

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	Mar. 7	Mar. 14
Local Bible Study Enr.	489	491
Sunday Bible Study Att.	245	203
Adults	148	129
Youth	14	22
Children/Preteen	14	11
Preschool	33	27
Nursing Home Res.	18	14
Morning Worship Service		
Traditional	201	167
Contemporary	102	101
Extended Session	29	29
Children's Church	16	8

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**Sunday, March 28; 3-5:00 p.m.
in the Conference Room**

For all new members and prospective members
Come discover what it means to be a member
of FBC Benbrook. Contact the church office
or email sstorey@fbcbenbrook.org to make
your reservations.

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

March 21

Traditional		
Ed & Jessica Gidewall	Daniel & Celeste Johnson	
Contemporary		
Kelli & Bailey Pylant	Chad & Katy Peterson	
Sherri & Cody Halyard		

March 28

Traditional		
Rachele Crumpler	Amy Sapp	
Leah Buck		
Contemporary		
Krista & Casey Gordon	Donna & Clint Hopson	
Erin Borghese	Katie Little	

USHERS

Sunday, March 21

Somoge, Lake, Harris, J. Shelton,
Don Pilliod, Freeman

Sunday, March 28

Smith, W. Johnson, Barber, Diann Pilliod,
Errico, Crumpler

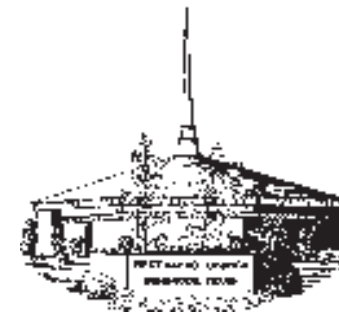
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Baptists, Chilean Officials Form Adopt-A-City Relief Plans

TALCA, Chile (BP)—Exhausted from traveling through south central Chile to assess earthquake damage, a team of Southern Baptist and Chilean Baptist leaders bedded down on the floor of La Iglesia Bautista El Sembrador (Baptist Church of

the Sower) in Talca, Chile. The next morning they discovered they were in exactly the right place to make significant connections to help with future relief work.

The region of Maule, where Talca is the capital, has been in a state of emergency — a condition that temporarily puts the Chilean military in charge — since an 8.8 earthquake Feb. 27.

Just blocks away from the church where the team had slept was a Chilean army post. Because of their proximity, the assessment team decided to visit the military compound to discuss relief efforts. Team members Charles Clark and Scott Brawner of the International Mission Board (IMB) and Chilean Baptist Bernardino Morales were able to meet with two Chilean army colonels — Edmundo Villarroel and Fernando Morales.

The Chilean officials invited Southern Baptists to adopt “sister cities” in Maule, one of the areas hardest hit by the quake and resulting tsunami. Maule’s rural communities and parts east toward the Andes mountains have received less attention because of the misperception they are less affected, said Clark, an IMB missionary who serves as strategy leader for the part of South America that includes Chile.

Adopting a city means a team of Southern Baptist missionaries and Chilean Baptists will plan multiple visits there to identify needs and guide quake relief involving Baptist volunteers. The goal will be to share the Gospel and begin ministry.

Details of the “sister city” program are still being finalized, but information about how to be involved will be announced soon, Clark said.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

	<u>Mar. 7</u>	<u>Mar. 14</u>
Budget Offerings	15,918.00	10,910.70
Designated Off.	1,622.07	2,465.65
Weekly Budget		\$14,140.61

LADIES OUTING POSTPONED

Due to a glitch at the Montgomery Street Antique Mall's tea room, the ladies trip to the Christian Arts Museum and lunch at the Secret Garden Tea Room has been postponed until this summer. Look for more information later when this event is rescheduled.

OLD FASHIONED BED TURNING

Sisters in Stitches invite you to share your favorite quilt or quilts. Bring them, along with their story or history, to an "Old Fashioned Bed Turning" March 29 at 10:30. Join us for a salad luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Nursery reservations will be accepted. Contact:

Betty Nowlin - 817-249-2456
Nita Crawford - 817-249-1149
Ann Crenshaw - 817-249-3646

Notes of Thanks

Thank you hardly describes how much Jo and I appreciate the prayers, cards, and hospital visits. You will never know how much it means to us to have friends like you. Thanks to Ewell and Nita Crawford for holding Jo's hands while I was in surgery. We are blessed to have such a loving church family.

