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Welcome New Staff!



FBC of Tulia calls a new pastor! Jason Stone comes to them from FBC of Stratford, Texas, and will be moving to Tulia in December. Pictured here are: Amy (holding Sarah), David, Caleb, Samuel and Jason (holding Hannah).

LOCAL PASTOR MOVING BACK TO MEXICO

Pastor Miguel Contreras and his lovely wife Lupita will begin an exciting new chapter in their lives by moving to his native home of Parras, Mexico. Pastor Miguel has been pastoring at Primera Iglesia Bautista of Plainview for several years now and will be greatly missed not only by his congregation but by our area for his dedicated commitment



to the association and to mission work. Miguel has been traveling at least twice each year now for several years and sharing the Gospel with people in remote villages, oftentimes walking from village to village because of the

lack of roads. During the past year he had a victorious opportunity of leading over 300 to Christ during one of his trips, including some family members in his hometown area. Pastor Miguel and his wife have decided after much prayer and preparation to move to the Parras area to continue his ministry and to establish a church their for all the new converts. The Area was able to participate by providing the funds for Bibles for all the new believers last year. Our churches have the opportunity to further support Miguel in his new ministry. The initial goal is to purchase land to build a church. He will have the workers to put up a building but will need funds to begin getting the land and building supplies. If you would like to participate in this ministry an account has been set up to get funds to them. We will keep in close contact with them. Contact us here at 296-2751 if you are interested.

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A Fantastic Report from The Refuge Retreat!

This year's Refuge Retreat was led by a group of youth ministers from area churches. The schedule was full of fun activities and quality time with God. This year over 260 youth from 15 churches participated. Plans are already in the works for Refuge 2012. Think about getting your youth involved next year!



Opportunities available at Wayland Mission Center

The Eleazar Project: Students gain experience leading worship, Sunday School, children's and youth activities in your church.

Apostolos: Mentoring program coupling WBU students with at-risk Plainview High School students. Thursday afternoon meetings need sandwiches, cookies and chips.

Missionary Skirts and Pastor's Closet: Our ladies must wear skirts while they are in many foreign countries. Broomstick skirts seem to work the best. There is also a great need for jackets and suits for our ministry students who may not have or be able to afford appropriate clothing for the ministry.

If you have interest in any of these projects or need information, contact Debbie Wiley at 806-291-1160, 806-518-9871 or email wileydeb@wbu.edu.

Anniversary Celebration Honoring Pastor Matthew Veals for his 25 years of service
 New Fellowship Baptist Church of Tulia
 105 South Austin
 Sunday, December 11, 2011
 Reception at 3:30 PM.

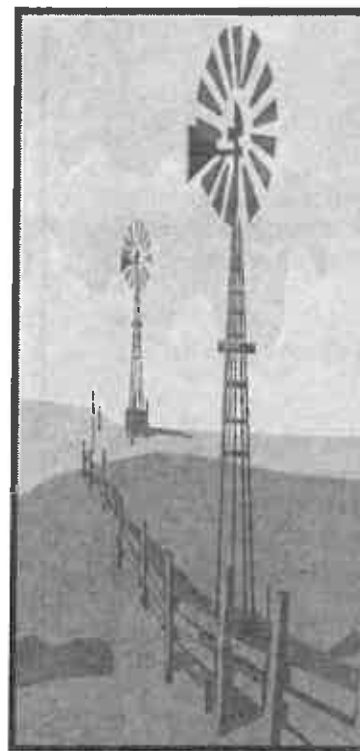
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DID YOU GET YOUR ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE TO US?

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TAX SEMINAR FOR MINISTERS AND CHURCHES



We are pleased to announce that Dan Whitehurst, CPA, of Kilgore, Texas, will be leading this year's Tax Seminar. Dan is a Baylor graduate with 30 years of experience in accounting, taxation and investment management. He currently serves Texas Baptists providing these seminars across the state.

Caprock Plains Baptist Area Center
2301 Utica
Thursday, December 1, 2011
9:30-11:45 AM Info for Ministers
1:00-3:00 PM Info for Church Staff

Dan promises an informative session and up-to-date information regarding complex tax code issues and states that "helping others understand and facilitate efficient transactions and compliance is a rewarding experience."

Windows on the Area

November – December 2011



FBC QUITAQUE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

October 1-2, 2011, marked a milestone for the members of First Baptist, celebrating their 100th anniversary of ministry in the community of Quitaque. Events on Saturday began with food fellowship, reunion of family and friends, and fun activities. During the Sunday service Dr. Griffin, Director of Missions, presented pastor Chris Tucker and his congregation with a plaque from the Caprock Plains Baptist Area to commemorate this event. Among those returning to participate in the celebration were several former pastors.

Pictured here in the pastor's study from left to right are: Wes Henson, youth minister, Dr. Griffin, DOM, Frank Roberson, pastor from 1976 to 1979, Bob Beck, pastor from 1957 to 1961, Fred Martin, pastor from 1970 to 1974, Jess Little, pastor from 1984 to 1990, and Chris Tucker, the current pastor.



WINTER BIBLE STUDY ECCLESIASTES

Pastors & Leaders:

We are privileged to have Dr. D.L. Lowrie leading us in our Winter Bible Study.



Monday, December 5, 2011
9:30 AM
WBU, McClung Bldg
2nd floor

For details contact the Area Center at 296-2751

CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Thanksgiving
Office will be Closed
November 23-25

Christmas
Office will be Closed
December 19-January 2

During this time if you need assistance you are welcome to contact Dr Griffin at 781-1403 or Susan at 518-9664.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

It is what the Director of Missions is supposed to do...

I could see it coming! I knew it was coming! I knew it would be different from anything I had done before! I am speaking of a responsibility of the Director of Missions, to attend the three annual meetings of our three associations on three consecutive Sundays. Wow! Most would see this as challenging at best and maybe even with a little dread! What do you think?

Sometimes what you think and what is real are two different things. Simply put, the annual meetings turned out for me not something to be endured but a great blessing and reason for hope. Let me explain.

In each meeting I was so grateful for the wonderful leadership provided by the moderators. Rick Burton at Llanos Altos, Don Raney at Staked Plains and Les Reed at Caprock all kept things moving and informative. Another reason to be blessed was the marvelous, inspirational annual sermons brought by Gary Johnson, Richard Miller and Tim Franks. Then I must mention the host churches of Grace Baptist of Friona, Calvary Baptist of Tulia and First Baptist of Silverton. They were wonderful hosts and had delicious meals! When you walk in and "the banquet is prepared" you realize someone has paid the price. Thank you churches and staff for the great blessing!

However, the best for me was being with so many of God's people of these three associations and to share in their enthusiasm. You have served together for many glorious years. Have you noticed how many of our churches were founded within a year or two of the founding of the community that they are in. For instance, the churches of Staked Plains Association founded the association in 1891, *only one year* after the founding of Plainview in 1890! Wayland was founded 18 years *later* in 1909. We have been serving together as God's people for a long time in each of the communities! Also, we have other churches that were started later which added to the impact of Christ in these communities for growth in different areas of town and people groups. Also, missions were established and now many of those missions are churches that have established other churches! This work continues for in the last six months two other missions are in the process of being started!

I rejoiced that in each of the associational annual meetings for 2011, I saw people from all of these types of churches present together giving demonstration that we love God, we love each other, and we love to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the communities in which we live! To God be the Glory!

The Gordon Benson Offering Revisited...

We have received and dispersed the Gordon Benson Offering of 2011. However, I must add a final footnote. After we had given the check to Mario Gonzalez, Church Starter, El Paso, we received monies from other churches and a second check was sent to Mario for Baptist work in Juarez. With the second check of \$700, 26 pastors in the Juarez area decided not to use it for salary support for themselves but rather combine it with other funds received to rent a bus to go to Guadalajara, Mexico, on October 14 to the 2011 Pan American Games, known officially as the XIV Pan American Games. There they gave witness on the streets of Guadalajara to the changing power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I find it amazing that these men and their churches who have seen so much turmoil in Juarez, unselfishly traveled to Guadalajara to seize the opportunity to witness to athletes and fans from 42 countries of the Americas from Canada to Chile. God blessed with some 243 people coming to know Christ.

You never know how God is going to use a mission offering! Thank you again for participating in the 2011 Gordon Benson Missions Offering.

A Personal Word and Reminder...

Let me thank you personally for the prayers and concerns with my second hand surgery of this year. The first surgery actually delayed my coming as Director of Missions. This second hand surgery two weeks ago has proved to be much less invasive. I trust I will be soon back to competent strength in a matter of weeks and not months!

Secondly, you will find elsewhere in this newsletter information about the upcoming **Mission Experience 2012**. Be sure to pray for this event and commit yourself to come. You will be blessed and your horizons will be widened in the work of God in our world today.

Dr. Lester B. Griffin, Director of Missions

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR EXPERIENCE MISSIONS 2012—APRIL 21, 2012

EXCITING THINGS FOR YOUR YOUTH, STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS: The strategy planning group for Experience Mission 2012 has put together an incredible program for middle school, high school, and university students, as well as young adults who may wish to participate. Youth who attend will register and receive a passport for entry into the student track. They will be guided through a "customs" experience and on to a mission journey to "four countries" which include the Far East, central Asia, South America, and Hell's Kitchen in New York City. Areas of the Flores Bible Building will be transformed with music, food, projects, decorations, sounds, smells, tastes, experiences, and mission personnel in these areas. Lunch will be prepared by the Texas Baptist Men Digestive Relief Unit. The afternoon session will be local mission projects, including kids' clubs at local apartment complexes, home renovation projects of needy folks, and a scavenger hunt/poverty/homeless simulation experience. The evening will be highlighted by a world banquet and a missions celebration service featuring a contemporary Christian band and message from Dr. Jesse Rincón of Alliance Church of Lubbock.

FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT:

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October Was a Month Full of Activity

All three associations met during October for their annual meetings. Each one has been a great success this year. Those who attended were able to celebrate the year of ministry activity and learn about new opportunities, get updates on the business during the year, enjoy fellowship and dinner with the host church, and then worship with an evening of celebration, music and a rousing charge for the year ahead.

The Llanos Altos Association met at Grace Baptist of Friona on October 9th, where Dr. Stacy Conner, FBC Muleshoe, was elected moderator for 2011-2012, Dr. Brian Hill, FBC Littlefield, as vice moderator, along with other officers for the new year. Dr. Steve Vernon, the Interim Director for Texas Baptists, gave a report on this year in Baptist Life. Over 80 were in attendance.

The Staked Plains Association met at Calvary Baptist of Friona. The new officers for 2011-2012 include Dr. Don Raney, FBC Petersburg, as moderator, Brent Anderson, Seth Ward Baptist of Plainview, as vice moderator. Over 120 were in attendance and were met with an evening of rousing music and worship as Pastor Richard Miller of Happy Union Baptist of Plainview brought the challenging message and the Happy Union Choir presented several moving musical selections.



Pictured here from the Caprock Meeting are: Phil Miller, BGCT Discipleship, Les Reed, pastor FBC Crosbyton, and Moderator of Caprock Association, Donnie Brown, Wayland BSM, and Tim Franks, pastor FBC Floydada and Vice-Moderator of Caprock Association.

The Caprock Association met at FBC Silverton on October 23rd. The sermon for the evening was from Acts 17:16-23, presented by Tim Franks, Pastor of FBC Floydada. Charles Davenport, BGCT Strategist and Phil Miller of BGCT Dallas gave reports on this year's happenings and future plans for 2012. The moderator for 2011-2012 will be Les Reed of FBC Crosbyton, Vice Moderator, Tim Franks of FBC Floydada.

Then to top off a busy month of meetings, the Baptist General Convention of Texas met in Amarillo this year. This was a great opportunity since so many of these meet so far away and many in our area do not get the opportunity to attend. James Hassell, formerly of FBC Tulia, brought the opening message during the first day. Numerous opportunities were available for attendees. There were representatives from numerous institutions, representatives from various BGCT departments, offering information and assistance to pastors and churches in Texas, as well as many mission opportunities in the Amarillo area. The meeting next year will be in Corpus Christi.



Pictured here at the Llanos Altos Annual Meeting are Dr. Stacy Conner, FBC Muleshoe, Llanos Altos Moderator, Dr. Steve Vernon, Interim Executive Director for Texas Baptists (BGCT) and Dr. Brian Hill, FBC Littlefield, Llanos Altos Association Vice Moderator.

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2011 Little Noon Christmas Offering
National Goal: \$175 million

Week of Prayer
for
International
Missions

iamsbmissions.com

December 4-11, 2011

AREA BOARD MEMBERS AND SPOUSES
CHRISTMAS PARTY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
6:30 PM
AREA CENTER

For Incoming and Outgoing Area Board Members

We will have a great meal and time of fellowship
along with special Christmas entertainment!

RSVP Area Center at 296-2751.

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Email: refugeretreat@yahoo.com

Youth Ministry Conclave
For Adults Who Work With Youth

October 10-12, 2011
Arlington Convention Center

Contact Elizabeth Martinez
 214-828-5285
texasbaptists.org/conclave



Personalities:

David Narrer, Pastor, Birmingham, Alabama
 Neal Jeffrey, Associate Pastor, Prestonwood, Plano
 J.R. Vassar, Pastor, New York City
 Ben Stuart, Breakaway Ministries
 Aaron Keyes, Worship Pastor, Snellville, Georgia

WAM—Women in Action for Missions

Local ladies meet in the basement workroom at FBC Plainview on Wednesday nights making items for those in need in the community. This time of year it is scarves for the coat give away that FBC has every year. Other projects include baby quilts for Compassionate Care, pillows for local nursing facilities and blankets to take on various mission trips to Kenya or Macedonia. Pictured here from left to right are: Susan Barkley, CPBA Ministry Assistant and wife of pastor at FBC Edmonson, Jean DeMerritt, teacher at Hale Center, and Annette Coon, WAM Leader, and staff member at Wayland. Ladies with sewing, crocheting, or knitting abilities, as well as non-crafty ladies interested in fellowship and service are always welcomed!



LOCAL CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Part-time contemporary worship leader or band needed!
Must be able to play guitar or keyboard and lead worship.
No experience necessary!

Part-time nursery worker needed for 2-5 children under age 4 from 9:35 to noon on Sundays.

Contact Pastor Bobby Fortner at 806-777-7448 for information.

Northside Baptist Church
32nd and Kokomo
Plainview Texas
rwfortner@hotmail.com

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WEST TEXAS ADULT DAY



October 4, 2011

Plains Baptist Assembly
Floydada, Texas

Theme: Jeremiah 29:11
"Planning Your Legacy"

Registration: 9:00 AM—Lunch & Program: \$10

Message
Dr. D.L. Lowrie of Lubbock, Texas
Bible Study
Glenn Harlin, Pastor, FBC Springlake
Music
Nelson and Judy Dotson of Lubbock
Mission Emphasis
Michael Summers, Wayland Baptist University



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ANNUAL MEETINGS**

October 9 @ 4 PM **LLANOS ALTOS ASSOCIATION**
 Grace Baptist Church of Friona @ 1601 Euclid
 Message: Rev. Brian Mullins, FBC Bovina
 BGCT Representative: Steve Vernon
 Interim Executive Director

October 16 @ 4 PM **STAKED PLAINS ASSOCIATION**
 Calvary Baptist Church of Tulia @ 701 N El Paso
 Message: Rev. Richard Miller, Happy Union, Plainview
 BGCT Representatives: Josue Valerio
 Charles Davenport

October 23 @ 4 PM **CAPROCK ASSOCIATION**
 First Baptist Church of Silverton @ 500 Loretta
 Message: Rev. Tim Franks, FBC Floydada
 BGCT Representative: Phil Miller

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TEXAS BAPTISTS ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 24 thru
Wednesday, October 26

Amarillo Civic Center
401 South Buchanan St
Amarillo, Texas
(806) 378-4297

Registration/Information:
Coleen Robbins (888)244-9400
Email: annualmeeting@texasbaptists.org



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

A MONTH OF OPPORTUNITIES:

October is a great month to celebrate Baptist work! On the front of this newsletter you will find not just one, but three great annual associational meetings. There will not be a "best one." They will all be great! There will be wonderful reports, worship, and encouragement. The month closes with the BGCT Annual Meeting in Amarillo, October 24-26. There are still rooms available. Check out the BGCT website and click on "Annual Meeting."

LOSS OF A FAITHFUL SERVANT:

This month the Caprock Plains Baptist Area lost one of its finest pastors with the going home of Rev. Ralph Jackson, pastor of the Mt Zion Baptist Church of Floydada. I was so grateful for the beautiful and comforting memorial service this past Saturday at FBC Floydada. Pastor Jackson will be missed because of his unique life and ministry. From a personal perspective, as fellow pastors together he and I have shared over 20 years of service to date in the Caprock Association...with meals, committee meetings, my being in his church, he in mine, mission trips together and sharing in his building program. It has been an honor and privilege to serve with him and always a joy to be in his presence. His commitment to service, love, fairness and powerful sharing of The Gospel leads me to say the words I am sure the Lord said to him, "Well done!"

OPPORTUNITIES IN TEXAS

Last week I was in Dallas for a Director of Missions meeting hosted by the BGCT. These meetings have been tremendous in helping me "get up to speed" on the opportunities the BGCT makes available in partnering together in ministry. I was especially grateful to hear the work being done in the Bastrop area with the devastating wildfires. Baptists have come together with so many others to minister in very powerful and effective ways.

Dr. Lester B. Griffin, Director of Missions



PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY!

First Baptist Church of Quitaque will be celebrating their centennial this Sunday, October 2, 2011. In preparation for this great day, their new pastor, Chris Tucker, is leading them to remodel the education building and fellowship hall with new paint and carpet. The church will be ready for a great day of celebration this Saturday and Sunday.

Back row, L to R: Zack Perkins, Pastor Chris Tucker, Roland Hamilton, Janice Hanson, Jerry Forbes, Randy Pointer. Front row, L to R: Enrique Valdez, Jake Gass, Mary Woods, Jacquelyn Ham, Hilary Flowers.

HAPPENINGS IN THE AREA



Frances Barrera, Dr Griffin & Yolanda Morales

As part of Hale County's "Cowboy Days Celebration" the "Hale on Wheels and Feet", bike rides and 5-K run, pictured above are three of the more than 200 bicyclists. Dr. Griffin rode in the 62-mile bike ride with two riding partners, Randy Kaufman and Jeff Earhart.

First Baptist Church of Crosbyton has 124 of the 1975 Hymnals, which are free for the asking.



Please call the church office at 806-675-2251 if you are interested.

Opportunities available at Wayland Mission Center

The Mission Center is still in need of donations of broomstick skirts and men's suits. They keep these on hand for students going on mission trips and for student ministers.

With the return of students for the semester they will also have students available to help your congregation in the Eleazar Project, where they help with services, music, children, and youth.

