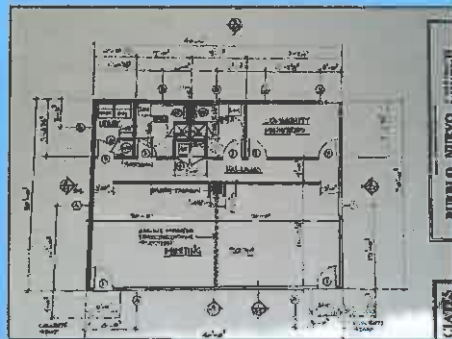




Pre-Mission Trip Pueblo Nuevo Clint, Texas

A group from our area took a quick trip to the Pueblo Nuevo Church of Clint, Texas, as a preliminary planning effort to see where the funds of this year's Gordon Benson Mission Offering would best be used. On this trip the facilities of Pueblo Nuevo were evaluated along with their new building plan for a

secondary building to house Bible studies and their valuable community ministries. Opportunities will be made available for those interested in making trips to the Clint area to serve in furthering this building project and improving their ministry efforts to their community. Contact the Area Office if you have an interest in participating in this building project or other projects involving the Pueblo Nuevo community.



Visiting the **Crossing Borders Ministry**

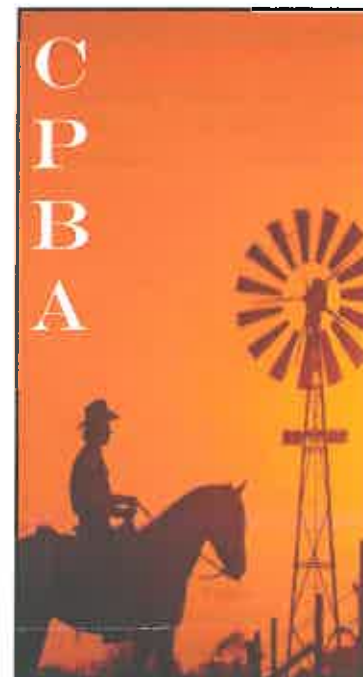


Also as part of this pre-mission trip the members of the group were able to visit the Crossing Borders Ministry facilities, a ministry of FBC Fabens and North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Two dedicated ladies, Elfi Register and Joan Wilson, lead a ministry which includes a shoe-box ministry, a school supply ministry, food ministries, and other community ministries. The campus also has dorm facilities

should your mission group be interested in participating in their ministry efforts or utilizing this facility during a Clint Project mission trip, which would only be 15-minute drive from their campus.



FBC Fabens
P.O. Box 35
Fabens, Texas 79838
www.crossingbordersministries.com
915-764-5343



Compañerismo de los Planos Calendar of Events

February 1, 2013 @ 7 PM
Compañerismo de los Planos
Pastors/Wives Fellowship @
Templo Salem—Lockney

February 9, 2013 @ 7 PM
Compañerismo de los Planos
Valentine's Banquet

For more information on these events:
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Katie is helping us develop a new web site which will be available soon!

JANUARY 2013 CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

A FINAL LOOK AT 2012

Closing out the year, December was a month full of activity here at Caprock Plains Baptist Area! One of the high points of the season included a full day packed with special events and guests.

On Monday, December 10, our area pastors and staff were served a delicious meal by the Wayland staff.



We had two special guests and programs that day. Dr. D. L. Lowrie, former pastor of FBC Lubbock, led us in the January Bible Study on Luke's Account of the Passion Week. He gave our pastors valuable insight and resources to this material to use in their churches.

We were then honored to introduce to the area the new Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dr. David Hardage, who reported on his vision for the future of Texas Baptists.



Dr. Les Griffin, Director of Missions, Susan Barkley, Ministry Assistant, John Silva, BGCT Church Starter, and Dr. David Hardage, BGCT Executive Director.

Dr. Hardage then visited the Area Office and looks forward to working with all the associations of Texas.

We at the Area Office look forward to a blessed New Year as we serve the pastors and churches of this area!



Dr. Paul Sadler, WBU Religion Dept, Dr. D.L. Lowrie, former pastor FBC Lubbock, Micheal Summers, WBU Church Services, Dr. David Hardage, BGCT Executive Director, and John Silva, BGCT Church Starter.

CALENDAR OPPORTUNITIES—CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

January 21, 2013, 10 AM to Noon, WBU Meeting Room UC 211

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE: "Serving with Deacons" designed to assist pastors and deacons in serving effectively in their church. Contact us at the Area Office for details.

February 11, 2013, 10 AM to 4 PM, WBU Meeting Room UC 211

ENGAGE CONFERENCE: See the details inside this newsletter under Upcoming Texas Baptists Events

February 18, 2013, 10 AM to 4 PM, WBU Brown Conference Center.

"ART TO HEART" story-telling conference to equip pastors in communicating the Gospel to the on-line generation. Contact Micheal Summers, summersm@wbu.edu, 291-3480

February 23, 2013, Beginning at 9 AM, FBC Plainview.

VBS OVERVIEW: See details inside this newsletter under Upcoming Texas Baptists Events



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR... A Historic Night: An Expression of Love and Hope

Sunday evening, January 6, 2013, at Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe, was an historic time indeed. (See pictures below.) Trinity Baptist Church reorganized and presented "keys and deed" to the new church startup of Iglesia Bautista Juan 3:16, pastored by Elias Torres. IBJ 3:16 began in Friona and was meeting in a storefront building.

For about a year now IBJ 3:16 has been looking for new property for their ever-growing congregation. At the same time in Muleshoe TBC was looking to reorganize and hopefully find another congregation to fill their building. Through the marvelous work of BGCT church starter John Silva and the Area Center, TBC agreed to give their facilities to IBJ 3:16. This church is primarily reaching people from Guatemala who live in the Muleshoe, Bovina and Friona area.

In the service, Charles Bratcher, deacon at TBC, presented a box of keys to pastor Torres. This is proof that one church can have many keys! Mr. Bratcher joked that one Sunday they simply took up a collection of all the church keys. Also, the deed for the property was presented to IBJ 3:16 as well as a check to help defray the costs of utilities and insurance for the first year.

John Silva noted the beauty of IBJ 3:16 now being able to build on the heritage of TBC. The sacrifices and commitment of the previous church now encourage pastor Torres and his flock to share the Gospel, not only in Muleshoe but in the surrounding area. Featured speaker Dr. David Hardage, BGCT Executive Director, spoke of the importance of sharing the Good News of salvation, Jesus' care in times of need, and the victory of the resurrected Lord. Dr. Stacy Conner, pastor FBC Muleshoe, gave invaluable service in facilitating this transfer. FBC Muleshoe was strongly represented Sunday night to express thanksgiving to TBC and to welcome IBJ 3:16 to their city. Over 150 people were present.

In expressing gratitude to TBC, pastor Torres remembered how there were no rooms for children in the storefront. Also, with inadequate heating, Pastor Torres noted that many of their small children had become ill due to the cold December weather so the children's Sunday School had been suspended. Now, a teacher of children of IBJ 3:16 was ecstatic with her new room at TBC that had not only heat but a beautiful painting of Noah's Ark on the wall! It is an exciting day!

The singing was truly multicultural, with songs and choruses of the faith led by Brady Mason, FBC Muleshoe worship leader, and by the celebration band of IBJ 3:16 with two beautiful and energetic songs in traditional Guatemalan style. The service was closed in prayer by long-time deacon at Trinity BC, Mr. Frank Parker. The celebration then moved to a packed fellowship hall with a festive enchilada dinner provided by IBJ 3:16.

As Director of Missions I am amazed at the generosity, vision, and love of the members of TBC and the enthusiasm and hope of IBJ 3:16. May God bless IBJ 3:16 and their pastor as they join a host of other churches in Llanos Altos of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area to strengthen and further the Kingdom of God. *To God be the Glory!*

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

of
Iglesia Bautista Juan 3:16
at
Trinity Baptist Church
of Muleshoe

You can view the entire service on YouTube by searching for FBC Muleshoe, where the item is entitled "Commissioning Service of Iglesia Bautista Juan 3:16"



Dr. Stacy Conner, pastor FBC Muleshoe, offered valuable assistance in the transfer of the property, as well as provided introductions during the service.



Dr. David Hardage, the new Executive Director of the BGCT (Texas Baptists), brought the commissioning message.



"Passing the Torch"
"Pasando la Antorcha"



John Silva, BGCT Church Starter, assisted both churches in facilitating this move and has been assisting Juan 3:16 during their start and early beginnings.



Participating in the service, back row, L to R, Miguel Mendiola, Charles Bratcher, Brady Mason, Dr. Stacy Conner, Dr. David Hardage, front row, L to R, John Silva, Elias Torres, David Benito Mejia, and Dr. Les Griffin.



The congregation of Juan 3:16 receives the property and blessing from the congregation of Trinity Baptist of Muleshoe.



Betty Griffin visits with the ladies of Juan 3:16 who served a delicious enchilada dinner.

