

MBA of Texas December 2023 Mission Reports

Since December 1st, **6 saved, 4 baptized, 0 joined by statement. 0 Surrendered to Preach**
From your Sec/Treas. Desk:

Lifeline Baptist Church, Texas Intercultural Ministries Report, December. 2023

Christmas Has Come and Gone We are thankful for our faithful attenders during this season. Although our attendance could have been better, we had a great time of fellowship and celebrations.

We Finished out the Year with an overall increase: We had 50+ on three different occasions in 2023. There were 3 Baptisms and 8 saved.

Our Goals for Next Year: 1. Continuing our "Reaching the Unchurched and the Unreached" we have added "Making Disciples that Make Disciples" as a part of our overall Vision.

2. It is our Prayer to average over 50 this coming year.

3. We will be promoting the need to replace my salary on a quarterly basis until we have totally absorbed the State MBA salary which I have been receiving.

4. We are planning on building our addition to the back of the church which will seat 160.

5. We are praying for greater results in our outreach efforts to meet and evangelize many more.

Thank God for two TBI Intern students helping us: Bro Jase Fuller has been with us for two years now and is a great blessing to us. Also, Bro Jason Enochs has just started working with us during the Christmas holidays. Looks like he will be helping us more. We praise God for these two fine men that love souls. **We are Starting Membership Classes First Sunday in Jan:** Pray for us as we prepare to have several going through these classes for three weeks. Pray God's will be done in their lives as they prepare to become part of Lifeline.

Discipleship is the Keyword: We will be emphasizing discipleship for the next few months in hopes that our people will fully grasp the great significance and benefit of becoming a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for our effort please.

You can reach us at: 817-726-8781 We invite you to come and visit our church: 1951 N Main St., Mansfield, TX. www.lifelinechurchmansfield.org. God Bless you all, David Smith
 Worship Avg: 27; Wed nite small group: 8; Gen Offerings: \$2842; Missions: \$350;
 Lifeline paid pastor: \$450; Bangladesh Missions: \$3500; **Saved=1**; Faith Promise Offerings: \$652

Fellowship Baptist Church, Conroe, December 2023 Report

God has truly been good to us this past month of December. With another baptism, a bunch of outreach, and fellowship amongst our people, we have seen many impacted by the ministry efforts of our church. Our desire for more opportunities to build bridges through mending hearts and lives through the Gospel is seeing much fruit even as south corner of Texas gets colder. One of our newest families within the church had their son come to know the Lord sometime back, and he came forward to be baptized a few weeks ago. His name is Hezekiah, and he is already seeking to help out in our Audio / Visual ministry here at the church. We are very pleased to see him and his family working well to help grow what God is doing here at Fellowship Baptist. December tends to be a month long of celebrations. What way to start the celebrations off right with our sponsoring church (Alvin MBC) inviting us to their Annual Christmas Banquet. We were met with excellent food, fun, and fellowship had by all. I also want to personally thank

Alvin and their Pastor Justin Gatlin for the generous “Christmas Bonus” they gave my wife and I for serving here as Missionary Pastor. Our youth and some of their friends got together to help decorate our church Christmas tree. What a fun new tradition we get to have together singing Christmas songs, sipping coco (with marshmallows), and eating cookies along with decorating ornaments and hanging them on the tree. Our deal was, make at least two ornaments so you can keep one and put on the church tree. Everyone agreed that was a great idea. Another great time of fellowship and festivities was at the South Texas Pastor’s & Wives Dinner hosted at Creekmont MBC in LaPorte, TX. I was able to lead in singing Christmas Carols and a festive game. What a great time celebrating together this during the Holidays.

Here at Fellowship Baptist, we had our own Thanksgiving / Christmas get together. We called it our “Christ-giving Celebration”. It was filled with great food and fellowship. A new couple joined our church that day to help make the event even that much more special for us. This year, each family of our church has been collecting food for Christmas baskets to be given out right before Christmas. Our church bought all the cooked hams, eggs, and dairy for each basket going out. What a blessing to see the faces and feel the hearts of each person and family receiving this little help for Christmas. We were able to pray with them in their homes and share with them in a special tract I made for the occasion. Several of them are asking more questions and reaching out for prayer needs well after receiving the food basket. We have been planning out our path towards organizing as a church by going through our building and marking what needs attention first. Nursery, baptism, classrooms, you name it. We have a lot of work ahead to take on, but one God to give the strength to do it. We also plan on setting a budget and bylaws very soon. Please pray for us to organize within 2024!