Another returning program is the Apostolos program which is a mentoring program for at-risk youth. This program meets on Thursdays and needs help with sandwiches for their noon meal.

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FBC Littlefield Member on Mission in Africa

When you think of Africa, what do you see? Primitive villages, poverty, disease, spiritual darkness, hopelessness? When I'm there, I see hope that the brightest beacon for the gospel is yet to emerge. The Spirit is doing marvelous work there, growing the church like wildfire, and the people have inspiring faith that is eager to transform their societies and reach the whole world. I see churches that are ready to overcome their severe challenges and become world leaders in education and missions. But in order to grow from cyclic poverty to this kind of capability that will impact the world, there must be a foundational,

Christ-centered education system. African churches consistently list this as a priority.



Working with writers composing their curriculum on local issues: From top left, then clockwise: Tarimin, JennyBeth, Kashope, Cecelia, and Ruth.

I serve with the Transformational Education Network (TEN3), and our time in Nigeria in August was part of our long-term mission to respond to this need. We develop quality curriculum that is culturally relevant and grounded in Scripture. Furthermore, we equip educators to use it to mentor students into thriving disciples who follow Christ's commands for every area of life.

You have the opportunity to be part of the most enduring change this century may see. How? See ten3.org and my blog at jba-ten3.blogspot.com.

--JennyBeth Alford, Littlefield, TX

ORDINATION SERVICE

Bethel Baptist Church will be ordaining one youth minister and licensing another on October 9 during the evening service.

We would like to invite any licensed or ordained men to join us at 4 PM for the ordination/licensing council, followed by the service at 5 PM, with a fellowship/reception following the service.

If you can be available, please contact me at:

(806) 681-0206 or email ed_lecompte@hotmail.com

Pastor Ed LeCompte
Bethel Baptist Church of Plainview

FIRST BAPTIST OF PLAINVIEW CALLS NEW PASTOR



Dr. Tim Marrow has accepted the pastorate of FBC of Plainview. Dr. Marrow has served for the past 21 years at FBC of West Albuquerque. He is a native of Waco, graduate of Ft Worth Northside High School, graduate of Howard Payne University, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he has a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry degree. He has served as a pastor in churches in New Mexico and Texas. He has served as President of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. His wife Melody has served for 10 years in evangelism ministries for the BCNM. Tim and Melody have two sons, T.J., a Wayland graduate and student at Southwestern, and Allen, a Wayland graduate, now coach and teacher in Dalhart, whose wife Whitney is also a Wayland graduate. Dr. Marrow plans to assume his duties in late October.

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SPECIAL FRIENDS RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2011
PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Barbara Newman, Keynote Speaker
 Teacher, Author, Church and School Consultant

This year's mission project will be to collect supplies for Mission Lubbock. Bring new toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer and a box of one-gallon Ziploc bags.

Retreat Fees: Motel Room: \$57 per person
 Bunkhouse: \$47 per person (bring linens)
 Some scholarships are available.
Contact: Bethany Frisch: 1-888-244-9400 or email bethany.frisch@texasbaptists.org



FREE CONCERT
Wednesday
September 7

Wayland Campus
 Hutcherson Gym
 1900 W 7th St
 Plainview

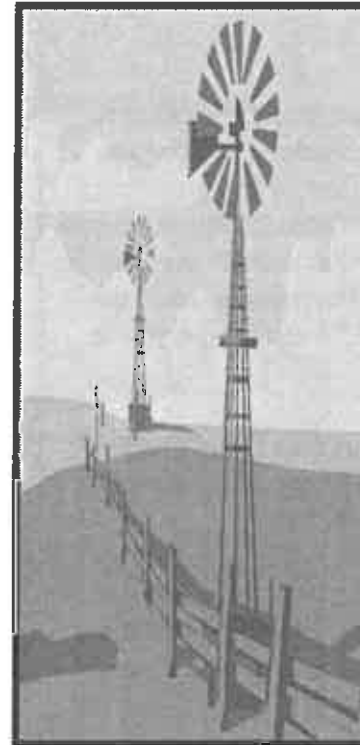
Doors open at 5 PM. Concerts begin at 5:30 PM.
 Bring your donation of canned food for FISH. Faith In Sharing House, Plainview's Food Bank Ministry.

Music by: HAWK NELSON, FIREFLIGHT, SUPERCHICK, MIKESCHAIR, MANAFEST, HYLAND, SAMESTATE AND KIROS.

AREA PASTOR'S MISSION TRIP TO PERU



A group from FBC of Silverton recently participated in a partnership mission in Peru. In the picture above, **Les Reed, pastor of FBC Silverton**, along with his wife, **Ruth**, made a special connection with local pastor **Samuel Rategui** and his wife **Margarita**. A group of 16 from the United States and 24 from churches in Peru participated in this event designed to reach people for Christ. Three churches in Lima and 15 churches in Tacna worked along with them. The groups used the **EVANGECUBE** in door-to-door evangelism. In the evenings there were worship services held in about 5 area churches. At the end of eight days of witnessing around the area there were **1,069** decisions made for Christ.



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RECENT EVENTS AROUND THE AREA



FBC Floydada hosts an annual Fish Fry for the churches of the Caprock Association. This year over 240 were in attendance, marking this as the best year ever. Hosted in the Family Life Center approximately 20 men prepared 150 pounds of fish, 50 pounds of fries, 50 pounds of onion rings, and all the trimmings. The Caprock Fish Fry has a long history when well over 20 years ago two gentlemen, Tom Pierce and Dewey Parsons, avid fishermen, shared their catch, first with the Baptist Men of FBC Floydada, then with the church, and then expanded to the association. The supplies are now purchased for the event but the long history of hospitality remains. The service featured music by several individuals and church groups, including the choir from FBC of Crosbyton. Director of Missions, Dr. Griffin, brought the

message from John 21 on the subject of fishing, making application to local churches and the associations. Pastor Tim Franks and Music Minister Terry Simmons did an outstanding job hosting the event with the Associational Baptist Men's Director, Walter Davis.

Dr. Griffin celebrated with the congregation of Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omega of Plainview at the Family Night Celebration of Vacation Bible School. Pictured here with Dr. Griffin is Tony Morin, pastor of Alfa y Omega. The workers and children presented a program for the parents. Following the program a meal was served by the adult leaders from Alfa y Omega, and several from area churches who assisted in VBS, including youth from College Heights Baptist Church who helped with VBS. Pastor Morin was recently called to Alfa y Omega. Pastor Morin and his wife live and work in the Lubbock area and the congregation at Alfa y Omega has been rejoicing with their coming.





The Llanos Altos Association held the Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist Men & WMU at FBC of Muleshoe. More than 45 attended the meal, which was a Mexican Stack. Pictured here with Dr. Griffin are Bennie Wright, pastor of Trinity Muleshoe, his daughter Paula Sterrett, and Rick Burton, Moderator of Caprock Plains Baptist Area and pastor of Calvary of Friona. Paula presented a mini-concert for the celebration. Her ministry is called "By All Means Productions, Inc." and she is available for concerts and dramas for all meetings, activities, church events, women's events, and associational meetings. Paula can be contacted at 817-774-

9965 or 682-668-1938. Dr. Griffin gave a summer missions report and challenged the Llanos Altos area to continue to remain vital in ministry throughout the area. The Baptist Men and the WMU gave encouraging reports of activities in the area. New pastors were recognized to the area, including Dr. Brian Hill, FBC Littlefield. Llanos Altos is looking forward to the Annual Meeting, which will be at Grace Baptist Church of Friona, October 9, at 4 PM.



Week of Prayer for Texas Missions
The Mary Hill Davis Offering
September 11-18, 2011

For materials go to
maryhilldavis.org

Because you give.....41 cents will buy a bottle of water for a day laborer, \$5 provides materials for the "No More Violence" campaign, \$4.11 buys a Bible for an ethnic church, \$12 buys a book bag with school supplies, \$411 buys 41 training manuals for Cowboy Church training, \$1600 provides a scholarship for an ethnic/minority college student, \$4110 supports education and Human Trafficking efforts, and \$41,100 provides coaching for 20 new church plants. Materials are available in English and in Spanish.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

In this new position as Director of Missions it has been a privilege to meet many new people. None has made a greater impact on me than that of a pastor/teacher from Juarez. This courageous and dedicated pastor has seen 20% of his church membership flee the Juarez area in the last year. They no longer have church services at night, yet he said three times during our meeting, "Our church is the strongest it has ever been." It is not persecution that defeats the church, but it is God's grace that strengthens His church in difficult times. In 2 Corinthians 12:9, the Lord says "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." I encourage you to pray for this pastor and others who serve so faithfully in these turbulent times.

There is a simple way that you can be of help to those studying the Bible at the Juarez Bible Institute. They need old, workable laptops for basic word processing use. You can bring or mail those to the Area Office and we will see that they get to where they are needed.

It is with sadness that I note the death of LaLa Reyes, pastor's wife and fellow servant with her husband, Jeronimo, retired pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Elim at Spur. She served as a missionary/pastor's wife not only in Spur but in Nicaragua as well! Her dedication, love and infectious smile will be greatly missed.

There are many articles in this newsletter sharing just some of the many mission trips, special events, and great meetings that are taking place in the Caprock Plains Baptist Area. We realize that God has blessed in many ways around the area but we share these to encourage you, your church and your association in continuing to do God's work.

To God be the glory!