ANNUAL TAX SEMINAR AT THE AREA OFFICE



The Annual Tax Seminar was hosted at the Area Office for our area pastors and staff. This is our second year to have Daniel Whitehurst, CPA, who now works with the BGCT to serve pastors and churches all over Texas. This seminar is a valuable part of understanding the specific financial and tax issues that pastors and church staff face. Mr. Whitehurst is available to churches and pastors for specific issues and questions at:

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WAYLAND MISSION CENTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2013



March 9-17
Detroit & Dearborn,
Michigan
May 15-29
Salvador, Brazil
June 10-23
Izmir & Istanbul,
Turkey
July 5-20
Kakamega, Kijabe
& Kiserian, Kenya
July 29-August 12
Macedonia, Kosova
& Greece

For trip details: Dr Rick Shaw
806-291-3409
shawr@wbu.edu

UPCOMING TEXAS BAPTISTS EVENTS

JANUARY 29, 2013—WELCOME PASTOR DAY...A day of welcoming, information and giving resources to pastors
Where: The Baptist Building @ 333 N Washington in Dallas from 10 AM to 3 PM
Contact: Alyssa Stiglets @ 214-828-5294 or Alyssa.stiglets@texasbaptists.org

FEBRUARY 11, 2013—ENGAGE, PANHANDLE/SOUTH PLAINS
Regional opportunities for pastors and church leaders, for inspiration and training in strategic evangelism. Three workshops and small group experiences. Speakers include evangelist Jon Randles and Apologist Mike Licon.
Where: Wayland Baptist University, UC Room 211, in Plainview from 10 AM to 4 PM
Contact: Micheal Summers, Church Services, @ 806-291-3408, or summersm@wbu.edu

FEBRUARY 22, 2013—WOMEN IN MINISTRY CONFERENCE...
To encourage, equip, and help provide networking for women in vocational ministry.
Where: Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, Texas, from 9 AM to 5 PM
Register: BGCT at 888-244-9400

FEBRUARY 23, 2013—VBS OVERVIEW...Overview of VBS curricula publishers with BaptistWay and LifeWay training.
Where: FBC of Plainview, 205 W 8th St, from 9 AM to 11 AM, 806-296-6318
Contact: BGCT at 888-244-9400

FEBRUARY 23-24—HISPANIC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
Workshops and worship designed to equip and challenge participants to share the Gospel locally and globally.
Where: South San Filadelfia Church, 2483 W Southcross Boulevard, San Antonio
Contact: BGCT at 888-244-9400

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BANQUET FOR PASTORS AND WIVES OF LOS PLANOS COMPAÑERISMO

This was a season of Christmas celebration around the area. One such celebration was that of the Compañerismo de los Planos (a fellowship of Hispanic churches of this area). The Compañerismo met on December 7th at FBC of Crosbyton where they enjoyed a delicious dinner, fellowship and program to honor the pastors and wives serving in our area Hispanic churches. A great group attended. The program included Dr. Griffin, Director of Missions of Caprock Plains Baptist Area, John Silva, BGCT Church Starter, with Ed Sena of the Lubbock Area Baptist Association, as the featured speaker.



Dr. Griffin (left) is pictured here with pastors from left to right (back row) Toby Gonzales, Primera Floydada, Jesse Caballero, Primera Lockney, Bernardino Hernandez, Primera Petersburg, Moses Blanco, Templo Lockney, Carlos Hinojos, Gethsemane Plainview, and the front row with the Bible is Ed Sena, Lubbock Area Baptist Association, Jose Silva, Calvario Kress, Victor Hernandez, Carpintero Hale Center, and Raymond Gonzales, Primera Plainview



Pastor's wives Becki Gonzales, Primera Plainview, Sylvia Hinojos, Gethsemane Plainview, Mrs. Toby Gonzales, Primera Floydada, Raquel Hernandez, Primera Petersburg, and Rosa Caballero, Primera Lockney



The Ladies of WMU

Back row, left to right: Eva Medina, San Juana Silva, Francisca Reyes, Sylvia Hinojos, Sandy Garza, Teresa Villareal, and Carmen Vera. Front row, left to right: Vicky Navarro, Rachel Blanco, Yolanda Ybarra, Karina Bazan, Mary Ann Reyes and Raquel Hernandez.

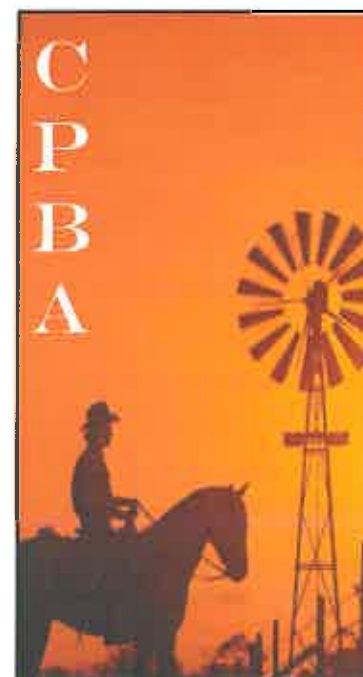


PLAINVIEW/HIGH PLAINS/PANHANDLE ENGAGE CONFERENCE

Wayland Baptist University
1900 West 7th Street
Plainview, Texas

Monday, February 11, 2013

TIME & LOCATION	LEADER	TOPIC/ASSIGNMENT
9:30 AM UC 211 (McClung Building)		Doors Open & Registration
10:00—10:40 AM UC 211	Jon Randles, Evangelist	SESSION ONE
10:45—11:45 AM		SESSION TWO
Brown Conference Center	Teyde Schuehler, Author/Children's Minister	Kids Faith
Van Howeling	Dr. Tim Marrow, Pastor, FBC Plainview, & Scott Wil- lingham, Texas Baptists	Leading Your Church to Take the 4X4 Challenge
UC 211	Dr. Mike Licona, Apologetics Author/Speaker	The Historical Case for the Resurrection of Jesus
Museum	Phil Miller, Texas Baptists	Revitalizing the Church through Sunday School
12:00 Noon—1:00 PM	Lunch in UC 211	
12:30 PM	POWERLUNCH	
UC 211	Dr. Mike Licona, Apologetics Author/Speaker	Answering the Top Objections to the Gospels
1:15—2:15 PM		SESSION THREE
Brown Conference Center	Teyde Schuehler, Author/Children's Minister	Kids Faith
Van Howeling	Dr. Tim Marrow, Pastor, FBC Plainview, & Scott Wil- lingham, Texas Baptists	Leading Your Church to Take the 4X4 Challenge
UC 211	Jon Randles, Evangelist	Understanding and Reaching the Post-Post Modern
Museum	Elias Garcia, Student Minister, FBC Plainview	StickyFaith-Implementing in Your Youth Ministry
2:30—3:30 PM		SESSION FOUR
Brown Conference Center	Teyde Schuehler, Author/Children's Minister	Kids Faith
Van Howeling	Elias Garcia, Student Minister, FBC Plainview	StickyFaith—Implementing in Your Youth Ministry
UC 211	Joe Loughlin, Texas Baptists	Turning Around the Plateaued Church
Museum	Phil Miller, Texas Baptists	Revitalizing the Church through Sunday School
3:30 PM	DISMISS	



Compañerismo de los Planos Calendar of Events



February 9, 2013 @ 7 PM
*Compañerismo de los Planos
Valentine's Banquet*

March 3, 2013 @ 3 PM
*Escuela Biblica de Vacaciones
(Vacation Bible School Emphasis)
Gethsemane Bapt Ch, Plainview*

For more information on these events:
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February 16, 2013 @ 7 PM
Congreso (Youth Rally)
Wayland Trinity Building

*(Contact Baptist Student
Ministries Office at 291-3595)*

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FEBRUARY 2013

CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

PASTOR AND DEACON WORKSHOP

JANUARY 21, 2013



Dr. Fred Meeks, Charles Davenport and Jason Stone



Pastors and deacons from around the area gathered at Wayland for an informative pastor and deacon workshop. Speakers included Dr. Fred Meeks, retired pastor and WBU professor, who spoke on the Biblical perspective for deacons, Jason Stone, pastor of FBC Tulia, who gave a practical pastor's perspective, sharing a program implemented in his congregation, Mr. George Meriwether, Deacon, FBC Plainview, and local businessman who spoke from the deacon's perspective, Jonathan Sullivan, pastor of FBC Lockney, who shared his practical pastor's perspective, and Charles Davenport, BGCT Congregational Strategist, who shared a realistic perspective. There was great discussion, ideas, and questions shared by all. Lunch then followed as we utilized the new Wayland cafeteria facilities.



PLAINVIEW/HIGH PLAINS/PANHANDLE

Engage Conference at Wayland Baptist University
Monday, February 11, 2013

See the *back page* of this newsletter for the day's schedule!

FBC SILVERTON WELCOMES NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY!



FBC Silverton called a new pastor with the coming of the new year! Pastor Gary "G. J." Walton was raised in Granbury. He and his wife Jennifer married in August of 1995. They are the proud parents of Daniel, Chloe, Andrew and Abigail. G. J. has his BA from Baylor University, MDiv in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and anticipates receiving his Doctor of Ministry from Southwestern in May of this year. He served as pastor at North Euless BC, associate pastor at Metroplex BC in Arlington, and as student minister at Oates Drive BC in Mesquite. G.J. participated in the Amsterdam 2000 World Conference of Evangelism

and with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in the summer of 2000. He lists his hobbies and interests as being husband to Jennifer, dad to Daniel, Chloe, Andrew and Abigail; as well as hunting; fishing; and golf.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

ENGAGE CONFERENCE: There is nothing accidental about effective evangelism. Giving witness is intentional. Perhaps that is why our Lord said at the end of the Gospel of Luke, *"This is what is written, the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sin will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."* (Luke 24:46-48)

This coming Monday from 10 AM until 3 PM, Caprock Plains Baptist Area will partner with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Wayland Baptist University in sponsoring an **Engage Conference**. The lunch is being graciously provided by Wayland Baptist University. There will be six conferences for you to choose from in four sessions throughout the day. (See the back of this newsletter for a complete schedule.) You will not want to miss the following:

- **Dr. Mike Licona** is a world-class apologist and New Testament scholar. He has authored eight books, including "What to Say to Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses." The first 30 people to register will get a free copy of his new book, "Paul Meets Mohammed." Also throughout the day there will be drawings for other key books that he has written. In addition, there will be discounts on many others.
- **Teyde Schuehler** will teach a session on Developing the Faith of Children. It is appropriately called "Kids Faith." This is brand new material, which will be premiered for the first time in our area on February 11th. What an outstanding opportunity for those involved in Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, or Children's Ministry/Activities in the local church.
- **Dr. Tim Marrow**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Plainview, will lead a conference on the "4x4 Challenge." This ministry ties together personal witness with outreach activities of the local church. Dr. Marrow's church is presently implementing this ministry. This is a great opportunity to gain from his wisdom and this excellent way of focusing on the community.
- **Jon Randles** has held more special services of outreach in the South Plains area than anyone else I know. He will be teaching on reaching and understanding the post-modern mindset. Jon brings energy and commitment in all that he teaches and all that he does!
- **Phil Miller**, BGCT Discipleship Director, will help your Sunday School/Bible Study groups be more outreach effective!
- **Elias Garcia**, FBC Plainview Student Minister, will be sharing how to implement the ideas contained in the new book "Sticky Faith" in your youth ministry. Actually the concept of Sticky Faith will work with adults as well. This is excellent new material!
- **Joe Loughlin** will be leading a critical session concerning "Turning Around the Plateaued Church." The importance of church renewal is a need that I hear again and again.

Scott Willingham, the new Executive Director for Evangelism, BGCT, will be with us throughout the day. He will be helping in several of the conferences. He has given tremendous leadership in setting up this conference for you and your church. He will also be making available free 30 copies of Sticky Faith to the first 30 to register. Also, there will be many other book drawings and books made available for your consideration.

