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# The SBA Connector

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Once again, let me express our thanks for the wonderful recognition and love offering you gave us at the Semi-annual meeting. Paula and I were taken by surprise. We love working and serving the churches of SBA and hope to do so for a while longer!

I recently came across an article that I agree with....see how you feel about it:

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have a community of faith on your couch. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We partake in Christ's sacrifice by communing together. We sing. We encourage. We hug. We fellowship together. The Church needs you. And you need the Church.

Wherever you are, find a local Christian Church where you and your family can be part of the community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. Come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's not like being in the building. Never will be.

Yes, Church on the sofa is nice. But it'll never be the same as Church in the sanctuary.

We have 86 churches in our Association. Most of them report post-covid attendances to be at 50-70% of what it was. I can wholeheartedly recommend any and all of those churches and know they would love to have you visit in person. Why not SUNDAY?

Blessings,  
Dr. Danny

**2021 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS & THE MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING**  
September 12-19, 2021  
MATTHEW 28:18-20

WMU of Texas

**Yo Soy Missions TEXAS**  
OFRENDA MARY HILL DAVIS POR LAS MISIONES DE TEXAS  
WMU of Texas

**12-19 de septiembre de 2021**

## Annual Church Profile

Annual Church Profiles will be mailed out August 1st. Please complete and return it to the office by October 30th.  
Please use the simplified SBA version!

  
**Reach Texas OFFERING**

WEEK OF PRAYER  
**SEPT. 20-27**

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