Dr. Lester B. Griffin, Director of Missions



Dr. Lester B. Griffin presents the check from our Gordon Benson Mission Offering to Bro. Jose Angel Hernandez



Chaparral Mission



Jezreel Mission

EL PASO TRIP—GORDON BENSON MISSION OFFERING

Recent funds from our churches were designated this year through the **Gordon Benson Mission Offering** to the **Convencion Bautista Regional Norte de Chihuahua** to meet the needs of the pastors and churches in the border area, which have been profoundly affected by the border unrest. These funds also help in a ministry which provides lunches for the children in these areas as the churches in the border areas provide lunches for school children and with their already struggling financial situation, this ministry needed more funds to provide the food for this ministry. Dr. Griffin presented a check for \$2500 to Pastor Jose Angel Hernandez, who besides being a local pastor in the Juarez area, meeting the needs of other pastors and churches in the area, is a teacher for the Juarez Bible Institute, educating pastors and students in the ministry of the Gospel. Dr. Griffin, along with Charles Davenport, BGCT Strategist, John Silva, BGCT Strategist, Mario Gonzales, Coordinator of River Ministry, and Dr. Brian Hill, FBC Littlefield, were able to visit other churches in the area. One of those was the **Chaparral Mission** where many of our churches and Baptist Men's groups have provided financial support, building materials and helped in

the building of a beautiful facility. They were able to visit with the pastor, Heber Alvarado, and tour the church plant. They also visited another church which was also a past mission project and the recipient for the very first Gordon Benson offering from our area, **Iglesia Jezreel**. Both congregations are thriving and reaching their communities for Christ. It is a blessing to see the work that continues long after the offerings are given and your volunteers return to your churches. To continue to be a part of these works and works like them, you can still send checks to the Caprock Plains Baptist Area and designate to the Gordon Benson Mission Offering or to River Ministries that are ongoing through Texas Baptists.



Heber Alvarado, Mario Gonzales, John Silva, and Dr. Brian Hill



The one in the center of the picture, Katie Trimble (our webmaster), went with Baptist Student Ministries, led by Donnie Brown, and participated in an annual outreach event in Kanai, Alaska, ministering to families involved in the annual salmon fishing event. They provided hot dogs, hot chocolate, cleaning supplies, crowd control, and led afternoon worship groups for children of the families in attendance. Through their ministry they were able to serve, meet immediate needs, and share Christ.

Calvary Baptist Church of Friona is seeking a part-time Worship Pastor (Music). They would love to give a student the opportunity to develop and use their talents. Visit the church website calvarybaptistfriona.org, call Rick Burton, Senior Pastor, at 806-250-3000 or email brorick47@hotmail.com



Opportunities available at Wayland Mission Center

The Mission Center is still in need of donations of broomstick skirts and men's suits. They keep these on hand for students going on mission trips and for student ministers.

With the return of students for the semester they will also have students available to help your congregation in the Eleazar Project, where they help with services, music, children, and youth.

Another returning program is the Apostolos program which is a mentoring program for at-risk youth. This program meets on Thursdays and needs help with sandwiches for their noon meal.

If you have interest in any of these projects or need information, contact Debbie Wiley at 806-291-1160, 806-518-9871 or email wileydeb@wbu.edu.

Hispanic Baptist Evangelists of Texas

invite you to attend

¡SÍ PODEMOS!

September 9-10, 2011

Services are at 7 PM Each Evening

Seminars begin at 10 AM, Saturday, September 10

Hereford Community Center
100 Ave C

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TEXAS BAPTISTS ANNUAL MEETING

Don't miss the opportunity to attend because it isn't often we get a meeting this close to home.

Monday, October 24, 8 AM thru
Wednesday, October 26 at noon

Amarillo Civic Center
401 South Buchanan Street
Amarillo, Texas
(806) 378-4297



Registration/Information:
Coleen Robbins (888)244-9400
Email: annualmeeting@texasbaptists.org

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES have been mailed to your church. Be sure you give that to your church clerk, secretary, or the person responsible for your record keeping. This information is **absolutely vital** for the preparation of reports for the Annual Meetings in October. If you have questions, please feel free to call Susan here at the area office, **296-2751**. If you complete your reports online, Susan will still **need a copy** of your report to be able to complete your data for the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 9 4 PM	LLANOS ALTOS ASSOCIATION Grace Baptist Church of Friona
October 16 4 PM	STAKED PLAINS ASSOCIATION Calvary Baptist Church of Tulia
October 23 4 PM	CAPROCK ASSOCIATION First Baptist Church of Silverton

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Churches In Action Around the Area

Pictured here with Campbell's labels and their collection "can" are **Connie Butler**, church secretary, and **Bill Campbell**, pastor. FBC of Anton collects Campbell's product labels for Buckner's Home of Lubbock. This helps support "My Father's House" ministry. They also use Birthday and Anniversary offerings to support Buckner's ministries.

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SPECIAL FRIENDS RETREAT
 SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2011
 PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
 FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Barbara Newman, Keynote Speaker
 Teacher, Author, Church and School Consultant

This year's mission project will be to collect supplies for Mission Lubbock. Bring new toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer and a box of one-gallon Ziploc bags.

Retreat Fees: Motel Room: \$57 per person
 Bunkhouse: \$47 per person (bring linens)
 Some scholarships are available.

Contact: Bethany Frisch: 1-888-244-9400 or email
 bethany.frisch@texasbaptists.org

The Refuge Retreat
 October 15-16, 2011
 Plains Baptist Assembly
 Registration begins August 1st!

Retreat for Teens
 Grades 6-12



Check out the website at www.therefugeretreat.com or check the **Refuge Retreat** Facebook page. This is a great opportunity for youth groups from all over the area to gather together and participate in a variety of activities and training sessions, aimed to build relationships among youth ministries.

Phone: 806-292-8322
Email: refugeretreat@yahoo.com

Refuge Team: G. Eric and Erica Kaiser, Kenny Lydick, Devin Fitch, Micah Roddy, and Trae Sweatt



Windows on the Area August 2011



LLANOS ALTOS COMPAÑERISMO QUARTERLY MEETING

Primera Iglesia Bautista of Littlefield, where Ralph Smith is pastor, beautifully hosted the quarterly Llanos Altos Compañerismo on Sunday, July 17th. The services were filled with fellowship, singing and inspiration. Activities included a WMU meeting, pastor's meeting, and specially-focused programs for children and youth. An inspirational message was given by Lupe Rando, pastor of Primera of Floydada. Great interest was expressed in the upcoming evangelical conference in September, which will meet in Hereford (an article is located in the following pages in this newsletter). Following the services a delicious Southern-style meal was served in the fellowship hall. (Pictured from left to right: Gilbert Herrera (evangelist), Pablo Garcia of Nueva Vida Hereford, Ralph Smith of Primera Littlefield, Salvador Carrasco of Nueva Vida Hereford, Rafael Marin of Primera Bovina, Lupe Rando of Primera Floydada, Mario Hernandez of Primera Morton, Elias Torres of Templo Damasco of Friona, Director of Missions Dr. Lester B. Griffin of Caprock Plains Baptist Area, and Troy Smith of Primera Littlefield.)

FBC OF FARWELL CELEBRATION: Sunday, July 17th, was a special day for First Baptist Church of Farwell as they installed their new pastor, Russ Ponder. Dale Cain, interim pastor, presented the commitment message as they welcomed Russ, Kim and their two sons, Branson and Pearce.



Russ Ponder, Dr Griffin & Dale Cain



Russ Ponder, Dale Cain, Kim Ponder and Lynn Cain

The church also celebrated the recent completion of remodeling of their auditorium, their church parlor and their parsonage during the time of interim with Bro. Cain. The service was followed by a church-wide luncheon and then a program of celebration honoring the Ponder family as they come to serve at FBC of Farwell.

PASTORS AND STAFF:

Don't miss this opportunity to attend!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

A BUSY SUMMER: This summer has been like no other, with record days of 100+ temperatures and only faint memories of rain. It has also been a marvelous time of summer camps, VBS, and mission trips. The stress of the weather has not halted the blessings of the Lord. I continue to pray for days of refreshing rain and am thankful for God's presence with us. I have also been encouraged with reports from many of our churches who are reporting higher than average numbers of children accepting Christ!

LET US SHARE YOUR STORY: In this issue we have highlighted several missions activities and summer projects. We would love to share your story. A picture or two and a brief account of your activity is greatly appreciated! This way many can rejoice in what is happening in your church's life.

A PERSONAL NOTE: This past weekend I was able to participate in a marvelous time of encouragement and renewal participating in the Emmaus Men's Walk #81 at Mercy Center in Slaton. Our lay leader was Tom Brian and spiritual leader was Darius Linder. I gave a "talk", counsel, and received many blessings from friends both old and new.

A BUSY FALL IS COMING: Annual Meetings are just around the corner. Each association needs to be busy preparing their yearly budget, calendar and officers. In no time Annual Church Profiles will be going out to our area churches and will need to be completed as soon as possible and returned to the Area Office. If your church clerk/secretary completes yours online you STILL need to send us a copy of your data so it will be included in the Book of Reports for the Annual Meetings and then for the Annual Directory for the entire area, which has to go to the publisher the first of November.

Dr. Lester B. Griffin, Director of Missions

CHURCHES SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY



During the week of July 11-16, FBC of Crosbyton performed various service projects in their community. Each morning was started with a hearty breakfast prepared by Nettie Mammuro, Dorothy McDougle, Sharon McDougle and Vivian Morris, followed by an inspirational devotional by youth pastor Taylor Wood.

The teams set out into their community to complete special projects which included painting two homes, removing dead trees and trimming overgrown ones, constructing a new entry porch and repairing another, painting a storage building, cleaning out a storage building and picking up trash around town.