I am excited about the possibility and potential of this conference for our churches. It is for church leaders and laymen alike. This Monday will be a time in which your church can catch a new vision of impacting the part of the world where you minister.

SEVEN HABITS FOR EFFECTIVE PEOPLE TRAINING: Remember the Seven Habits training, February 25-27. It is not too late to sign up for this unique opportunity of being a part of the Seven Habits training from a Christian perspective. The cost is only \$149. Call the Area Office for more information.

WAYLAND PIONEERS CONQUER MID-AMERICAN CHRISTIAN

79-74

Marking his debut as *guest coach*, Dr. Griffin had the opportunity to participate in the Wayland Pioneers basketball victory over Mid-American Christian University. The guest coach program is part of Wayland's local involvement in honoring personalities from the community. **Pictured here with Dr. Griffin is men's basketball Coach Matt Garnett.** It was a great game in which Mid-Christian led during the first half but the Pioneers were able to make a stunning come-from-behind finish with an exciting 79-74 win! Dr. Griffin states that he will retire from coaching undefeated with a 1-0 record!



CLINT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO BEGIN MARCH 8-13

The *Gordon Benson Mission Offering* this year will make possible the building of a new facility for the Pueblo Nuevo Community Church of Clint, Texas. A group will leave the area on Friday, March 8, 2013, to begin construction on their new multipurpose facility. *If you have some construction abilities and would like to participate, we need to hear from you ASAP so we can organize transportation and tasks to be completed.* The group will work each day and return on Wednesday, March 13. This trip will focus on getting the walls and roof up and the facility enclosed. *If you have questions you can also call the project foreman, Dr. Brian Hill, pastor, FBC Littlefield, 385-4414.*



WAYLAND MISSION CENTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2013



March 9-17

Detroit & Dearborn,
Michigan

July 5-20

Kakamega, Kijabe
& Kiserian, Kenya

May 15-29

Salvador, Brazil

July 29-August 12

Macedonia, Kosova
& Greece

June 10-23

Izmir & Istanbul,
Turkey

For trip details: Dr Rick Shaw

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EN{in}COURAGE 2013 Texas Baptist Women In Ministry Conference

FEBRUARY 22, 2013
WOMEN IN MINISTRY
CONFERENCE

To encourage, equip, and help provide networking for women in vocational ministry.

Where: Logsdon Seminary in Abilene, Texas, from 9 AM to 5 PM
Register: BGCT at 888-244-9400

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2013 HISPANIC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

CONFERENCIA HISPANA DE EVANGELISMO

Workshops and worship designed to equip and challenge participants to share the Gospel locally and globally.

Where: South San Filadelfia Church, 2483 W Southcross Blvd, San Antonio, Texas

Contact: BGCT at 888-244-9400

Check out the website at www.texasbaptists.com and click on **events** to get more information on these and for future events.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions
March 3-10, 2013

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IT TAKES
REACHING THE ONE



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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS—MARCH 3-10, 2013

For more information about Annie Armstrong or the offering: www.AnnieArmstrong.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OVERVIEW FEBRUARY 23, 2013

FBC of Plainview - 205 W 8th St
Begins at 9 AM

Overview of several VBS curricula publishers with specific BaptistWay and LifeWay training

Call 806-296-6318 so that adequate materials are available



Church Library Conference - March 07 - 09, 2013
First Baptist Church of Graham, TX

Register Online: www.texasbaptists.org

CHURCH LIBRARY CONFERENCE

ROUNDUP
2013

VBS Overview at FBC Plainview

Representatives from Baptist Press and Lifeway were on hand to share materials and ideas for VBS this summer. Guests from several churches came to see the new materials that are available and visited with those from other churches in the area and get ideas for their summer VBS.



Brittany Godsey, FBC Children's Minister, Betty Griffin, and Debbie, Lifeway representative.



Phil Miller shares in general assembly.



Mission Trip Backyard Bible Study Materials



Men of FBC Littlefield Prepare for Clint Project



Standing here with the new saw are Brian Saenz, Tyson Carr, Dr. Brian Hill, Rocky Bowman, Steve Dinges, Roger Muller, Lyndall Favor, and Mark Harris. (Not in this picture were Johnny Tisdale, Mike Fortenberry and Shawn Pickrell.)

To make quicker work of the framing in of the new building, the men of FBC Littlefield gathered to get a head start on construction for the congregation of Pueblo Nuevo at Clint, Texas. Materials and a new saw were purchased to begin this effort! The men prepared the headers for the doors and windows and worked on the trusses for the roof. The first trip to Clint to start the framing and roughing in of the building will be March 8-13. If you are interested in being a part of this project with a future trip, contact the Area Office.



Dr. Griffin works hard at "supervising" on a cold morning from his selected seat in front of the heater!



Brian Saenz breaks in the new saw.



Dr. Brian Hill looks over the work with Steve Dinges.



Compañerismo de los Planos Calendar of Events



April 5, 2013 @ 7 PM
Pastor/Wife Dinner
(Gethsemane Bapt Ch, Plainview)

For more information on these events:
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Special Dates
in
March



DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
SUNDAY-MARCH 10
SPRING FORWARD!

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29
Office is Closed

RESURRECTION
SUNDAY!
MARCH 31

MARCH 2013 CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

ANNUAL AFTER EASTER PASTOR/STAFF RETREAT

"Communicating God's Word"

April 1-2, 2013

(begins Monday with supper at 5:30 and ends with lunch on Tuesday)
Plains Baptist Retreat and Conference Center, 5 miles South of Floydada, Texas

OUR RETREAT PERSONALITIES



Dr. Howard "Howie" Batson
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Amarillo

Preaching and Sharing His
Personal Insights in Sermon
Preparation

Mitch Wilson
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Shallowater

Using Video
Creatively
In the Worship
Experience



Bobby Dagnel
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Lubbock

Preaching and Sharing
His Personal Insights in Sermon
Preparation

Kyle Streun
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Hereford

Keys to Communicating
with the West Texas
Congregations



Dr. Stacy Conner
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Muleshoe

Helping Us "Put Meat on
The Bones" and Sharing the
Sermon Map

David Azam
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Olton

Setting up an
Expository Sermon
Series



Terry Simmons
Minister of Music and Education
First Baptist Church Floydada

Our Worship Leader

A Ministry Event Sponsored by Caprock Plains Baptist Area
in partnership with
the Lubbock Area Baptist Association and the Amarillo Area Baptist Association



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Second Annual After Easter Pastor/Staff Retreat: For a pastor, his tasks are varied; from visitation to administration, from finances to helping families, from community leader to husband and father. To all of this there is added the weekly privilege and responsibility of sharing the unsearchable riches of God, with his individual church. Helping the local pastor in this task and other staff who also share God's word is the purpose of this year's Pastor/Staff Retreat.

As a pastor for 37 years I know both the challenge and the grind this sacred task can be. I am praying that this retreat will be a time of inspiration, strengthening, encouragement, and enrichment for the local pastor/staff in this critical assignment of God. Those coming to share are excellent, with varied backgrounds. Check out all the personalities on the front page. The accommodations are reasonable and varied. Don't forget to sign up today! Unfortunately we do not have on-line registration, we simply request you phone Susan Barkley at 296-2751 to make your reservations.

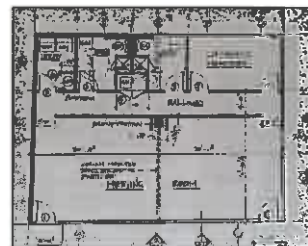
VBS "Rolling In!": Without a doubt, VBS is the most effective and widely used tool for reaching and growing children on our South Plains churches. This marvelous ministry not only touches the children but also their families. I am so thankful for the BGCT consultants, Phil Miller and Diane Lane, coming to Plainview for an area-wide training conference this past Saturday. They shared material from five different VBS publishers. Also the attendees were able to evaluate these and enhance their knowledge of what is available. There is a lot of help for you and your church to have a wonderful VBS in 2013!



Also, this past Sunday at Gethsemane of Plainview, over 160 gathered as Moses Blanco and Anna Bell Mirelez introduced Lifeway's VBS theme "The Colossal Coaster." This energetic presentation included an imaginary but thrilling ride on a roller coaster. I can already hear the screams of the children in churches across the South Plains!

A final note: The materials for VBS can be costly. I am thankful that many of our churches are willing to share their materials with others to keep the cost low. Also, remember the Area Office has limited supplies of VBS materials as they have been shared with us by other churches and from VBS suppliers. These are available at no cost to any church. Contact Susan Barkley at the Area Office. Whatever materials you use, may God bless you in the reaching of children and their families.

Gordon Benson Mission Offering: Offering received for the Gordon Benson Mission Offering is now being put to work! This week the actual work begins in Clint, Texas, southeast of El Paso. In fact, the actual first nail driven and first cut board took place in the transportation barn of FBC Littlefield two Saturdays ago. On a cold Saturday morning, some eight men gathered to make the "headers" and "corners" for this building ahead of time. Most of these men, whose pictures you will see on the blue page will not be able to actually go to Clint but gave of their time to give those who will go a head start. Dr. Brian Hill will lead some 14+ men from his church. They will be joined in Clint by four others led Barry Hazel, Minister of Worship & Missions, FBC Dimmitt. It is hoped that during March 8-13 the building will be raised and dried in. There will be other groups going this summer to finish the interior. If you see the vision, please contact the Area Office. Pray for this group!



BSM Director from Annapolis, Maryland Participates in Local Wedding



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering touches many lives. Part of the work of the North American Mission Board is funding BSM directors for our military academies like the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis Maryland. Pictured here is Justin Wood, BSM Director at Annapolis, attending a wedding recently at FBC Crosbyton. With him is Mark Appling the father of the groom, Will, who is a recent Annapolis graduate. The bride was Lindsey, daughter of Les Reed, pastor of FBC Crosbyton.



As Don served his last Sunday in the pulpit on March 3, the congregation of College Heights Baptist Church honored him and his wife Barbara with a luncheon following the morning service. Don has served his congregation for 26 years. He and his wife are moving to their home in Lubbock. College Heights and Plainview will miss Don, Barbara and their family, and their impact on this community!

