

# ESPERANZA

BAPTIST PARTNERSHIP

Guide to the Annual Celebration

## **What is the Esperanza Baptist Partnership?**

The Esperanza Baptist Partnership is a rebirth of a ministry partnership of Baptist churches in south Texas who used to be known as The Coastal Bend Baptist Association.

## **What churches are "Partner Churches" within Esperanza Baptist Partnership?**

Our initial slate of churches are a carryover from the Coastal Bend Baptist Association list of churches. The current list of invited churches is under the "Our Churches" tab and a list is provided here as well. If a church is interested in partnering with us there is a process established within the the EBP Bylaws.

## **Where and when is this year's Annual Celebration?**

First Baptist Church of Freer

515 Laredo St

Freer, Texas

4:30PM- Doors will open for dinner.

6:00PM Worship Begins. Reverend Mike Berra will be our guest preacher.

7:00PM Business meeting begins.

## **What is a messenger?**

A Messenger is a member of a partner church that has been elected to represent their church at the Annual Celebration. Messengers may vote, propose action through nominations or motions, serve on committees, serve as an officer, and participate in the worship leadership.

## **Who can be a Messenger?**

A Messenger must be a member of a partner church and elected by their congregation.

## **How many Messenger's can a church have?**

The bylaws allow each church to have 1 messenger per every 25 resident members. However, every church may have at least 8 Messengers and no more than 25.

## **Do we need to register in advance?**

No but it would be helpful if you did. We need to know how many to plan for in terms of both materials and food. There is a registration form at the bottom of the Annual Meeting page on this website.

## **What can Messengers expect?**

Upon arrival, Messengers will need to register and pick up their name tags and ballot books. After that, enjoy food and fellowship, enjoy worship and then participate in the business meeting.