Despite the heat, which fortunately did not exceed 100 degrees that week, the volunteers worked throughout the day to complete these projects, stopping for lunch at the church each day.

Along with the ladies who provided the meals, volunteers included Gary Mitchell, Gary Hardin, Gary & Kittle Hamersley, Jane & Lance Morris, Dusty Cornelius and his helpers, Sydney & Austin Morris, Dillon Binder, Clifford Trull, Linda Heflin, Taylor Wood, Keeley Cornelius, Ty Cornelius, Chase Young, Julian Keesey, Jacky Dewbre, Todd, Mary & Meghan Bass, and Brad Thornhill.



If you have information of upcoming events, please let us know at the Area Center by the 25th of each month for publication and distribution before the first of the following month.

If you have an address change or wish to be removed from our list, contact the Area Office. If you have an interest in a future email version of this newsletter, please call 296-2751 or email caprockplains@nts-online.net.



Glorieta Conference Center

1-800-797-4222

glorietaconferencecenter.org

Tucked in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the southern most part of the Rocky Mountain chain, LifeWay Glorieta Conference Center welcomes guests to relax, recharge and rediscover. **Check their website for a complete calendar of events.**

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The Search Committee continues its work to find a new Executive Director. If you have questions, please contact the committee member who is representing your association.

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Continue to pray for the committee. They are working hard to fill this position.

WIFI

Worship, Inspiration, Fellowship, Meals
August 5-6, 2011
Friday 4:30-8:30 PM
Saturday 8AM to 1 PM

Highland Baptist Church
24th and Quaker
Midrock

Training for Missions Leaders
(WMU, WOM, UPM, Sisters Who Care, RA, Challenger, Preschool, Children, Youth, Etc.)

Register at:
WMU, 4001 WFI
333 N Washington
Dallas TX 75204
PH 214-244-9400

We have welcomed several new staff members to churches in our area but there are still congregations needing pastors. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their search.

Caprock Association

FBC Roaring Springs
FBC Crosbyton

Llanos Altos Association

Primera of Muleshoe
Primera of Dimmitt

Please notify us of any updates!

Staked Plains Association

Templo of Lockney
Trinidad of Olton
Jericho of Plainview
FBC Hart
FBC Plainview
FBC Lockney
FBC Tulia

AREA CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

60th ANNIVERSARY: Happy Union Baptist Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary August 12th through the 14th. Tickets, which will cover the cost of meals Friday and Saturday, are \$5 for kids, ages 3-9, and \$15 for adults. Special events will include Brent Reed, a Christian comedian, at 7 PM on Friday. Refreshments will be served. On Saturday at 10 AM there will be a mass choir rehearsal for all past and present choir members. At 12:30 PM there will be a "Remembering When" ceremony and snacks. The finale on Sunday will be at 3:30 PM, when Rev. Victor Harkins from Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Bessemer, Alabama, will speak. For more information, contact the church at 293-3785 or call 293-1988.

85th ANNIVERSARY: First Baptist Church of Earth will be celebrating its 85th anniversary August 27th and 28th. On Saturday events begin with burgers and all the trimmings at 5:30 PM, followed by a pastor's open house at 6 PM and a worship service featuring Bobby Broyles at 7 PM. On Sunday, Bible Study begins at 9:30 AM, then at 10 AM a worship service will feature Roy & Tami Martin in concert, Pastor Robbie Boyd will deliver the message, and Eric Kaiser will be leading the music service. Following the service will be a fellowship meal at 11:30 AM. For information, contact the church office at 806-257-2036.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

LOS PLANOS COMPAÑERISMO PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

At the quarterly meeting of Los Planos Compañerismo, July 10th, five scholarships were presented to students in higher education. The fellowship was hosted by Jericho Fellowship of Plainview. The meeting included singing, fellowship and inspirational messages. These young ladies were presented with scholarships to assist them in their university education. Pictured here from left to right are: Elizabeth Marie Avila attending Wayland, Jovanna Barrera attending Wayland, Mary Edendela Garza attending Texas Tech, Andrea Hinojos attending Houston Baptist, and Danielle Mondragon attending Wayland.



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WAYLAND ON MISSION

July 2-24
Kenya

Dr. Don Raney, FBC Petersburg, is participating in this trip. He will be teaching at the Wayland Campus while he is there. Please pray for him and the rest of the group.

July 31-August 9
Macedonia, Kosovo & Greece

For more information, contact:
Dr. Rick Shaw
Wayland Baptist University
1900 W 7th St CMB #344
Plainview, Tx 79072
Email: shawr@wbu.edu
Phone: 806-291-1162

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST...

August 1: Uncommon Leader Training, FBC Littlefield, 9:30 AM
August 5: Los Planos Fellowship, Primera Iglesia, Floydada, 7 PM
August 22: Caprock Fish Fry, FBC Floydada
August 23: Area Committee Meeting at Area Office, 10 AM
August 27-28: FBC Earth 85th Anniversary Celebration

We will have further details in the August newsletter for these events. If you need more information, contact the Area Office at 296-2751 or email us at caprockplains@nts-online.net

Remember that *Annual Church Profiles* will be coming to the Area Office soon and I will be mailing them to your church. Please get these to your church clerk or the person responsible for completing them. They are due back here *immediately* following your final reporting Sunday so that I can prepare the information for the Annual Associational Meetings which are in October. If you enter your data online *I will still need a copy* of your report here at the Area Office so I can get your information into our annual reports. I always appreciate your help with this.

Susan

CHURCH SECRETARIES RETREAT JULY 13-15 WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

If you are a secretary or ministry assistant for a church or religious institution and you haven't signed up yet for the Church Secretaries Retreat, then you need to call Micheal Summers at 291-1165 or email him at summersm@wbu.edu.

Don't miss this special time of fun, fellowship, inspiration and a time to learn some new skills or sharpen some old ones. If you have other questions, you can call Susan at 296-2751.

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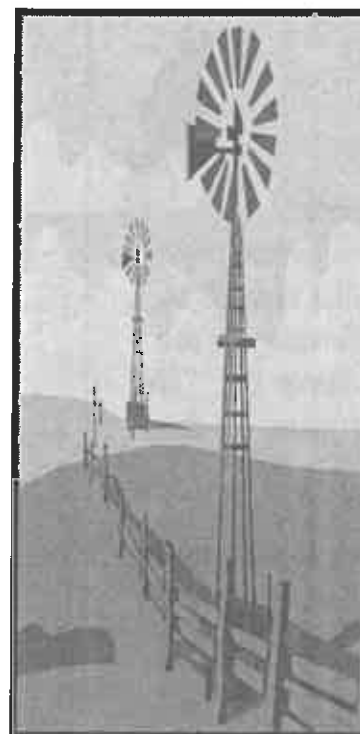
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Thank you!



African American Fellowship Conference
July 5-7, 2011
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
1501 Mac Davis Lane
Lubbock, Tx 79401

Contact: Nebra Robinson at 214-828-5131
or email nebra.robinson@texasbaptists.org



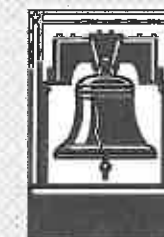
25th Annual Texas Bivocational and Smaller Membership Conference

July 8-10, 2011
University of Mary Hardin-
Baylor at
Belton, Texas

Featured Speaker Dr. Paul Powell

Contact Cecil Deadman at 214-828-
5293 or email him at
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@texasbaptists.org

Windows on the Area July 2011



WELCOME NEW STAFF TO THE AREA

It is always exciting for us to hear that a church in our area has called a long-awaited and prayed for staff member. FBC of Farwell welcomes a new Senior Pastor, **Russ Ponder**. Russ is not new to their congregation. He served as a youth pastor with them until 2005. He has been serving recently at FBC of Hamlin, Tx. Russ is married to his wife, Kim, and they have two sons. Branson just graduated and Pearce will be a senior this year. Russ will preach his first sermon at FBC Farwell on July 24.



Bobby Fortner has been called to Northside Baptist Church of Plainview as pastor. Bobby was born in Lubbock and is a graduate of Wayland with a degree in Christian Ministry. He is currently working on his Master's degree in History at Wayland, with the goal to teach history at the university level and to pastor bivocationally. Prior to Bobby's call to the ministry he served as a Lieutenant of correctional officers and as a police officer in Lubbock. He served as a youth pastor at South Park of Lubbock and at FBC of Lorenzo. He also served as ministerial supply for UMC of Lubbock during his education. He and his wife Bethany are the proud parents of two young boys.



Compañerismo

Sunday, July 10
3 PM



at
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Plainview

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:



Rain!

"Worst drought in memory!" I hear the phrase again and again. What I know is dry land fields are empty and irrigated lands struggle. Communities have come together to pray for rain. Some met at a gin near Cotton Center, others at a Methodist church in Crosbyton. I know there have been many others. Water makes all the difference in the world. Rains refresh and give life. It is right to pray and ask of God His favor for, *"He covers the sky with clouds and covers the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills."* (Psalm 147:8)

It is no wonder that rain is often associated with the blessing of God for our lands and for our souls. I pray also for streams of living water to refresh, renew, forgive and empower us individually and as churches.

Camps

We are in the middle of **associational camps**. Girls Camp is passed, but we are in the midst of two weeks of Youth Camp and RA Camp is yet to come. Pray for these camps, their leaders and our wonderful summer staff at PBA. Also remember our selection committee as they search for our new camp director.