In God’s Everlasting Love, Aaron Bryan-Pastor.

Hwy. 288 Church Planting December 2023 Report

The holidays have been a blessed time of celebrating the birth of our Savior, time with family, and...road construction! I never thought that I would say that road construction is something to celebrate. It causes delays, increased traffic, safety issues, and rough driving surfaces. However, in the case of Highway 288, it means that a 4-lane highway needs to be converted into a freeway to accommodate the increased traffic that comes with a significant increase in population growth. It means that overpasses need to be built to connect small county roads that will soon be surrounded by new development. It means that the vision for developing a rural area into a new community is coming alive. The vision for new churches in this area is alive and well also, and 2023 was a great year for seeing God work in new relationships and new opportunities. Thank you for all of the ways that you support us, and your interest in our work moving forward in 2024.

- Amy and I led 3 people to accept Christ as Savior in December at the Pregnancy Help Center. We are thankful for how God continues to use this ministry in so many ways.
- The homeschool fine arts co-op held its winter concert on December 9. This has been a great experience of meeting new families in the Rosharon area. More new families are signing up for the spring. Please continue to pray that we make connections with these families that lead to ministry and church planting opportunities along the 288 corridor.
- Our family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas at home with some much-needed time off, good food, and people we love. We hope that your holiday with also filled with God’s goodness, with blessings for the new year ahead.
- We are excited about 2024 as we continue to develop Coastal Way Baptist Church, and also continue to explore and build relationships in other locations on the 288 corridor. Feel free to contact me any time so that I can share more about how God is at work, or to schedule a visit in person with your church. We appreciate all of you, and look forward to all of the ways that you will walk with us in 2024.

In Christ, Pastor Greg Devine.

Shiloh Baptist Church, December 2023 Report.

Work: the month of has come quick and fast and to get everything accomplished can be overwhelming. We started the month with salvations and baptisms as the Lord has truly blessed His Harvest

1. A lady came forward and gave her profession of Salvation and requested baptism,
2. We baptized 4 that made professions last month. Sister Veronica, Brother Alon, Sister Nora, and Sister Lett
3. We hosted the 3rd annual Mission Valley Pastor and Wife Christmas luncheon with gift exchange to build stronger fellowship together and having fun.
4. We spent Christmas for the first time without hosting any church members, we spent time with our kids, as my wife and I have worn out. The blessing is we had a sister in Christ step up to receive the blessing of the Lord by hosting and was truly blessed.

As we close out the Year of 2023, I looked at the true blessing of harvest and individuals that the Lord blessed Shiloh with.

1. 22 Souls repented and made professions of Salvations.
2. 16 Souls Baptized.
3. 50 first time visitors to have the Word of God planted.
4. A high of 38 for morning message
5. Received \$13,300.00 that was raised by the Texas ladies Aux for our building fund.
6. We are running two vans on Sundays as people are accepting the invite to hear the Good News of the Lord. Shiloh MBC will experience changes in 2024, that will test our faith and serving the Lord, we will continue giving the Lord Jesus Christ all glory and honor.

Building Fund: The building fund has been a true blessing for us this year as we were blessed by the TMD funds of over \$34,000.00, and the State Ladies Auxiliary blessed us at the State Meeting in San Antonio with a check for \$12,508.00 and what we raised along with many churches contributing to the fund we have \$81,066.60.

Prayer Requests: 1. Prayers as we disciple the new converts to be strongly grounded as they step up to replace those that have moved away, along with tithing. 2. Prayers for the Haven of Hope van ministry, and any that are seeking Jesus Christ that will make their church home at Shiloh MBC. 3. Prayers as I have been laid off from my secular job due no new work contracts for construction are on the horizon for Jan and possibly Feb.

Stats: Salvations 1; Joined by Lettered 0; Baptisms 4; Church Offerings \$2,920.08; Paid out to Missions \$400.00 Attendances Sunday school 23, Sunday morning Worship 25, Sunday evening 20, and Midweek 17

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NOTE: We have a new email address: shilohmbc2010@gmail.com

Landmark MBC, Rockdale, TX: Bro. Larry Watson December 2023 Report

December 2023 Rockdale News Average 12 in Sunday Morning, and 7 in Wednesday Evening Services.
December Offerings \$; December Missions \$; Landmarkbaptistrockdale@gmail.com