CHBC HOSTS LUNCHEON TO HONOR DON AND BARBARA ROBERTSON



WAYLAND MISSION CENTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2013

March 9-17

Detroit & Dearborn,
Michigan

May 15-29

Salvador, Brazil

June 10-23

Izmir & Istanbul,
Turkey

July 5-20

Kakamega, Kijabe
& Kiserian, Kenya

July 29-August 12

Macedonia, Kosova
& Greece

For trip details: Dr Rick Shaw @ 806-291-3409 or email shawr@wbu.edu

SHADE COMPASSION MINISTRY SERVING HIV/AIDS PATIENTS IN KENYA

Shade Compassion Ministry is a Kenyan ministry that cares for people living with HIV/AIDS in the Limuru area designed to assist in physical, spiritual, and emotional healing. Counselors work to help HIV/AIDS patients deal with day-to-day struggles, pray for them, and show them Christ's love. Shade Ministry clients receive services through a local church, but those who are unable to travel are visited by counselors at home, often meeting needs through food, milk for infants, and training on numerous issues. While the Kenyan government does try to help, people in the slum do not have money to travel, and some barely have money to eat on.

Nick Pruitt, a 2007 graduate of Wayland Baptist University, began raising support for Shade Ministry in January 2011. Pruitt taught at the Wayland campus in Kenya in the mornings, and joined ministry teams in the afternoon. The ministry was set up to share the gospel with HIV/AIDS patients and also to help patients with physical, emotional, and social needs. Pruitt decided he wanted to do something to help. "I had my eyes opened to the relative nature of needs. When I and others in America think we have problems (busy schedules, car repairs, long lines at restaurants), I am reminded of those living in the slums (of Kenya) who are struggling with HIV, and I remember that they still find a way to smile and worship their Savior."



Pruitt, along with three other Wayland graduates, Ashley Beggs, Kelsey Beggs and Craig Woody (now youth minister FBC Olton), formed a non-profit organization to support this ministry. Monthly funds are wired directly to the leader in Kenya and he sends newsletters that are then distributed to supporters state-side.

Funds provide medical attention, food, and milk, as well as money for clients to establish small businesses. By starting small businesses, clients are then able to become more self-sufficient and have an incentive to stay active, both physically and mentally, thus helping maintain overall health. It is also encouraging to see the spiritual results. Currently 14 have been saved through the ministry.

The ministry can only meet the needs of a few at a time, and has a very long waiting list. Pruitt and his organization hope to have enough funding to provide several more people the opportunity to go through the Shade program and not have to turn anyone away.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Nick Pruitt at nicholas.pruitt@wayland.wbu.edu or Kelsey Beggs at kelsey@wbu.edu.

CLINT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO BEGIN MARCH 8-13



Mark 16:1-6
Do not be alarmed.
You seek Jesus of
Nazareth, who was
crucified.

He is risen!

The Gordon Benson Mission Offering this year will make possible the building of a new facility for the Pueblo Nuevo Community Church of Clint, Texas. A group will leave the area on Friday, March 8, 2013, to begin construction on their new multipurpose facility. The group will work each day and return on Wednesday, March 13. This trip will focus on getting the walls and roof up and get the facility enclosed. If you have questions you can also call the project foreman:



Dr. Brian Hill
Pastor
FBC Littlefield
806-385-4414

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS MARCH 3-10, 2013



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Conference Personalities, L to R: Terry Simmons (Music FBC Floydada), Mitch Wilson (Pastor FBC Shallowater), Bobby Dagnel (Pastor FBC Lubbock), Howie Batson (Pastor FBC Amarillo), Stacy Conner (Pastor FBC Muleshoe), David Azam (Pastor FBC Olton) and Kyle Streun (Pastor FBC Hereford).



2013 After Easter Pastor/Staff Conference at Plains Baptist Camp of Floydada



Mitch Wilson brought us insight into the use of media.



Terry Simmons did a outstanding job leading group in worship.



What a great group!



Dr. Les Griffin, DOM, Caprock Plains Baptist Area, Bryan Houser, DOM, Amarillo Area Baptist Association, Ed Sena, Church Services/Starts, Lubbock Area Baptist Association, and Charles Davenport, Baptist General Convention of Texas

SPRING BREAK ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION TRIP TO CLINT

Watching construction
of the multipurpose
building for Pueblo
Nuevo of Clint, Texas,
completed in
record time!



The group arrives at 2 PM and lays out the assembled materials.

The walls begin to go up with the afternoon sun begins to set.



All four outside walls are up!

Trusses going on.

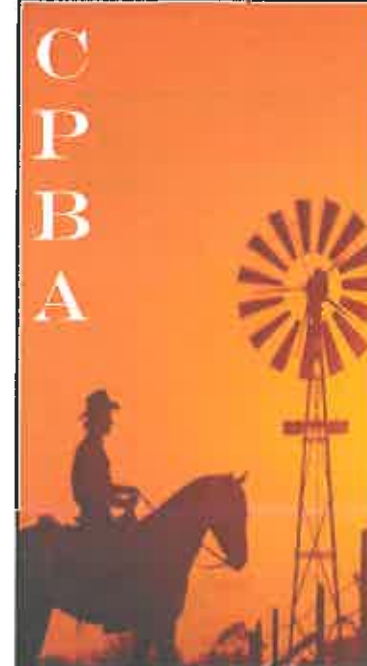


Outside sheeting and roof work begins.

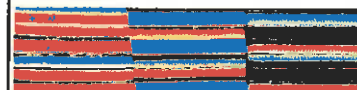
Wiring is pulled and sheetrock is installed!



Windows, doors and roofing...amazing results in four days!



Compañerismo de los Planos Calendar of Events



May 5, 2013 @ 3 PM
Companerismo
(Primera Iglesia of Petersburg)

June 7, 2013 @ 7 PM
Pastor/Wife Dinner
(Iglesia Calvario of Kress)

For more information on these events:
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AMAZING RESULTS AT CLINT!

Prayer, preparation and determination brought about amazing results in Clint, Texas, during a recent Spring Break trip by a group of 14 from FBC Littlefield and FBC Dimmitt. The Gordon Benson Missions Offering brought about the purchase of materials to construct new facilities at Pueblo Nuevo, a congregation of Clint, Texas, that ministers to its community in many ways. This building will expand that part of their ministry. Work crews prepared the building materials earlier this year so that it could be transported to Clint and put up quickly. As you see in the pictures on the blue page, on the afternoon when the workers arrived they began putting up walls. Over the next few days the structure was completely dried in!

Future tasks will include inside work. We still have funds available in the 2012 Gordon Benson Mission Offering to help with this further work thanks to the churches of Caprock Plains Baptist Area who have made this effort possible. A great thank you to those who were able to prepare the way for the work crew to go to Clint and put together this amazing building in record time!



The "crew" are from FBC Littlefield and FBC Dimmitt. Back row, L to R are Brad Enloe, Steve Dinges, Brian Hill, Seth Pittman, Duane Brown and Kory Klein. Front row, L to R are Josh Shea, Kevin Davis, Adam Enloe, Ethan Hill, Barry Hazel, Julie Hazel, Hunter Pittman and Bryson Hill.

(See pictures of the progress on the blue page)

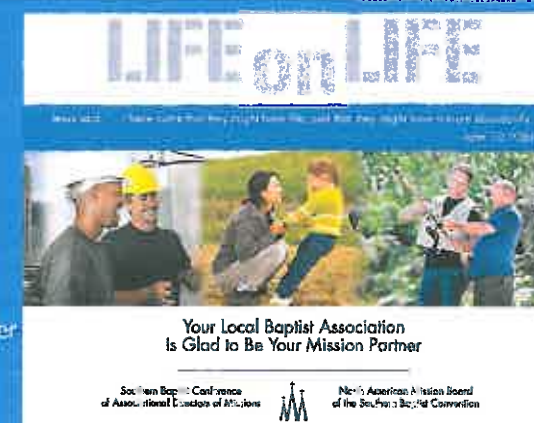
Thank you, Dr. Brian Hill, pastor FBC Littlefield, who was ably assisted by a group of highly skilled volunteers who worked tirelessly for four consecutive days. The group worshipped with the congregation of Pueblo Nuevo, where John Román is the pastor, and Dr. Brian Hill was invited to preach the Sunday morning message.

The LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands
Deuteronomy 2:7

MAY 19-26

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR
ASSOCIATIONAL
MISSIONS

Support your local
association through your local church. Together
we can do more to spread God's Word and
minister to those around us.



A word from Susan: Check out our new website CaprockPlains.org. If you have events, dates, suggestions, or changes to any information, just let us know here at the Area Office. I am learning how to navigate and work on the website thanks to our Webmaster Katie who put in the time to search for and develop a new website, negotiate our keeping our domain name, and teaching me how to use the site (an ongoing task).



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Exceeding All Expectations!

When the crew led by Dr. Brian Hill arrived at Clint, Texas, on Friday afternoon at 2 PM the goal was to "dry in" the new multipurpose building for Pueblo Nuevo in the next five days. They finished one day early and not only raised the building but also wired it, insulated it, and sheet rocked it. Then they left a day early on Tuesday! Check out the article on the front page and the pictures on the blue page. There was great expertise and dedication with those who served the Lord in Clint.



Funding for this project came from the local church in Clint, the Gordon Benson Associational Offering, and the BGCT. Obviously the energy and vision came from the Lord! Pastor John Román said, "This new building allows us to better minister to our community through much needed new space. We are exceedingly blessed of the Lord!" In fact Pastor Román said all the sheet rock would have been put in but some was left open for plumbing installation and city inspections."

There is still some work to be done but not much. Probably two more trips will complete this project. To God be the glory!

Communicating God's Word

"Faith comes by hearing; hearing by the Word of God." With these words the Word of God lays the foundation for the importance of proclamation by the minister in the local church. Some 44 pastors and staff gathered at Plains Baptist Assembly this past week to be strengthened in this most holy of crafts, the communicating of God's Word to others.



We were blessed by messages brought by Dr. Howie Batson and Bobby Dagnel. These blessings were doubled as they shared how they prepared messages. Terry Simmons did a beautiful job in leading us in worship; no small task when most of the group was pastors! Kyle Streun and David Azam inspired us to understand the culture in which we preach and how to plan an expository sermon series. Mitch Wilson opened new doors of possibility with the better use of video in the worship service, with examples from the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. Stacy Conner pulled all of this together by looking at four different styles of preaching from the book, *Four Voices*.

The local pastor and youth minister are on the front lines in sharing the Gospel verbally each week. It is a priceless and holy responsibility. Pray for your staff as they share in your church. On this day I am grateful for those who shared their life's journey with us at the "After Easter Conference 2013."