Gordon Benson Offering

This year's Gordon Benson Associational Mission offering for Juarez presently stands at \$2100. We will be presenting this check personally to the El Paso ministry and meeting with the El Paso Association's Church Starter Mario Gonzales and with the President of the Juarez Baptist Convention during the week of July 17. If you have not sent your offering in or would like to be a part of this offering please do so in the next few days! I believe it would be a great blessing to present a check for more than \$3000. Give it some prayer and join me in giving personally!

Praying for You!

Summer Events are still going on all over the area and state! Summer Camp at Plains Baptist Assembly includes the July 4-8 Youth Camp, July 13-16 RA Camp, July 18-21 Camp Extreme, and the July 28-31 Floydada Kids Camp. For PBA information go to www.pbacamp.org or call 806-983-3954.

Calvary Baptist Church of Friona reports results from their VBS, June 20-24. They had an average daily attendance of 94 with 6 professions of faith. They collected a special offering of \$477 to send to City Church of Amarillo, to assist them in their ongoing summer lunch program for children in their area.

Remember to share your summer event stories with us here at the Area Center. Our readers enjoy hearing what happened with your group at VBS or at Camp.

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Check their website for a complete calendar of events.



PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

The Search Committee has begun the search for a new Executive Director. They do have an interim who will handle the busy summer months.

Committee members are:
Connie Butler (Llanos Altos)
James Caddell (Lubbock)
Will Fish (Staked Plains)
Tim Franks (Caprock)
Gene Hawkins (Lubbock)
Mike Holster (South Plains)
Duane McQueen (Lubbock)

Perry Gilbreth is the Board President and serves as ex-officio member. Mike Holster is the chairman for this committee.

If you have questions, please contact the committee member who is representing your association.

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Tim Franks (Caprock)
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Will Fish (Staked Plains)
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If there is someone you know would be interested in applying for this position, please have them send their resume to :

Mike Holster
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Please notify us of any updates!

What's Happening Around the Area



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NEW JERUSALEM CELEBRATION

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Betty & H.K. Thomas Jr.



Dr. Gene Meacham



New Jerusalem Praise Team

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Pastors & Wives Fellowship Cena de Pastores y Esposa

Fechas y Lugares: 7 PM

Friday, June 3, 2011
Mision Bautista El Calvario
Kress, Texas



"With joy you will
draw water from the
wells of salvation."
— Isaiah 12:3

Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas June 26-28-2011

Trinity Baptist Church
319 East Mulberry
San Antonio, Texas

"Adelante!"



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University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Belton, Texas

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Windows on the Area... June 2011



Welcome New Pastors!



FBC of Olton called a new pastor, **David Azam**, who will begin June 12, 2011. David and his wife Meghan are from Denver City. They have two young children. David has a Masters of Divinity Degree from Logsdon Seminary and Masters in Christian Ministry from Wayland. Pray for his family as they make the move to Olton.

FBC of Earth has called a new pastor, **Robbie Boyd**. Robbie and his wife Paula have moved from Snyder where Robbie recently served as discipleship/outreach pastor. Both graduated from Howard Payne. Robbie has attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Rockbridge Seminary. They have three grown children, one grandchild and one on the way.



Seth Ward Baptist Church of Plainview welcomes their new pastor, **Brent Anderson**. Brent and his wife Jane have two grown children and one grandchild. They have been serving for the past 15 years as construction missionaries, living full-time in their RV, traveling all over the country, building and remodeling churches.

Pictured here with Dr. Griffin at the recent Uncommon Leader training at Plains Baptist Assembly is **Patrick Adair**, new pastor at FBC of Matador. Patrick is married to Jeni and they have a young daughter named Sheridan. Patrick recently served at FBC Waco as a youth minister and attended Truett Seminary.



JUNE 26, 2011 Mission Dignity Sunday

GuideStone's Mission Dignity helps retired Southern Baptist ministers or widows who are living close to poverty. More than 60% of the 2,100 retirees we assist are widows. One of every four is a pastor's widow age 85 or above. First Timothy 5:5 says, "The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help." God is answering those prayers through Mission Dignity and our Southern Baptist family.

www.MissionDignitySBC.org
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Highway 80 East, Private Road 7631
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A one-week spiritual enrichment experience for African-American youth, grades 7-12, as well as college students, where you can come and have a meaningful, life changing encounter with Christ, as well as fellow young believers.

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WINDOWS 2011

Moving is an adventure. It is also a crisis! The process of leaving one place of 26 years and beginning a work in another is a challenge on many levels. When was the last time you have gone through a quarter of a century of stuff trying to decide what to keep and what to throw away? Many times I felt like the old west prospector searching for gold nuggets among all the 'stuff.' I just pray I have kept the right things and thrown away what was truly not needed. Time will tell! Now I live in the land of boxes with each one a surprise.

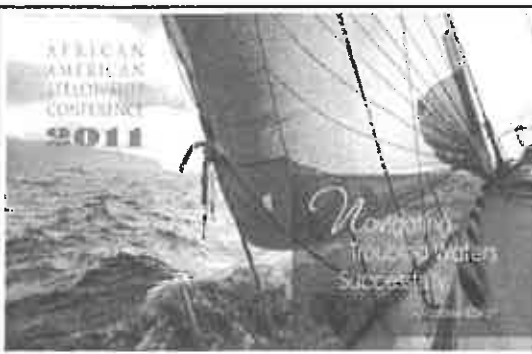
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Thanksgiving is always appropriate! The Area Board members have been very helpful in this move and especially our chairman, Rick Burton of Friona. Their calls of encouragement have so often come at just the right time. Charles Davenport has done a fabulous work as the Interim Director of Missions. His quality of leadership has in many ways made this extended time without a DOM go smoothly. Dr. Gene Meacham, my predecessor, has been so supportive and helpful. His openness about the work here has been and will be such a great help. Do pray for Gene and Lavonne that their retirement might be God-blessed in every way! Susan Barkley, our Ministry Assistant, is a great asset to God's work and has proved to be invaluable to me in making this transition.

Congratulations to Dr. Stacy Conner as he celebrated 20 years of ministry at FBC Muleshoe. It was a joy on my first Sunday as the new DOM to be with this fine pastor and church. Also, please take a close look at the front page. There you will find four new pastors in our area. May God bless them and their churches.

So what will this new DOM do? I have two pressing goals immediately before me. One is to visit with as many of our pastors, staff and churches as possible. Much of this will be done by telephone at first. Second is to understand as quickly as possible God's direction for this work. I will pray and listen to the Lord. However, I believe very strongly the Lord will be speaking to you. So I will be asking you what you are sensing to be God's direction for Caprock Plains Area churches and associations!

Lester Griffin
Director of Missions



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LOCAL VBS DATES!



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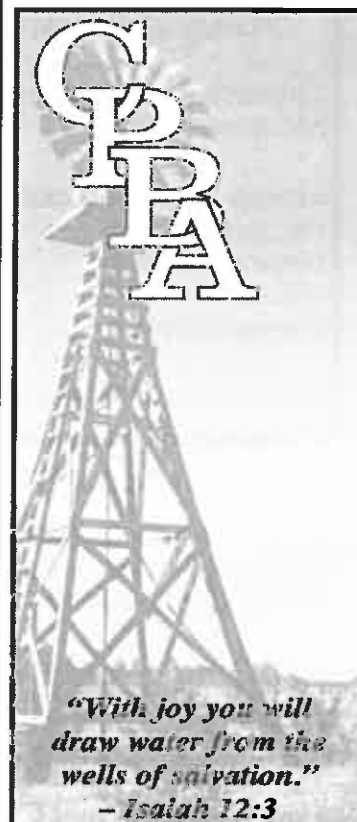
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Welcome to Caprock Plains Baptist Area!

Windows on the Area... May 2011



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THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION — MISSION DRIVEN — CHURCH FOCUSED



2011 ESCUELA DE PROFETAS

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
PLAINVIEW, TEXAS
MAY 14, 2011



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Bike Out Hunger 2011 May 9-14



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All money raised supports feeding and empowering efforts that end the cycle of poverty and hunger.

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*Mother's
Day
May 8*



WINDOWS 2011

Each year during the Associational Emphasis week, we receive the "Gordon Benson Mission Offering." The special offering was named for one of our former pastors who lost his life in an automobile accident a few years ago. Gordon worked in the Development Office of Wayland and at the time of his death was pastor of the Halfway Baptist Church.

Over the years, this offering has been used for various projects. Last year, we received \$12,414 and it went to Wayland designated for the New Missions Center. In 2009 it went towards the Texas Hope CD distribution project and prior to that to various mission projects in El Paso. This year, the area board has determined to use this offering to help pastors and churches in Juarez, Mexico with their project in feeding children.

In a recent meeting with the President of the Juarez Baptist Convention and Bro. Mario Gonzales we learned several things about this project.

We learned that:

- Children in Mexico are not fed at school thus many of our churches have assumed the responsibility of feeding these children each day.
- You can feed a child for about \$1 per day.
- Currently Baptist churches are feeding 377 children per day.
- Only finances prevent them from feeding more.
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FOLKS, WE CAN HELP! Through the Gordon Benson Mission Offering we can provide the funds to expand this mission project, assist and encourage our brothers in Christ who work in one of the most violent cities in the world, and we can make a difference for the Kingdom in these difficult times.

