Seminar – PBA sponsored a Tax Seminar dedicated to the unique situations regarding ministerial income with 6 people in attendance. The seminar was conducted by Gary Crowell, CFO of the Tarrant Baptist Association.

Church Unique – Church Unique is a vision/planning model for churches that explores an individual church's unique capability to glorify God and make disciples. Consultant fees for this process typically cost tens of thousands of dollars. Auxano, the parent company for CU, trained John Thielepape to facilitate the process which allows PBA churches to experience significant savings.

Brock Baptist Church completed Church Unique in 2018, clarifying its mission as: *Encouraging every person to experience ultimate victory through Christ-centered living every day.* The church has created set of guiding values, strategy, measures and a future storyline to guide how God is leading them to fulfill that mission in their community. The church will move into executing that storyline in 2019. PBA provided this process to Brock Baptist at a savings of around \$20,000.

In addition to Brock Baptist, John Thielepape facilitated the Church Unique process with the staff of Center of Hope Parker County to guide a renewal of their mission and vision. The staff developed the mission: *In Christ-like service, equipping and empowering people to live a successful, joy-filled life,* and realigned the Center's strategy to execute future plans to fulfill that vision. While the Center of Hope compensated PBA for John's assistance, PBA still provided a significant partnership discount.

Life Younique – Life Younique is a process of Gospel-centered life design, leading an individual to clarify a personal sense of calling in Christ and move forward to fulfill that calling in partnership with Christ. In 2018, John Thielepape led 8 church leaders through a pilot group. We look forward to introducing this as a discipleship tool for churches in the future.

Search Consultations – The Director of Missions consulted with 5 churches facing staff transition, totaling 32 hours of time with those committees. In addition, the DOM visited with individuals serving on those committees and candidates talking to those committees.

Notary Public – The PBA office provides Notary services for churches and members of churches at no charge.

Background Checks – The PBA office provides Background checks including criminal, credit, education, and employment checks for churches when looking at potential staff members in exchange for the fee charged to PBA.

Personal Meetings – The DOM logged 520 hours of personal contact with church leaders and church members during 2018 through personal visits and phone calls.

Supported Ministries



Coyote BSM at Weatherford College – Mark Nelson

1. FREE LUNCHES

Fall 2018

Spring 2018

- | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----|
| a. @ MINERAL WELLS | 891 | 540 |
| b. @ MAIN CAMPUS | 734 | 600 |
| c. @ WISE COUNTY | (DONE BY FIRST BAPTIST – PARADISE) | |
| d. @ GRANBURY CAMPUS | (DONE BY TARLETON STATE BSM) | |
| e. TOTAL : | 1,625 students on the TWO (2) Campus directly involved with Fall 2018 | |
| f. Total: | 1,140 Students on the TWO (2) Campus directly involved with Spring 2018 | |
| g. Total : | 2,765 students over the year | |
| h. Free lunch costs: | \$100-150 per meal to feed 60-80 students per lunch | |



2. T6 Groups

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| a. Tuesday Nights (leadership)
Involved | 12 students total |
| b. Thursday Nights (Worship & bible study) | 18 students involved |
| c. Fall 2018 Only | |

- i. Thursday AM Group 3 students per week
- ii. Tuesday AM Group 1 student (helped serve @ Mineral Wells)

3. Missional Lifestyle

- a. May 2018 – Trip to Vermont (3 students)
- b. ON-campus Time – Avg. 5 hours per week (120 hours this year)
 - i. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
 - 1. Welcome Week Events
 - a. 400 bottles of water
 - b. 200 flyers passed out
 - c. 2 days – breakfast items
 - 2. Prayer Walking Campuses
 - 3. Hang Time (3rd Places)
 - 4. Dorm Events (21 large pizzas, 240 bottles of Water)



4. Church Involvement

- a. 14 churches helped serve “Free Lunches” over the year
- b. 2 Churches worked on-campus
- c. 5 churches have active college groups
- d. 5 churches give financially to the BSM budget
- e. 1 Association (Palo Pinto) give financially to BSM Budget
- f. 1 Avg. monthly opportunity to speak in local churches

Community DiscipleNow

- 350 students, 100 leaders
- 10+ churches participating

Intensity Youth Camp – Jon Hartman

God has truly blessed us with another great year at Intensity Youth Camp! It truly is one of my favorite weeks of the year! We were blessed this year to have some phenomenal men of God leading us from our stage! Our worship was led by the Nick Gainey Band, and Ryan Fontenot of RAGE Ministries brought us the truth of God’s Word. What God does in the lives of jr high and high school students at camp is nothing short of amazing! Here are some of the numbers from Intensity 2018!