Surprise Visitors!

This week Miguel and Lupe Contreras came by for a delightful visit. They presently serve the Lord in Parras, Coahuila, Mexico. Miguel is the former pastor of Primera of Plainview. This last fall, at the annual Staked Plains Associational meeting, there was an offering taken up for their ministry. When that offering was received they considered it to be a word from the Lord and invested the *entire* amount to purchasing property for a chapel close to their ranch in Mexico. Miguel continues his evangelistic efforts in the surrounding area. They are joining the Iglesia Betania in Parras. This fine Baptist church also has a mission that Miguel might help by preaching. His wife Lupe shares, "The soldiers still come through, keeping order, looking for those who do things illegal. The soldiers now talk with Miguel and he knows them so well that he is beginning to share the Gospel with them!" That is what I call making the most of every opportunity! However, I cannot get out of my mind the property that needs a chapel. Because of both the distance and security issues for those who would go, that seems almost impossible. I pray that one day a building will be there for those in the surrounding area to come and worship God.



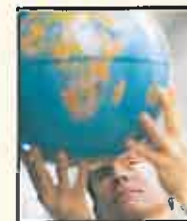
New Christian Women's Job Corps in Crosby County

A ladies conference was sponsored by the New Christian Women's Job Corps of Crosby County this past Saturday entitled "The Power that Works Within" featuring speaker Kandy Pearsall and worship leaders Martha Kirk and Abilou Amundson. This conference at the Pioneer Memorial Building benefited the beginning of Christian Women's Job Corps. While this is a county wide effort, FBC Crosbyton is a major sponsor of this WMU ministry. Their Executive Director Jacque James states, "It is our goal to begin in the Fall of 2013 with a 12-week semester meeting twice a week. We are now in the process of establishing our core group of teachers and mentors." The site coordinator is Jane Morris.



At the conference Saturday Jacque spoke glowingly of the powerful testimony brought by Nichole Watkins of Lubbock. Nichole is a CWJC Lubbock graduate. CWJC of Crosby County now joins the long-term ministry of the CWJC in Floydada led by Executive Director Kathy Mulder. However, there is not one community in the Caprock Plains Baptist Area that could not benefit from a CWJC. The task is challenging but not impossible with God's help. I praise the Lord for this second CWJC in our area.

Pray for and if God so leads participate in the new CWJC of Crosby County.



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June 10-23

Izmir & Istanbul,
Turkey

July 5-20

Kakamega, Kijabe
& Kiserian, Kenya

July 29-August 12

Macedonia, Kosova
& Greece

For trip details: Dr Rick Shaw @ 806-291-3409 or email shawr@wbu.edu



REVIVAL WITH RANGLES

Jon Randles was at a recent revival at FBC of Hart. Front L to R, are Dr. Griffin, evangelist Jon Randles, pastor Chance Perkins, back L to R, Marco Palomo and Nathaniel Keeter (worship band) and music/youth minister John Bocko.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Pictured here at FBC Crosbyton are Dr. Griffin, Nette Mammario and pastor Les Reed at the recent retirement reception honoring Nette where she has served for 16 years as Ministry Assistant. She was presented with several gifts and a money tree.

Ladies Conference

Sponsored by Christian Women's Job Corps of Crosby County



Ashley Cantu
Mistress of Ceremonies



Kandy Pearsall
Keynote Speaker



Jane Morris, Site Coordinator, and
attendee Connie



Jacque James, Executive Director,
& Carolyn Dewbre



Familiar Faces! Linda Fish, wife
of Will, pastor of FBC Kress, and
Betty Griffin, wife of our DOM,
Dr. Les Griffin



Linda Hicks and Janie
Wigley



Of course, there has to be food!



Praise Team: Abilou Amundson,
Martha Kirk and Gail Alexander

Check their website at cwjccrosbycounty.org

40th Annual

WEST TEXAS ADULT RETREAT

Plains Baptist Retreat Center
May 5-8, 2013

*I can do all things through Christ who
strengthens me! Philippians 4:13*

Camp Personalities

Dr. Les Griffin, Director of Missions
Caprock Plains Baptist Area
Clifford Trull, Minister of Music
FBC Crosbyton
Glenna Farr, Pianist
Monterey Baptist Church of Lubbock
J.D. Templeton, Pastor
FBC Cotton Center
Dr. Tim Marrow, Pastor
FBC Plainview
Nick Watts, Worship Leader
Bacon Heights Baptist Church of Lubbock

Special Musical Guest
Kenny Maines

Call now for details regarding registration
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ART TO HEART CONFERENCE

with Wesley Brainard

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
McClung University Center, Room 211

APRIL 22

10 AM TO 3 PM

Lunch will be Provided

This conference is designed to empower
churches to more effectively communicate with
younger generations

Church Secretaries Association Retreat at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, July 10-12

If you serve in a church office as a church secretary, ministry assistant, financial secretary or pastor's assistant, this is a great opportunity for you to meet other women from around the area who share similar experiences working in the church office. We stay on campus in a dorm, eat and fellowship together, worship together, and share our ideas on the specific issues you face working in the church office. More information will be coming out soon. Contact Susan here at the Area Office at 296-2751 or Micheal Summers at WBU by calling 806-291-3408 or email summersm@wbu.edu to get registration information. We have great speakers and great activities planned for you!





ZIP LINE PARTICIPANTS: Carol Jean Blakeley, Ira Miller, Jack Dulaney, Mary Kay Cummings, Les Griffin, Vestal Blakeley, Bertha Daniels and Rosemary Gilbreth.



These campers didn't let anything stop them from having fun. Here, Ira Miller is getting hooked up to take the zip line down the side of the canyon!



Don't mess with Louise Hawkins as she takes aim in target practice!

Special Musical Guest
Kenny Maines



Camp Mission Ministry Director
J.D. Templeton, Pastor, FBC Cotton Center
Pictured with J.D. are his in-laws, Rosemary (the Camp Director) and Perry Gilbreth.



Bible Study Leader
Dr. Tim Marrow
Pastor, FBC Plainview



40th Annual Adult Camp



Jack & Dorene Dulaney, with a quilt made by members of FBC Shallowater to commemorate the event.



Pictured here during the retreat are Dr. Les Griffin, Bob Graves Director of Campers on Mission, and Dr. Gene Hawkins.

Adult Camp at PBA was a great success for the Young at Heart! Three days of food, fun and fellowship, as well as great Bible Study were enjoyed by all. Put Adult Camp on your calendar for next year. It's too fun to miss!

BETHEL BAPTIST PLAINVIEW "A Community Carnival"



Pastor Ed LeCompte
(in the center)



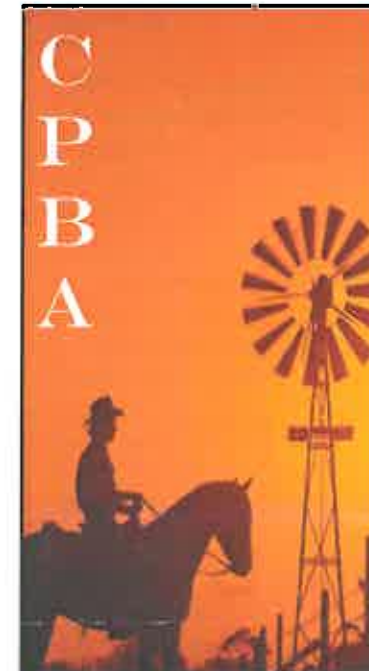
FBC of Littlefield Hosts "Hope for the FYOUTURE" Event



On Thursday, May 9th, as part of their drive to meet the needs of their community, FBC of Littlefield hosted an evening event for youth and families. Pictured here (left to right) are FBC Littlefield Minister of Youth & Music Seth Timmens, world-renown Comedian and Evangelist Bob Smiley and FBC Pastor Dr. Brian Hill



The event took place in the Littlefield high school gym. Admission for the event was a canned good to benefit the local food pantry. Opening the event were two Christian bands, *Soldiers of God* and *We As One*. The event included great Christian contemporary music and TONS of laughs!



Compañerismo de los Planos Calendar of Events

June 7, 2013 @ 7 PM
Pastor/Wife Dinner
(Iglesia Calvario of Kress)

July 7, 2013 @ 3 PM
Compañerismo
(Primera of Plainview)

For more information on these events:
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MAY 2013 CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA



Gordon Wayne Benson
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2013 Gordon Benson
Associational Missions Offering
Our Goal
\$19,000
To help fund the
Formby Chapel Project

Our Missions Committee joins with our Area Committee in shared excitement about the prospect of participating in the effort to fund the building of a chapel on the grounds of the Formby Prison Unit, just east of Plainview. This unit serves male offenders from around Texas and their families. This associational offering is traditionally received during our summer months, however, you can continue giving to this project throughout the year. In this endeavor, our Area is partnering with "Here to Eternity, Inc.," in hopes of building this chapel next summer. See Dr. Griffin's article for more information.

MAY 19-26 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS



Associational missions is about partnership. This partnership happens when area churches come together, united in a common mission, to reach the community, state, nation, and world. Associational leaders are committed to providing training, community resources, leadership, and encouragement to area pastors, church leaders, and the community.

A word from Susan: Check out our new website CaprockPlains.org. If you have events, dates, suggestions, or changes to any information, just let us know here at the Area Office. I am learning how to navigate and work on the website thanks to our Webmaster Katie who put in the time to search for and develop a new website, negotiate our keeping our domain name, and teaching me how to use the site (an ongoing task).



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Gordon Benson Associational Offering for 2013: *"I was in prison and you came to visit me."* (Matthew 25:36) These words of Jesus guide us in this year's Gordon Benson Offering to be part of a larger effort to build a chapel at the Formby Unit east of Plainview. This unit is located directly behind the better-known twin unit, Wheeler. The Wheeler Unit has a chapel that was placed there some 15 years ago by FBC Plainview.

Why have a chapel in a prison? There are some 10 different identifiable religious groups in prisons, from Protestants, where Baptists are placed, to those who worship witches (Wiccans). Catholics and Protestants make up 80% of the prison population in Texas. A chapel allows religious groups to be ministered to in a consistent place with chairs, sound system, etc., that does not have

to be coordinated with the needs of the prison's educational requirements in general class rooms. This is a great help to the chaplain and to the many volunteers who help.

The total cost of materials only for this chapel is \$192,000. This goal, if reached, would raise approximately 1/10th of the amount needed for the project with the remaining funds coming from interested individuals and foundations. The Texas Baptist Men would build the chapel on site in the very center of the Formby Prison. Other volunteers would be utilized in the construction as well.