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Hebrews 12:1-2**

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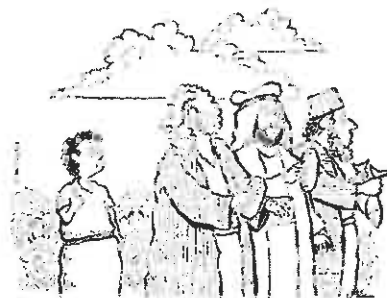
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DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

Japan



With the many ongoing relief efforts around the world, there are several opportunities for you to participate in giving towards meeting the needs of those suffering from loss of family, home, employment and the long process of cleanup and getting back to normal again. These include Texas Baptists (BGCT), Texas Baptist Men (TBM), Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and others. For more details go to texasbaptists.org

Haiti

Disaster Response

Chile

Texas Baptist Missions Foundation
333 N Washington
Dallas, Tx 75246-1798

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Windows on the Area... APRIL 2011



A Word from the New Director of Missions:

I look forward to beginning my ministry as Director of Missions for the Caprock Plains Baptist Area during the second week in May. This is an exciting time of transition for me and Betty as we leave a fruitful 26-year ministry at FBC Crosbyton.

Betty and I met in first grade when my family moved to Abernathy, Texas, where my father became pastor of FBC Abernathy. Six years later Dad was called to North Side Baptist Church in Weatherford Texas. Betty and I had become an "item" in fifth grade, so we began writing letters and continued until we married in 1968.

We have been blessed with two children, Emily and Nathan. Emily and her husband Wally Davis live in Shallowater with their three children, John Ryan, Brittany and Tiffany. Nathan and his wife Valerie live in Pflugerville with their twin boys, Carter and Miles.

I enjoy traveling, reading, fix-it projects and bicycling when time allows. Betty has authored a cookbook, *Betty G's Country Recipes*, a collection of recipes and stories from generations of Texans. She also enjoys singing, and has led Bible studies and taught adult cooking classes.

Our present challenge is buying our first home. This has been a new experience for us since we have always lived in a parsonage. We are anxious to finalize this process and make our move to Plainview.

I look forward to meeting many new folks in the days ahead. Please pray for us as we will pray for you during this time of transition.

In His Service
Les and Betty Griffin



VBS CLINIC

First Baptist Church
Amarillo
1208 S Tyler
Monday April 18
6:30-8:30 PM
Call Elaine Clark or
Cliff Cary at 373-2891.



Resurrection
Sunday
—
April 24

WINDOWS 2011

We're all looking forward to the arrival of Dr. Les Griffin, our new Director of Missions, but working with Les we've set up a couple of training opportunities for pastors and staff.

FIRST, we've scheduled a series of training events called "First Aid for Mental Health." Ron Trusler from MHMR will lead in this four-week training. It will begin Monday morning, April 18th, and continue through May 9th. We will meet from 9:30 to 12:30 in room 211 above the cafeteria on the campus of Wayland. The only cost is \$15.00 for the workbook.

Anyone is welcome, but pastors, their wives and staff will especially benefit from this material. I have reviewed it and found myself wishing it had been available over the years. Pastor, please do not let this opportunity slip by. I urge you to set aside these twelve hours to sharpen your skills.

Although this is being held in Plainview, anyone from the adjoining associations is welcome to participate. Please call Susan at 296-2751 and let her know that you are coming.

SECOND, we've scheduled an "Uncommon Leader" training for pastors and staff in the Caprock Area. This is material on leadership made available to Texas Baptists through the generosity of Lewis Timberlake. This event is designed to help each participant become a more effective leader. A part of the event will be devoted to discovering each individual's leadership style.

This will be an overnight event set for May 16 and 17 at Plains Baptist Assembly. We begin at 5:00 PM on Monday and will conclude at noon on Tuesday. I will be leading this event.

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Seth Ward Baptist Church

38th Annual West Texas Adult Camp and Country Store

Plains Baptist Assembly
May 2-4, 2011

Legacy of Faith—Pioneers who Blaze the Way
Hebrews 12:1-2

Camp Pastor: Dr Carl Moman, FBC Brownfield
Bible Study Leader: Gene Hawkins, LABA Executive Director
Theme Interpreter: Dr. Larry Jones, LABA Executive Director

The Area Office at 2301 Utica in Plainview will have some programs and registration forms available, or contact PBA at 806-983-3954 or email mark@phacamp.org

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT NEW JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lots of work going on at New Jerusalem Baptist Church of Plainview. The Texas Baptist Men were recently there doing work inside the recently erected building. Pastor H.K. Thomas, Jr., has led his church in the latest effort to replace the old sanctuary with a new building. The Texas Baptist Men Retired Builders were recently able to come and spent nearly three weeks on the inside work. The people of New Jerusalem have been able to raise funds and received matching funds from Texas Baptists to get their building erected and then have been able to raise more funds, as well as received funds from area churches to help get supplies and feed the workers while they were here. Pastor H.K. and his congregation look forward to being able to get into their new sanctuary and appreciate all the work that has been done. If your group needs a service project, there is still work to do!



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June 27-July 1	Youth Camp (Week 1)
July 4-8	Youth Camp (Week 2)
July 13-16	RA Camp
July 18-21	Camp Xtreme (Boys/Girls Grades 4-6)
July 28-31	FBC Floydada Kids Camp
September 9-10	WMU Retreat
October 7-10	RA Camp-O-Rama

MORE EXCITING NEWS FROM PBAI THAT OLD WASHBOARD ROAD THAT WE ALL REMEMBER HAS BEEN REPAIRED THROUGH THE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF SERVICES AND FUNDS!

Spotlight on NAMB Missionary

Suzanne Perry is a support-raise missionary through the MSC program of the North American Mission Board. This means that her salary, living expenses and ministry funds are covered by gifts from individuals and churches. Suzanne serves as a Chaplain and International Student Minister at the University of British Columbia (Canada).

Through her ministry, hot lunches are served during Bible studies, Bibles are distributed, hot chocolate is served, crock pot meals are served at student gatherings, English lessons are taught, gas is provided to transport students to activities and to get new students settled in on campus, hot coffee or tea are served at local coffee houses, she is able to witness to and serve students on campus, and she is able to maintain an apartment near campus where she can host many of her Bible student events.

Suzanne Perry is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Perry. Dr. Perry is a long-time pastor in Oklahoma and Texas and is now serving as interim at Seth Ward. He and his wife are members of College Heights Baptist Church. Dr. Perry serves as supply and interim in our Area and he and his wife are actively involved in our association and various mission activities.

You can support Suzanne and missionaries like her at: NAMB-MS, P.O. Box 116543, Atlanta, GA 30368-6543 USA or online at www.namb.net/GiveMSC

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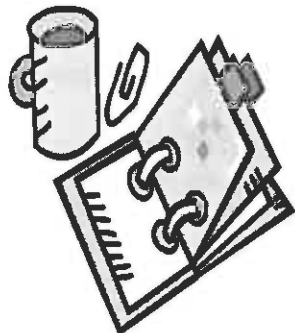
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Los Planos Compañerismo

Sunday, March 6
3 PM

Genesis Baptist Church
2110 W 10th St
Plainview



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Associational Bible Drill

April 3, 2011

FBC Plainview, 3 PM, in the Chapel

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African American Leadership Workshop

March 11-12, 2011

Houston Baptist University
7502 Fondren Road
Houston, Tx 77074

Keynote Speaker: Dr John Adolph, Pastor
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont

Workshop Leader: Dr Charles Booth, Pastor
Mt Olivet Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio

Theme: Matthew 5:16 "Shining Lights in a Culture of Darkness"

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Welcome New Staff in Area

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FBC of Hale Center welcomes JayR Dunn as their new Youth Minister. JayR is a Wayland student.

FBC of Matador welcomes Patrick Adair, wife Jeni, and 17-month-old daughter, Sheridan. Patrick has been called as pastor. He has been a Youth Minister at FBC of Waco for 5-1/2 years and is a graduate of Truett Seminary. Patrick will begin in late March.

They are also welcoming Cameron Lynch and his wife Brianna. Cameron has been serving as their Youth Minister and is already working hard to build a strong youth work there.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS MARCH 6-13, 2011



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THE WILLSON LECTURES



Wayland Baptist University will host the Willson Lectures.

Featured Speaker
David Garland, Dean and Professor
of Christian Scriptures
Truett Seminary

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For more details
contact Micheal Summers at
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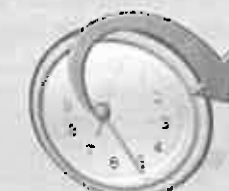
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Remember!

Sunday, March 13
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SPRING FORWARD!



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Pastors, by virtue of their calling, are called up to be LEADERS. In a recent pastors fellowship the Caprock Association decided to share in a new leadership training program that is designed to help pastors, staff members and laypersons to become more effective in leading their congregations. It is called UNCOMMON LEADER and is made available to us through the work of a Baptist layman named Lewis Timberlake. I would urge you to "google" his name and you will be impressed by the work this man has done in the business world. Now, his material and skills are available to Texas Baptists. Watch for more information.

Recently, we had a planning meeting for the SCHOOL OF PROPHETS that meets on the Wayland campus on May 14th. In that meeting the planners decided to make their focus on becoming better leaders. Robert Cuellar and Lorenzo Pena will be coming on that day to present a Spanish language version of UNCOMMON LEADER.

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If you have an interest in attending, contact Edna Evans at 684-2394 or email her at ednaevans@midplains.coop, or email Kim Vaughn at kim@hurstfs.com.

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Many more camps are available for all ages. Look at the website, call PBA or this office, and keep watching this newsletter for more dates to come.