--Pat and Jo Corbett

Thank you so much for everyone's expression of sympathy to our family in the sudden loss of our precious Justin. All of your prayers, flowers, calls, cards, and food were greatly appreciated.

--Alpha, Terry, and Roy Wilson

The Pastor's Pen

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Discussions with the army colonels also paved the way for officials from Baptist Global Response — a Southern Baptist relief and development organization — and Southern Baptist volunteers from Texas and South Carolina to expand their relief efforts.

A disaster relief team from the Southern Baptists of Texas is heading to Chile this week to work with missionaries from the IMB's Mapuche indigenous team in setting up feeding kitchens. A food preparation training team from the South Carolina Baptist Convention is currently working with Chilean Baptists in the Maule region.

Clark and others on the assessment team are pleased with the progress they've made. "I came [to Maule] with no preset agenda other than coming to identify what the situation is on the ground — what the needs are and how we can address those needs," Clark said. "I am very pleased that within 24 hours we have an outline in place for a plan to go forward."

During the team's visit to the military compound, they saw a gymnasium filled with tables where Chilean leaders — both military and civilian — were working to deliver resources as reports of need came in from the Maule region. Soon, Southern Baptist disaster relief personnel will staff their own table in this gym, where they will serve as a resource for meeting needs across Maule.

"You know what's amazing?" Brawner said after the visit to the military post. "No one else — secular or Christian — has gone in there like that. They (the military) greeted us with joy that we would come in there to them. God granted us favor in their eyes . . . They'll connect us with leaders. That's influence. That's huge." Because of this connection, supplies funded by Southern Baptist donations to the relief effort may be delivered to communities in Chile via Chilean military helicopters, Clark added.

"They become a good source of the big picture," Clark said of the Chilean army leaders. "They're a source

of information for what's happening and a conduit for large projects. They make it possible to facilitate getting aid to the right places."

In addition to the Chilean military, the assessment team met with several top civil leaders in the region, including Maule's governor, a regional health official and several mayors. From these meetings, the team learned that the region's greatest needs are for food distribution, emergency housing and medical supplies. The relationships with these officials also will provide valuable information and access as Southern Baptists and Chilean Baptists work to meet needs in the area.

"The influence of the church is growing," observed Brawner.

Later in the day, assessment team members traveled to the Maule city of Penciahue as a follow-up to a meeting with its mayor. While visiting with officials, the team decided to include Penciahue among those to be "adopted" by Southern Baptist and Chilean Baptist churches. Penciahue has a population of 9,000, spread across 386 square miles. Though the city is suffering just as much as its neighbors, the thinly spread population means it may be overlooked by major relief efforts, officials said.

As relief efforts get under way, one of the best ways Southern Baptist churches can help is "to commit to an adopted city for three to five years," said Clark. Churches and individual Southern Baptists also can get involved by praying, donating to relief efforts and volunteering, he continued.

Donations may be directed to the Disaster Response Fund at gobgr.org. One hundred percent of each donation goes to meet human needs. Updated prayer requests can be viewed at imb.org/pray. Information also will be updated through Twitter at #QuakeResponse.

Todd

NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM

Sunday morning, April 4

If you are interested in being baptized, please speak with the pastor.

MISSION POSSIBLE

Preteen Camp - July 29 - August 2

Riverbend Retreat Center, Glen Rose

Camp Cost - \$185 (scholarships are available)

Camp deposit of \$65 due April 25th

Parent meeting - June 2nd in Preteen Room

WOMEN IN TOUCH

Monday, March 22; 7:00 p.m.

Will be working on favors for the Spring Tea.

Anyone who would like to help is encouraged to come.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EASTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 1, 6:00, Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 4, 11:00, Joint Worship Service and

Easter Musical

Congratulations. . .

. . . to Justin and Amy Perry on the birth of their son. Noah Thomas was born at 1:55 p.m. on March 2nd. He weighed 8 pounds and was 22 1/2" long.

PILLARS: A Celebration of Seniors

Truett Seminary is hosting a Senior Adult Conference May 24-26 in Waco. More information is available at the information center. If interested in attending, please let Todd know.

LADIES BOOK REVIEW

Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.

The Atonement Child by Francine Rivers

At the home of Betty Nowlin

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Led by Ruth Wilson - Begins March 25th
9:30-11:00 a.m.; Thursdays in Fellowship Hall.

10 Smart Things Women Can Do

to Build a Better Life

The book costs \$11.50