It is hoped that money raised will allow construction to begin next summer. The building will ultimately be given to the State of Texas and access to it is based on a state mandate by the Texas Legislature that prisons provide places for religious worship for any group of five or more.

This project is guided by the advisory committee "Here to Eternity, Inc.," which is made up of people from various backgrounds in the South Plains area with a shared interest in prison ministry. Also included are representatives from the Caprock Plains Baptist Area, Patrick Adair of FBC Matador, J.D. Templeton of FBC Cotton Center, and myself. It is our participation with this group that allows CPBA input into the process. In the days ahead you will have the opportunity to minister, both men and women, in the unit under the wonderful assistance of Chaplain Tom Baker. This allows each of us to be a part of the greater vision of meeting spiritual needs of those in prison. *Our prayer is that for the inmates during their days of detention they might find the freedom that only Christ can give, both for today and in the days after their release.*

Kenya Mission Trip: There is much excitement in my heart today for the long awaited mission trip to the Rift Valley of Kenya with Dr. Kelly Warren. The journey begins Sunday May 26. Our goal is to strengthen pastors and lay-people with leadership skills. Dr. Warren teaches leadership at WBU. Also, we will engage the churches with pastoral training, community visitation and crusades. *Your prayers are deeply appreciated by me and the entire team.*

The 4XFour Challenge Conference at FBC Plainview: The 4XFour Challenge was passionately presented to pastors and staff from across the South Plains and from the Panhandle of Texas on Monday, May 13. We were inspired by the author/designer of this challenge, Greg Wallace, as well as the Evangelism Director of Texas Baptists, Scott Willingham, and a testimony by Dr. Tim Marrow, pastor of FBC Plainview, who had implemented this 4XFour Challenge.

The 4XFour Challenge involves:

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| IDENTIFY: | People to reach are unlimited if you are intentional in looking. |
| INTERCEDE: | "No one gets mad at you when you say you are going to pray for them." |
| INVEST: | Relationships take time. |
| INVITE: | "You have not because you ask not!" |

Be intentional with your reaching others for Christ.

Adult Camp at Plains Baptist Assembly: The camp season at Plains Baptist Assembly is opened each year with the Adult Camp, formerly known as the Senior Adult Camp. I want to thank Rosemary Gilbreth for inviting me to be the camp pastor. I had a great time, and it was a wonderful privilege to be with some of the best folks anywhere. Those on the program this year were Clifford Trull, Dr. Tim Marrow, Kenny Maines, J.D. Templeton, and Gene Hawkins. The highlight was honoring the Campers on Mission on Tuesday night. Across the years they have provided invaluable service to Plains Baptist Assembly in building and repairing so many of the facilities at the camp. May God bless these wonderful people who give of their lives in such an unselfish and talented way.



July 14-17, 2013 Annual Meeting The Family Gathering

This year's meeting will feature the various fellowships of Texas Baptists with each night focusing on those from the African American Fellowship, Hispanic Baptist Convention, Chinese Fellowship, Vietnamese Fellowship and others.

This year's meeting is in San Antonio at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center at 200 East Market Street. For more information, check out the Texas Baptists website at texasbaptists.org or contact: Coleen Robbins at 888-244-9400.



PRIMERA PLAINVIEW HONORS WAYLAND STUDENTS

Primera Iglesia Bautista of Plainview honored the Wayland students that have been attending their church since August. These students have helped in the neighborhood with surveying and cleanup as well as helping with children's church on different Sundays. Primera prayed for them as two will be going through BSM GO NOW missions and the other three will be staying here in Plainview continuing to serve in their church as they take classes. They are from left to right: Krista Campbell, Michael Napier, Tabettha Karp, Matthew Feril, Katie Jo Bice and Raymond Gonzales, Pastor.



WELCOME NEW PASTOR!

FBC of Hale Center called Kris Knippa as pastor where he will take on those duties beginning June 2, 2013.

We are all excited about having Kris and Sharla back in the area and Hale Center is a great homecoming for Kris. Sharla and their daughters, Kamri and Kenzi. Kris recently served as pastor of FBC Lorenzo and before that he was pastor at FBC Earth.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND CAMPS AT PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

For a complete camp schedule, see www.pbacamp.org or call 806-983-3954.

FBC Earth Participated in Lay Renewal Weekend

AMAZING! That word doesn't even come close to expressing my feelings about what God did during our Lay Renewal Weekend in January. During the weekend, we had 12 guests from churches all over the nation (South Dakota, Missouri, Florida, Oklahoma, and Texas) come to our church and share what God has been doing in their lives. They led small groups at the church, small groups in homes, and large group worship services. Our fellowship and meal times were "sweet" and, overall, we grew closer as a body of believers.

There are several positive results of this weekend. We have encouraged our people to become involved in one of the two new home small groups that have started up following the Renewal Weekend. They are meeting in homes twice per month to do Bible study and to help each other live life together.

We have learned three very important things from our weekend experience:

- *We must be praying more as a church
- *We must be encouraging each other by getting involved in each other's lives
- *We must share our story with those around us in the Springlake-Earth community

I'm reminded of the experience that the brand new Jerusalem church had following Pentecost in Acts as they explored new ground and sought God's will. That's similar to where we are and I believe God will bless us as we walk confidently with Him.

If you would like to explore the possibilities of hosting a Lay Renewal Weekend in your church, it would be a joy to visit with your church leadership to help facilitate this event.

Robbie Boyd
Pastor, FBC Earth
Phone: 257-2036
Email: robbie@fbcearth.org



The website for Lay Renewal Ministries is: www.layrenewal.com

Join in a 100th anniversary celebration with FBC of HALFWAY on Sunday, July 21, 2013. Former pastors and members are invited as well as guests from around the area! FBC Halfway is located at 821 West U.S. Highway 70, just west of Plainview. Contact 889-3541 or 889-3811.



Church Secretaries Association Retreat at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, July 10-12

If you serve in a church office as a church secretary, ministry assistant, financial secretary or pastor's assistant, this is a great opportunity for you to meet other women from around the area who share similar experiences working in the church office. We stay on campus in a dorm, eat and fellowship together, worship together, and share our ideas on the specific issues you face working in the church office. More information will be coming out soon. Contact Susan here at the Area Office at 296-2751 or Micheal Summers at WBU by calling 806-291-3408 or email summersm@wbu.edu to get registration information. We have great speakers and great activities planned for you!



Hispanic Fellowship Celebration



Wayne Davis, PBA Director, and Jesse Rincones, Pastor Alliance Church of Lubbock

On A Bright Sunday Afternoon, 375 plus people from Hispanic Churches gathered at Plains Baptist Assembly to Play and Worship together. They came from five associations of the South Plains. This afternoon was sponsored by Caprock Plains Baptist Area, the Lubbock Baptist Association and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. A special word of appreciation to John Silva in helping in the organization and Wayne Davis in hosting a beautiful and fun event.

John Silva, BGCT Church Starter, and Dr. Griffin of CPBA

Thank you, John, for all the hard work coordinating this event!



The BLOB!



Worship Team—Alliance and Harvest Churches



PBA Staff, led by Wayne Davis, Executive Director, did a fabulous job providing meals for our 375 guests!



The evening worship was awesome indeed! Rolando Lopez of the San Antonio Association brought a powerful message on evangelism from Mark 2. Reverend Lopez earlier in his ministry served in the Lubbock Association. He was no stranger to the folks and the Holy Spirit ministered mightily through his message.



Canoeing and Kayaking!



Raquel & Ed Sena, Lubbock Area Baptist Association, with Rolando Lopez



Pastor Jesse Rincones of Alliance Church Lubbock, Youth Minister and Youth Evangelist Tiny Dominguez, John Silva of BGCT, Pastor Carlos Hinojos of Gethsemane Plainview, and Dr. Griffin of CPBA



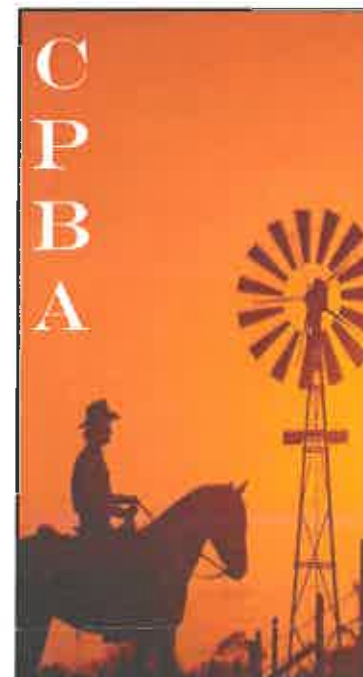
The Rock-It!



Swimming!



Worship!



100th Anniversary Celebration
FBC of HALFWAY
Sunday, July 21, 2013

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JULY 2013
CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA



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1951—2003

2013 Gordon Benson
Associational Missions Offering
Our Goal: \$19,000

Received to Date: \$14,500

To help fund the Formby Chapel Project

Our Missions Committee joins with our Area Committee in shared excitement about the prospect of participating in an effort to assist in funding the building of a chapel on the grounds of the Formby Prison Unit, just east of Plainview. The Formby unit serves male offenders from around Texas and their families. This associational offering is traditionally received during our summer months, however, you can continue giving to this project throughout the year. In this endeavor, our Area is partnering with "Here to Eternity, Inc.," in hopes of building this chapel next summer.



CHURCH SECRETARIES WORKSHOP

This year's **49th Annual Church Secretaries Workshop** was a great success! We had a great time of fellowship and continued education. The Department of Churches Services, led by Micheal Summers, hosts our group each year. We stayed in the new Jimmy Dean dorm, met in the Brown Conference Center and ate in the newly-remodeled cafeteria. **Special guest speakers**

included Francis Barrera of Centennial Bank of Plainview, Betty Griffin, wife of Dr. Griffin, and Jami McPherson of the WBU Police Department. The theme this year was from Psalms 139:14, "I will give thanks to You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" Each portion of the program addressed issues to help the church secretary or ministry assistant in her day-to-day work as well as her physical and spiritual well being. We are already planning for next year as **we will be celebrating our 50th year!** If your church secretary, ministry assistant, or financial secretary has not attended this workshop or has attended in the past but not recently, make plans now for her to attend next summer. We usually meet in mid July and will be evaluating the best time for next year and will share that later. Your church secretary/ministry assistant is the first person or contact most of your members or community sees or speaks to when they call or visit your church office. She is a valuable asset!