ROCKDALE NEWS: December has been a hard month for many in our small church. I would like to start by asking for prayers. Bro. Loddie, who wears many hats in our church, flew to Georgia with his wife Charyl to visit their children for Christmas. While there his wife was admitted to

the hospital, with various health issues. She is currently still a patient, and Bro. Loddie had to fly home the last Sunday of this month without her. He is getting things in order here at home, and then will return to be by her side as she will hopefully be transferred to a rehab facility until she is strong enough to make the trip back to Texas. Please remember them both in your prayers. My family also traveled up to Abilene over the last week of the year, as my wife's grandmother passed away. We were able to attend the funeral and spend much needed time with her family. We also have many visitors dealing with heavy personal things, and they need much prayer. We know though that the Lord is with us during all of these things, and we are so very grateful for His goodness and mercy, as well as the prayers of all of you. As far as church and attendance, of course due to sickness, travel, etc., our attendance has been the lowest of the whole year. We are looking forward to that turning around in the coming weeks. In spite of the difficulties we still had so many blessings this month. We had the opportunity to join our town and walk around visiting with them during the Christmas Parade. We also packaged and delivered 23 gift bags with Bibles, homemade goodies, warm gloves and hats, and more, to the homeless ministry in town. We also were blessed to be able to attend 2 church's Christmas programs, that truly blessed our hearts. As a wonderful end to the year we had and we had a young family visit for the first time on New Year's Eve. They live in town, and are visiting around different churches. We are praying for them, that the Lord will show them exactly where He wants them to be. Lastly, Mark your calendars, as we would love to invite you to join us for our 2024 spring Revival beginning April 7th! We are excited to see what the Lord has planned for us in 2024.

In Christ, Pastor Larry Watson.

Borderland B.C. December 2023 Report

Christian

We continue to have visitors from our military stationed here at Ft. Bliss. Jack, who has been attending for the past few months, has been bringing one of his friends, Christian, to services recently. Christian is originally from Idaho with a background of growing up in church. Unfortunately, however, he is confused in his beliefs about salvation. As we were talking with him after the service one Sunday, he told us he gets "saved" everyday when he asks for forgiveness. He was gone over Christmas, but we ask you to pray for him that we can not only show him the truth of salvation, but that he will truly accept Christ as his Savior.

Mike

During our time in El Paso, we have been given information about people who live here that might be interested in attending our services. Back in November, we were told about Mike. Mike now lives in our city, and was interested in joining us for our services. He has been attending faithfully ever since, and we have enjoyed having him with us. Keep him in your prayers as he tries to follow God.

Divine appointment in the checkout line

After dropping Mike off from church, I needed to stop by the store for some black-eyed peas (it was New Year's Eve). As I rushed into the Food King, I picked up the few things I was there to get, and got in line at the checkout. While standing there, I noticed a woman about to drop her things and tried to help her. She thanked me, and got in line behind me. A moment later she asked, "Are you a pastor, because you look like one?" This led me to find out that she had recently moved here and was looking for a church! We exchanged information, and she is planning to visit our services! Praise God for Divine appointments and pray for Nellie!

In His Service, **Glenn McCarver**

Record Semester! Red Raider MBSF Ministry

We stand amazed at the manifold blessings of the Lord upon this ministry for the Fall Semester! We began the year with 6 students on the roll and ended with 44! A new record! During the semester we met 13 times, with an average attendance of 12. A new record! At the final meeting for the semester on December 4, the Lord blessed with 20 students attending! Another new record! Thank You, Lord! Some of the students regularly attend worship services with us on Sunday morning. Last month we had 7 students at one service! Another new record! What all of this means is these students are eager to learn about spiritual things and commit their lives to Christ!

The MBSF officers are now planning to host a booth on campus for Raider MBSF Welcome Day! The Spring Semester begins January 8, so it won't be long before we will start meeting once again!

Some of the reasons we pray for the success of this ministry and believe it is worthy of your financial and prayerful support is: 1) To share the Gospel with students; 2) To encourage and support students during this crucial stage in life; 3) To introduce them to the American Baptist Association, so when they move away, they will search for one of our churches because we were there for them at an important time; 4) To help establish more MBSF's throughout Texas.

Thank you so much for your faithful and generous help!

For any questions, please contact me at: quakerabc@yahoo.com or 806-441-0618. Thank you!
-Monty Hilliard, Interim Director

The Secretary / Treasurer of Missions for the MBA of Texas is Bro. Daniel (Danny) Mendoza.

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Please DO NOT put a person's name on the check but endorse it to: "MBA of Texas".

December Deposits: \$17,478,26. Dec. Expenditures: \$20,043.14.

Current Acct. Balance: \$46,397.11
