



News from the Cuban Seminary

The situation here in Cuba is not easy. Besides the Covid, the government made some economical adjustments and there is a profound devaluation of our currency. The government rose the salaries about 4 times, but churches are not able to do that for her full time workers, so this is a difficult time.

Our Seminary is also facing this situation. We are praying and confident in God’s guidance and help as He always has done in the past.

Once again, I appreciate your prayers and support. Convey our love and gratitude to GBA.

Blessings,  
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We had several churches support Cuba missions for a number of years. That support has now ended and we have sent the last of the contributions to our liaison to get it to them. Sending money to Cuba is nearly impossible from the USA. Normally Dario and some others visit Texas each year, but due to travel restrictions, that was not possible last year.

Please pray for the seminary in Cuba and all those that work in churches there.

Temporary Office Relocation for ETBN

During the extreme cold last week, Calvary Baptist Church had a pipe break in the ceiling of their main building that flooded the office area, sanctuary and more. This has necessitated the move of the offices to the Youth Building.

If you need to come to the ETBN office, please come to the double doors on the building on the west side of the church. The ETBN office is located in the far right corner of that building. We look forward to seeing you.

Pray for Calvary Baptist Church that they may get everything repaired and that the sanctuary will be ready to worship in before too long. The members of Calvary Baptist have really jumped in to help move everything and keep the ministry flowing.

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## Kilgore BSM News



This month has been one to definitely put in the record books. Including everything with the pandemic, politically, and in nature. The one thing that I can rest assured in is found in Psalm 110. Jesus Christ has been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Despite what chaos is going on around us, He is still on His throne and His enemies are His footstool. I type all this not because I perfected this train of thought, but it's something I have to remind myself daily. My prayer and thoughts, here, are to encourage you my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, all the more to remain steadfast and stay; just like Job.

This semester has been a whirlwind of ministry. The student population is down, but our ministry numbers have been up. Our Tuesday lunch number has been between 150-200, but this has not discouraged us because our Bible study numbers have increased each week as the semester goes forward. We have added one more Bible study because of an opportunity and need. There have been around 60 students each week doing some sort of bible study with us. The greatest news of all is, this semester we have witnessed and prayed with four people who accepted Christ as their Lord. Three new brothers and one new sister in Christ.

The gospel not only compels me but propels me forward.

Please pray that the Lord would draw more non-believers to the BSM and explore their faith questions, and through that draw them to Himself.

Ask the Lord to provide a bountiful harvest from the many seeds that the BSM has planted at Kilgore College.

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BOUNCE Student Disaster Recovery offers students the opportunity to assist communities in their efforts to BOUNCE back from devastation after disaster has struck. Participants engage in disaster recovery projects, times of worship and reflection designed to help them encounter and respond to God.

This Spring Break students will be working in the Golden Triangle area of Texas.

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**Student Disaster Recovery**  
**Restoring Hope**  
**Rebuilding Communities**  
**Reflecting Christ**



# VBS 2021

VBS training had to be cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Last year, most of churches were not able to hold the traditional VBS. A few of our churches offered VBS in different ways, such as a drive-in family VBS, a drive-by VBS where families could pick up VBS materials with crafts and snacks, and an online Zoom VBS that could be participated in. Our churches get very creative to offer VBS. VBS is the main evangelistic tool to reach children.

You can visit the Lifeway website to find all kinds of help for hosting Vacation Bible School this year.

## ETBN Calendar March 2021

|       | ETBN Calendar March 2021                                   |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4     | Minister's Prayer Luncheon, 11:45 a.m., Jason's Deli       |
| 7-15  | Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions |
| 9     | NLT Meeting, 10 a.m. (Meeting in Sullivan Hall at Calvary) |
| 10-18 | BBGCT BOUNCE Spring Break                                  |
| 14    | Daylight Savings Time Begins                               |
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## Minister's Heart to Heart Monthly Prayer Luncheon

Thursday, March 4, 2021

11:45 a.m.

at

Jason's Deli

Join your fellow ministers in a meal, fellowship and prayer. Be sure to send your prayer requests to [greggba@gmail.com](mailto:greggba@gmail.com).



## Pray for our churches that are seeking a pastor:

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Circle C Cowboy Church  
Forest Home Baptist Church  
Jay Valley Baptist Church  
Mobberly Baptist Church  
Trinity Baptist Church