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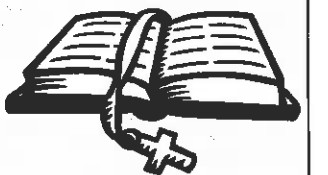
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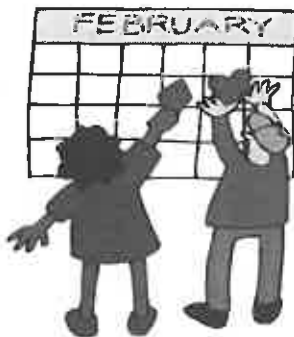
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Los Planos Pastors/
Wives Fellowship
February 4
7 PM
Templo Salem
Lone Star Highway
Lockney

Los Planos Valentine's
Day Banquet
February 11
8 PM
Location
To Be Announced

Los Planos Compañerismo

Sunday, March 6,
3 PM
Genesis Bapt Church
2110 W 10th St
Plainview



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Bro. John & Ary Franklin and daughter Mary Grace, formerly of FBC Lockney, announced the arrival of "Jack" Franklin, Saturday, January 15, 2011, weighing 9 pounds 2 ounces. Pray for the Franklins as they have recently moved to Temple, Texas.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS MARCH 6-13, 2011

Three out of four people in the US and Canada do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!



One hundred percent (100%) of your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering enables more than 5000 missionaries to share the Good News across the US, Canada and their territories.

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"When Jesus saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36

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WINDOWS 2011

Lavonne and I are humbled and honored by the wonderful reception given at Wayland for my retirement as Director of Missions. Thank you for the generous love offering, the framed Norman Rockwell prints and your many cards, letters, phone calls and visits. What a joy it has been to serve in this office these past ten years.

This time of transition will not be a time for sadness, but for anticipation of all that God will yet do in the Caprock Plains Baptist Area. Our three associations are the best in Texas. Caprock, Llanos Altos and Staked Plains, I am confident, will lead the way into a missional future for Texas Baptists.

I ask that you continue to pray for Lavonne and me as we enter this new phase of our lives. We hope to be available for supply and interim work and will be prayer partners with you for whatever your needs may be.

May God bless all of you in His wonderful way.

Gene Meacham
Numbers 6:24-26

A MESSAGE FROM THE AREA COMMITTEE

Like so many others, our hearts were saddened at Dr. Meacham's resignation, however, we found reason to praise God, and that was for his ten wonderful years with us as our Director of Missions. We are all in agreement that he served us well. We are happy for Gene and Lavonne that they were able to retire and will remain in the area. We pray God's richest blessings on them.

This report is to tell you that the Caprock-Plains Area Committee is already hard at work in seeking God's man for the position of Director of Missions. On January 11, 2011, we began the process as we were greeted with 17 resumes. The first thing we did was divide up into two groups. The search committee for an interim director of missions was made up of the moderators from our three associations. On Friday, January 21, they met with Charles Davenport, well known throughout our area, former pastor in the area, and now with the BGCT- Texas Baptists. After a lengthy time of discussion Bro. Davenport was offered the interim position. He will be paid 60% of the base salary plus mileage. He will be in the Area Center Office on Wednesdays, but will check in with Susan everyday, and be available to us as needed. He will attend every associational meeting that he can, and he plans to be proactive. He will begin his duties on February 1, 2011. Be much in prayer for Charles as he leads us during this interim period.

The rest of the area committee have met, prayed, and combed through the resumes that have been submitted. The area committee covets your prayers as we seek God's man. We will be having an initial interview with our top candidate, Friday, January 28, 2011.

Rick Burton - Chairman of the Area Committee

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2011 EVANGELISM EVENTS www.texasbaptists.org/evangelism

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| February 7, 2011 | ENGAGE CONFERENCE
Lakeside Bapt Church of Dallas |
| February 28, 2011 | 4XFOUR CLINIC
Monterrey Bapt Church of Lubbock |
| March 12 | CONGRESO
Dallas Baptist University |
| April 21-23 | CONGRESO
Baylor University |
| June 24-25 | YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
Dallas |
- (For these and many other events visit the Texas Baptists website)



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DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE



Bethel Baptist Church
1700 N I-27
Plainview

Sunday, February 6, 2011
2 PM Council
3 PM Ordination

We would like to invite all ordained men to attend the council. RSVP
Pastor Ed LeCompte at 681-0206 or
email ed_lecompte@hotmail.com

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Please be in prayer for Miguel and this ministry opportunity. If you would like to make a gift to this ministry, please make your contribution to "Bibles for Mexico" in care of Caprock Plains Baptist Area at 2301 Ufca, Plainview, Texas, 79072.



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Dr. H. Gene Meacham — Director of Missions

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John Silva — New Church Start Consultant/Hispanic Church Consultant

ELEAZAR PROJECT

Wayland is offering an exciting new opportunity for your congregation to partner with ministerial students. Ministerial Fellowship, sponsored by the School of Religion and Philosophy, has launched a student-led program which seeks to connect students with area churches in a way that can minister to the church and provide valuable experience for the ministers-in-training.

Your church can participate by allowing students to conduct the ministries of your church on any given Sunday or any special event. Students are interested in preaching, leading congregational singing, working with youth and children, recreation and drama. The project seeks to mold ministers who will be better equipped for vocational church and missions service.

If you are interested in the Eleazar Project, please contact the Wayland Religion Office at 806-291-1160 or email sadlerp@wbu.edu.

CROSSING BORDERS MINISTRIES
School Supply Kits

Many of you may participate in a Christmas Shoebox Drive. Crossing Borders Ministries of FBC Fabens just finished their yearly Christmas drive but they also carry out an annual School Supply Drive.

Mexico's children are supposed to go to school through the 6th grade. However, in the border region, many children fall through the cracks because their family is too poor to pay tuition, buy uniforms or buy school supplies. If a family cannot afford these things, the Mexican government can exempt these children from having to attend school, thus trapping them in the cycle of poverty.

If your mission group is looking for a worthy project and interested in providing assistance for children in the border region with School Supply Kits, contact this ministry by email at CrossingBorder@aol.com, by phone at 915-491-7528, or by mail at Crossing Borders Ministries, c/o FBC Fabens, P O Box 35, Fabens, Texas 79838. All gifts are tax deductible.

Elfi Register and Joan Wilson developed and operate this ministry and are Mission Service Corps missionaries. MSC is part of the North American Mission Board, whose members must provide their own finances. A newsletter is available at crossingbordersministries.com

Hope 1:8

FOR TEXAS BAPTISTS, THE ACTS 1:8 INITIATIVE IS MORE THAN A MANDATE, IT IS A CHALLENGE. THAT'S WHY WE WORK TOGETHER WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO FIND NEW WAYS TO BRING THE GOOD NEWS AND PROCLAIM THE HOPE OF CHRIST. OUR OVERALL GOAL IS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONS.

TEXAS BAPTISTS
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Find and get involved in missions near you or around the globe.

CONTACT THE AREA OFFICE FOR MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, SEE THE ARTICLE IN THIS NEWSLETTER ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE MISSION CENTER AT WBU, DR. RICK SHAW, 291-1162, OR GO TO THE TEXAS BAPTISTS WEBSITE AT: www.texasbaptists.org

"... my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death"
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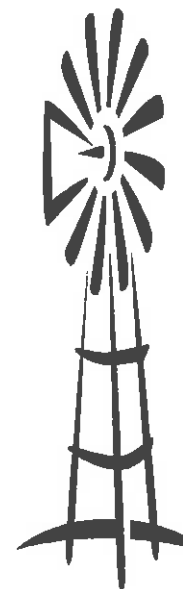
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January 30, 2011
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Wayland Baptist University
Library Learning Resource Center
Lower Floor-Atrium
1900 W 7th Street
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Contact Information
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... A View from the Director

MISSION 2011

Windows and Doors

It has been a great blessing for me to serve as your Director of Missions for the past ten years. I have often said that we have the best churches, pastors and people to be found anywhere. Lavonne and I have treasured the friendships formed and the opportunity to visit in so many of the churches of our area. Since I became the Director of Missions for Caprock Plains Baptist Area, we have called our monthly newsletter "Windows on the Area." I suppose it will continue to be called that, for a time at least, until a new Director of Missions is found. But today a friend from another country, whose life interacted with ours during and since our missionary service, shared with me a word from Revelation 3:8, "See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."

This was a verse that the Lord used to encourage our hearts as we prepared to go to Spain just days after the 9-11 attacks. Now I am eager to see what door the Lord may open for us as I approach retirement in just a few weeks. We are confident the Lord will open a door of ministry and service, but what that door will be we do not yet know. Lavonne and I are praying much about that as we also continue to pray for all the churches of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area, whom we have come to know and love.

For the time being we plan to remain in the Plainview area and will be available for preaching and teaching opportunities. I will continue to do some study and writing and hope to enjoy my workshop and visiting grandchildren. Lavonne and I also hope to do some travel and perhaps be a tour guide to some of our favorite places.

An Open Door to the Northwest

The Caprock Plains Baptist Area has an open-door invitation to participate in a summer mission trip to the Northwest. Rob Pengra, Church Planter in the Vancouver, Washington, area and pastor of a new church start called Discovery Pointe in Ridgefield, Washington, invites churches and mission teams from our area to partner with them in church planting and church building projects. For more information please contact Rob Pengra at 360-910-7797, or Dr. Les Griffin, pastor of FBC Crosbyton, at 806-675-2251.

We will again be supporting the Wayland Mission Center and Dr. Rick Shaw in several mission trips in 2011. A list of these is found elsewhere in this newsletter. I encourage all our churches to pray for and support the Wayland Mission Center and Dr. Shaw. This will be an excellent opportunity for partnership in missions.

May God bless your new year with many open doors of opportunity and many open windows of revelation to God's truth and holiness.

God bless you,

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