- Attendance – 511

- Churches – 23
- Salvations – 48
- Rededication – 30
- Baptism – 23
- Call to Ministry – 5

While we got to see and celebrate with the ones represented above, we know and believe that God did something in the life of everyone at Intensity! We are looking forward to seeing what God will do at Intensity 2019, which will be July 8-12 at Heart of Texas Baptist Camp in Brownwood. If you would like to become part of the Intensity Team or get more information, please contact Jon Hartman at jhartman@greenwoodbc.com or 817-596-8302! We truly believe the best is yet to come!!!

WMU – Barbara Shepard

- Collected items for 11 Mission Action Projects sponsored including Manna, Center of Hope, Weatherford Senior Center, Freedom House and the Back-to-School Fair.
- Sponsored a luncheon for the Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer in November, with 8 women attending.

Senior Adult Luncheon – Judy Flanagin

- 108 in attendance
- 8 different churches represented

Lake Mineral Wells Resort Ministry – David Wills

- 32 weekends of ministry
- 588 total worship attendance at Sunday services
- 80 total ministry contacts
- 41 total ministry Opportunities

Everything A-Z Foster Care Resource Center – Marlin Whittington

- 158 total children served
- 45 total volunteers

Disaster Relief Ministry – Mark Randall

January 19 - Yellow Cap Training at FBC Weatherford. 59 volunteers trained.

January 20 - Laundry Unit Training at FBC Weatherford.

March 11-15 - Normandale Baptist Church, Ft. Worth (Mission Support)

June 28-July 28 - Weslaco (Flooding)

223 loads of Laundry, 497 volunteer hours

SUMMER EQUIPMENT UPGRADES

Expanded the drying capacity of the Laundry unit by adding an additional dryer.

Sold excess equipment (generator).

Permanently mounted propane tanks for safer transport and use. Reconfigured gas lines to accommodate gas dryers

September 29 - October 3 Sonora (Flooding)

14 loads of laundry, 80 volunteer hours.

Set up **Disaster Relief Booth** at the Parker Association Annual Meeting.

November 11 - Represented TBM with a **Disaster Relief Booth** at Stonewater Church's Mission Fair

I am thankful for our yellow cap volunteers. Our volunteer response for both disaster call-outs was outstanding. We had workers lined up to work beyond our call-out which is good.

We also had the good problem of having too many volunteers at times but were able to juggle workers availability with our needs to provide the manpower to operate our unit.

NEXT YEAR:

March 1 & 2, 2019 - Yellow Cap and Specialty Training will be held at Lakeshore Baptist.

Church Planting Partnerships

Waterbury Church - Waterbury, VT

Our long-time partnership with the Waterbury Church concluded at the end of 2018. The church continues with an average attendance of 30 in Sunday worship, and is hosting small groups for women and men during the week. A long-anticipated answer to prayer came to pass recently with the availability of a building to lease in the middle of town. This will allow the church to consistently host more events and small groups and also provide a more permanent presence in the city. Pray for Brian and Allison Conyers and their three children as Brian continues to lead the church forward.

Church on the Rock – Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge, British Columbia

We continue to work with two missionary families in the Greater Vancouver area while one family returned to the United States during the year. The Pitt Meadows church endured the departure of several members over a doctrinal issue, and we support the stance of the church leadership. The Maple Ridge church moves forward with home groups reaching out to families in the immediate neighborhood.

Pray for Josh and Lisa Arrington and their four children as they lead the Pitt Meadows church. Pray for Shaun and Whitney Lynch and their three children as they lead the Maple Ridge church. Also, pray for the possibility of a new church in the town of Mission.

Graffiti Church – Coney Island/Brooklyn, New York

Graffiti Church experienced significant growth in ministry and attendance. The Graffiti Learning Center, Inc. was created to manage the community development ministries such as the GED program, job readiness program, and after school program. John Thielepage

serves as Chairman of the GLC Board and several others from PBA churches serve as Board members.

Graffiti Fellowship Church was created for the worship, evangelism, and discipleship ministries. The church saw 43 people come to faith in Christ during 2018.

Pray for Stephen and Carrie Trainer and their three children as they lead the community development ministries and the church. Pray for financial stability to deal with the high costs of living in New York City and the rental cost of \$5,200/month for the meeting location. Pray also for team members to join the in the ministry.

Our Dreams for 2019

- Strengthen network of churches working together
- Assist more churches to gain clarity for where God is taking them.
- Assist more church leaders clarify direction and sharpen skills
- Plant/replant churches