PASTORLESS CHURCHES

We received requests from a couple of our churches who are in the process of seeking a pastor. Listed below is their contact person in order to submit resumes or ask questions.

College Heights Baptist Church Plainview
c/o Bentley Gwyn, Pastor Search Committee Chairman
Email: bentleygwyn4@gmail.com
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Northside Baptist Church Plainview
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Going to the Valley: Soon after becoming Director of Missions, the Area Committee graciously set aside funds for an international mission trip. With the deep roots of so many of our churches and people in Kenya missions, the decision was made to go there. This close relationship is fueled by the wonderful work of Wayland Baptist University Extended Campus there and courageous leadership of Dr. Rick Shaw, director of the the Wayland Mission Center.

A mission trip is life changing at many levels including distance and the changes and challenge of a different culture. I think the word here is "flexibility." For instance, accommodations for this trip were certainly varied. For the majority of the trip, there was no running water or electricity; however, those two things are not all they are cracked up to be. Also, you find common ground with new Christians you minister with and are quickly drawn into a time of intense ministry!

Focus is key. Mission trips vary in their focus. I was giving my PowerPoint report of this trip in a church and a man came up afterwards who had also been in Kenya digging water wells. That is a noble focus. I found the children of Kenya to be delightful, open, and very inquisitive. As I visited with these children, I could not help but think of all of our area churches who participate in the "Christmas Children's Shoe Box Ministry." Those children are like the ones you are helping! I noticed one group of children was playing soccer with a ball made of cloth wound with string. I wished for a soccer ball to give them. We have so much here! However, despite the needs of children, my focus was not there, but with pastors. I am reminded that our churches are filled with people with varieties of gifts to meet the varying needs around us. When you exercise your gift, someone else needs to exercise theirs so that all needs are met by God's strength.



I went with the WBU School of Business under the wonderful leadership of Dr. Kelly Warren. Dr. Warren is a former pastor and now serves as a professor in the Wayland School of Business. He has a great vision of helping both business people in Kenya and their pastors, many of whom are bivocational and need not only pastoral skills but also help in providing for their families. Dr. Warren and Dr. Gilbert Werema, another WBU Business professor who was raised in Kenya, along with two Wayland students, lead the Leadership Seminars. I teamed with fellow pastor Mike Jeter of Houston to strengthen pastors and a large number of laymen as well. We held two conferences of three days each. I covered areas of worship, fellowship, pastor/people relationships, and equipping the laity.

In all of our churches there are threats to the fellowship, both internal and external. I asked one of my groups to share some of the external threats to their fellowships in Kenya. First there was silence, then in ever-quickenning words, one pastor said, "Many of those who come to know the Lord are punished and physically attacked by others in our community, especially those of different tribes." I have talked to a lot of pastors, but I have not heard that one. I looked at him and said, "I am sorry." Those words seemed so inadequate. What would you have said? Then I stopped the class and had special prayer for him and his people. Other threats that were mentioned were zoning regulations, apathy of people, and a concern that government might soon require them to perform same-sex marriages.

Whatever the threats to our fellowship, God is greater, though sometimes each of us needs someone to come alongside and encourage. That is what I pray God allowed me to do.

A Dream Fulfilled: Early on I noticed the great attendance in our Sunday afternoon meetings of Hispanic churches for fellowship. We have two such fellowships in our area. So, I thought how nice it would be for both of those to get together for one big day of fun and worship. On Sunday June 30th that dream became a reality. It was much larger than I had imagined for others partnered with the dream in a great way with *The Fellowship Gathering*. We planned for 275 hamburger plates and we are thankful that due to the resourcefulness of the PBA Staff and Executive Director Wayne Davis that they were able to quickly move to chicken sandwiches and then finishing off with Hoagie sandwiches so that 375+ were fed. In an evening service Rolando Lopez preached! He was preceded by a marvelous worship team from Alliance Church and Harvest of Lubbock. To God be the glory!

Gordon Benson Offering is Off to a Fabulous Start! The 2013 Gordon Benson Offering is focused on helping with an effort to build a chapel on the Formby Prison Unit just east of Plainview. Please note on the front page that our area goal is \$19,000. We have already seen \$14,500 given. Wow! How thankful we are. May your church join in with us in honoring God by placing a permanent chapel inside the Formby Prison Unit.



The Group*



Ladies of the "Hidden Tribe"



Conference Under Trees in Marigot



Sunday Worship with Pastor Paul in Marigot



Conference in Motogoto, Gideon Translating



Tea Time Pastors in Motogoto



With George in Motogoto



Sunday Best!



New Friend



South of Lake Nakuru

*Top Row: Dorine Adundo (Kenya), Dr. Kelly Warren (WBU Professor), Unidentified, Arnold Kirubi (Kenya), George (The Driver) Middle Row: Maria Isabel Jaramillo (WBU Student) and Rosaura Luevano (WBU Student) Bottom Row: Gideon Osodo (Kenya), Dr. Gilbert Werema (WBU Professor), Mike Jeter (Pastor, Houston) and Dr. Lester Griffin
If you would like for Dr. Griffin to speak at your church Sunday morning or evening or a special group about the trip, contact the Area Office

VBS, Youth Camp, Mission Trips and Activities Across the Area

Many of you have shared wonderful pictures from recent Vacation Bible School, children's and youth camps as well as mission trips near and far this summer. We would like to share some of those in our newsletter.



FBC Plainview Youth in Memphis, TN



Youth Camp at PBA



Canoeing at PBA



VBS FBC Hale Center

"King" Kaiser prepares for VBS at FBC Earth



Girls Camp Crafts



Seth Ward BC of Plainview at PBA for Youth Camp



FBC Farwell Prepare for Summer Mission Project



Summer Fun—FBC Olton



FBC Cotton Center at Youth Camp



Front L to R: Pattie Hawk (College Heights Plainview), Ashley Jane Price (WBU), Gabriella Gonzales (Primera Plainview), Patricia Summers (FBC Plainview), Kipy Alford (FBC Petersburg), Zelma Goldston (FBC Petersburg), Morgan Marquez (FBC Petersburg), Kathryn Goldstone (FBC Petersburg), Monique Lucia (Plainview High School), Katie Williams (FBC Plainview), Desiree Pennington (FBC Petersburg), Kaitlin Lawson (FBC Plainview), Ashton Mason (WBU), and Mary Pennington (FBC Petersburg). Second row L to R: Zaca Wilson (WBU), Daniel Garza (WBU), Jon-Lucas Poe (WBU), Matthew Summers (FBC Plainview), Dwight Pennington (FBC Petersburg), Dr. Don Raney (Pastor, FBC Petersburg), Joseph Raney (FBC Petersburg). Back row L to R: Ben Shaw (FBC Plainview), Rane Carpenter (WBU), Tanner Hawk (College Heights Plainview), Ken Williams (FBC Plainview), Chuck Crawley (WBU). Standing in front of Morgan in the front row is one of the Kenyan students.

The Wayland Mission Center sent a team of 28 persons to Kenya in July. This team included members and sponsors of the youth choir "Breath of Heaven" of **First Baptist Church of Plainview**, nine members of **FBC of Petersburg**, including pastor Dr. Don Raney, who taught at the campus, two members of **College Heights BC**, and **Wayland students** who participated in children's ministry, school repair and construction, evangelism, discipleship, HIV/AIDS work, and youth conferences.



Pastor of Iglesia Bautista el Calvario Joe Silva, with Ester Aguirre, Albert Aguirre, and Pastor of Gethsemane of Plainview, Carlos Hinojos.

It was quite a special day for the Silva and Aguirre family at **Calvario Kress** on Sunday, August 11. Alberto Aguirre, son-in-law of pastor Joe Silva, was licensed to preach the Gospel. Alberto is married to Joe's daughter, Ester. Another daughter, Nancy, also participated in the ceremony. Dr. Griffin attended this special event and offered up a prayer of dedication. Carlos Hinojos of Gethsemane preached the message. Will Fish of FBC Kress offered a benediction. A wonderful meal followed.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA EL CALVARIO, KRESS, TEXAS

Special Celebration Service
Licensing Alberto Aguirre to Preach the Gospel



Celebration in Song by the singers of Iglesia Bautista El Calvario.



Proudly presenting the certificate of ordination is Nancy Sherman, sister of Ester and sister-in-law of Alberto.

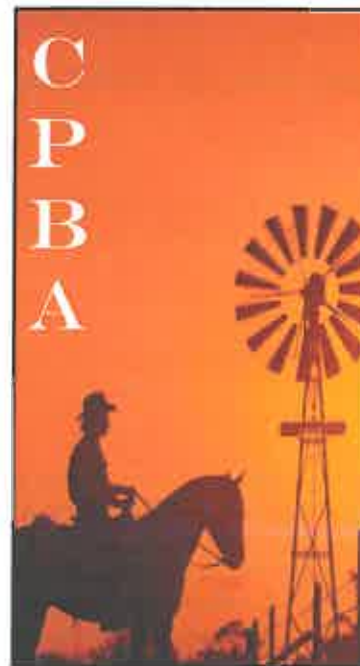


Ordaining Council, led by Pastor Silva, laid hands on and prayed for Hermano Aguirre.

UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

September 8-15	Week of Prayer for Texas Missions—Mary Hill Davis Offering
September 8	Companerismo—Primera Plainview—3 PM
September 29	Last Date of Reporting—Complete and Send your Annual Church Profiles to the Area Office!
October 4	Companerismo—Pastor/Spouse Dinner—Iglesia Carpintero Hale Center—7 PM
October 8	Important Deadline—Return completed Annual Church Profile or a copy to Area Office!
October 13	Caprock Association Annual Meeting—FBC Quitaque—4 PM
October 20	Staked Plains Association Annual Meeting—FBC Olton—4 PM
November 3	Llanos Altos Association Annual Meeting—FBC Amherst—4 PM

If you have an important date or event to share or need information about one of the Area activities, please call Susan at 806-296-2751.



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Our Goal
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*To help fund the
Formby Chapel Project*

You can continue to participate in the giving for the Formby Chapel Project. Funds will be collected throughout the year in the hopes that by next summer the chapel can become a reality. Funding from individuals and foundations will make up a bulk of the giving to this project but your congregation is encouraged to participate in this giving, which will reach incarcerated men and their families from around our area. It will also open many ministry opportunities for your churches for years to come.

THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER IS DEVOTED TO CHURCH MISSION AND MINISTRY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER!



Pictured from L to R are Sharon Widger, Lance Morris, Christy Appling, John, Stephanie Alley, Steve Ortiz, Tyler Reed, Anita Reatigui, Les Reed, Ruth Reed, Naicho Rodriguez, Margarita Reatigui and Jonathan Hewitt



A team from **FBC Crosbyton** spent part of their summer on mission in **Managua, Nicaragua**, as part of the *Christ for the Cities* ministry effort. During the day they walked through villages and used the Evangecube to share the Gospel. In the evenings they met in churches around the area. They worked with translators and people from the local churches. In one morning alone they saw 49 come to Christ.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

2013 GORDON BENSON OFFERING, THE FORMBY CHAPEL:

This year's Gordon Benson Offering goes to helping build a chapel at the Formby Prison Unit, east of Plainview. I have had several questions asked about this project.

Question: "What is the total cost of the building of this chapel?"

Answer: The architectural firm's estimate of approximately \$190,000 will be needed for materials. Our Gordon Benson Offering was purposely set at 10% of this amount, \$19,000. The chapel would be built by the volunteers of the Baptist Builders of Texas.

Question: Where will the remaining funds come from?

Answer: CPBA is partnering with "From Here to Eternity Inc" which will seek grants from foundations and individual gifts. This process is underway.

Question: "If there are already religious activities taking place in the Formby Unit, why build a chapel?"

Answer: Presently religious services and teaching in the Formby Unit take place either in the cafeteria or various rooms dedicated towards educational purposes. The difficulty arises in that these rooms must always be scheduled with others seeking the same space. Also, there is no guarantee of privacy. Sometimes other activities take place in the same area. The sound system is very weak and in the rooms there is no sound system. The rooms made available are too small for those who want to come. Most importantly, there is no identifiable place for religious activities at Formby. The Formby Unit contains four times the number of inmates than are in the Wheeler Unit, yet it has less than half the participation. The problem is simply, space!

Question: "Since Formby is a unit for male inmates, can women help in services and discipleship classes?"

Answer: Yes! In a service that I participated in, there were three women present. Also, there are a good number of women who help in the various weekly services and in the discipleship classes on a regular basis.

Question: "Will CPBA be responsible for the long-term maintenance of this building?"

Answer: No. This building is given to the State of Texas prison system, and it will be maintained by them. As a side note, every prison in Texas has in its plans a chapel, but less than 1/4th do because of lack of funds. The majority of the chapels inside of prisons are privately funded.

Question: "Will only Baptists be able to use this chapel?"

Answer: No. This chapel will be open to all religious groups and will be under the auspices of the prison chaplain. A local prison population is a reflection of the general population of the community around the prison. Because of this, there is a great Protestant influence in the percentage of volunteers for the work at the Formby and Wheeler Units. The issue is not whether one can get in and minister, but finding those who are willing to minister on a consistent basis.

Question: "Is it not true that there is a lot of 'jailhouse religion' and when the prisoner gets out they forget all about the commitments they have made while incarcerated?"

Answer: This certainly does take place. However, we have ministers serving in the CPBA who are former inmates and finding former inmates in our churches is not a hard thing to do. Also, to be totally candid, I think we need to remember that when Jesus said "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven," (Matt 7:21 KJV) Jesus was not just speaking to those who made decisions in a prison!

This chapel will stand in the very center of the Formby Unit. Even those who do not attend, as they walk by on the mall will see this white building with a steeple. It will stand as a testimony that there is hope, even in a place that often is filled with despair. I trust you will be a part of giving hope to those in need by you and your church giving to the 2013 Gordon Benson Offering



FBC PLAINVIEW student ministry and numerous adult sponsors took part in an established inner city ministry in **Memphis, Tennessee**. Part of their day was spent leading in VBS type activities with the children of the community. They also participated in community support activities. The students were also able to visit several historical sites in Memphis, providing them a wonderful summer educational experience.



Front L to R: Tristan Schieler, Ausien Rexrode, Lawson Sullivan, Addison Sullivan, Shandra Kidd, Audrey, Heath and Jeri Rexrode. Second row L to R: Trinity Nevins, Mary Elizabeth Sammann, Rayann Race, Katie Cook. Third row L to R: Hannah Kidd, Jennifer Sullivan, Maisie Ragland, Will Prayor, Kameron Hunt, Kaleb Cook. Back row L to R: Jonathan Sullivan, Kyle Nevins, Landry Kidd, Chad Cook. Photographer: Rodney Hunt.

This great group from **FBC of Lockney** spent their summer mission trip in **Panama City, Panama**. They spent four days doing Vacation Bible School, working with Iglesia Bautista La Boca. On Sunday morning they attended La Boca with 70 children bussed in from the area that they had been working in. The Bible stories for the week were about Paul and his willingness to share Christ with others. Jonathan Sullivan portrayed Paul and Chad Cook was Dionysius. The group also played lots of games that the children thoroughly enjoyed, including futbol Americana and jump rope. The girls also enjoyed fingernail painting.



From L to R: Pam Goodall, George Goodall, Peggy Swaringen, Tommy Swaringen, Pastor Rory Mosley, Elisa Conrardy, Dax our Guide, Paula Fincher, Collette Goodall, Jabu our Driver, Krysta Arnold and Lance Harris.



FBC of Spur had a very exciting trip this summer to the region of **Sanyati in Africa**. During their trip they shared devotionals with hospital staff, did hut-to-hut visitation and sharing of testimonies and the Gospel. In the evening they would show the Jesus film on an outside wall to the people in the villages. There was great response and over 40 decisions made in one evening for Christ. At the local hospital the men remodeled a kitchen and installed new cabinets and the women ministered to the women in the maternity hospital. The women of the team also taught lessons to over 150 GA girls and participated in their coronation ceremonies. Each evening the Jesus film was shown with great response. Finishing up their trip they were able to see some beautiful places including the magnificent Victoria Falls!

URGENT Message Regarding Your CHURCH ACP's

I am in the process of mailing out the 2013 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES. Since most of you end your church reporting year with the final Sunday in September, I will need you to send me your completed ACP or a copy of your ACP by **October 8th**. If you need any assistance or have any questions call me at 806-296-2751.

REMEMBER: Even if you complete your ACP online I will need a copy for our records!

Susan Barkley, Ministry Assistant

Afton Baptist Church

Celebrated it's
125th Anniversary
on Sunday,
August 18, 2013.

Pastor: Harold Abney



FBC Afton Celebrates 125 Years of Ministry

Sunday, August 18, 2013, marked a day of celebration for the members and guests of FBC of Afton. The day was filled with warm fellowship, remembrances, food, and good preaching. The church continues to be a witness in its community and the many families who have gone on before and the families that are touched by its ministry now. Pastor Harold and his wife Kay have served at Afton now for 13 years.



Current view of the church



Dr. Griffin presents Pastor Harold Abney with a plaque commemorating the occasion.



Leading in the day's service (from L to R) are Mike Porter, pastor Harold Abney, Bruce Porter and Director of Missions Dr. Griffin.

Pictured below is the beautiful hand-painted backdrop of the baptistry.



The children also gathered in this picture to show everyone in attendance.



To the left Dr. Griffin is standing with Kay and Harold Abney and the members and guests in attendance sharing this 125th anniversary. Pastor's wife, Kay, also serves as the church pianist.

A picture of the congregation in front of the building when the facade was covered in stone. Circa 1945-46.



HAPPY UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Happy Union Baptist Church and pastor Richard Miller hosted a wonderful weekend of worship, celebrating their 62nd church anniversary and holding a Men's and Women's Conference.

Guest speakers included Victor Harkins, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church of Bessemer, Alabama, and Dr. Gloria Morrow, Clinical Psychologist, Author and Speaker, of Upland, California. During the weekend of August 9-11, conferences included "Fit 4 the Fight—Men Taking Care of Business", "Keeping it Real", and "Wounded in Battle but Still Fighting," finishing with a celebratory service on Sunday afternoon.



Dr. Les Griffin, Victor Harkins, Pastor Richard Miller of Happy Union Baptist Church, and Rev. Joe Gonzales.

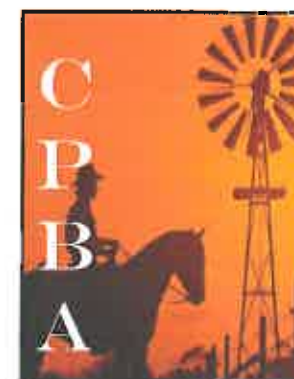


Bro. Joe Gonzales (pictured on the left) offered a stirring message.

Bro. Foster Riley (in the light shirt) and Deacon Jim Collins helped with the music for the event.



Dr. Gloria Morrow
Psychologist
Author/Speaker
Upland, California



2013 Gordon Benson Associational Missions Offering

**Our Goal:
\$19,000**

**Received to
Date: \$16,500**

*To help fund
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We pray for and anticipate closing out this offering from our churches by the end of September. If your church has collected an offering and has not submitted it yet to our office, please do so. This effort will assist inmates and their families who live in our area and many are a part of your own churches or communities.

SEPTEMBER 2013

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Assisting churches in extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth until the Great Commission is fulfilled.

"Celebrating Together God's Goodness in Our Associational Churches" 2013 Annual Associational Meetings

Caprock Associational Annual Meeting
FBC QUITAQUE
October 13, 2013
4:00 PM

Church Address: 116 Morris Church Phone: 806-455-1286
Associational Sermon
Nathan Mulder of FBC Flomot

Staked Plains Associational Annual Meeting
FBC OLTON
October 20, 2013
4 PM

Church Address: 904 Ave J Church Phone: 806-285-3077
Associational Sermon
Dr. Paul Sadler of Wayland

Llanos Altos Associational Annual Meeting
FBC AMHERST
November 3, 2013
4 PM

Church Address: 806 Adams Ave Church Phone: 806-246-3554
Associational Sermon
Dr. Dan Purdy of FBC Amherst

Each host church will serve us a delicious meal and a worship service will follow.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

A Lady, A Mission: In the early part of the 20th century, she was a regular attendee of the FBC Dallas. In those heady days of fast expansion of both Dallas and Texas, the pastor of this church, George Washington Truett, was quickly establishing Baptist work and reputation throughout the state. Through his ministry there was the starting of many hospitals, schools and there was great emphasis upon winning the lost of this vast state. So committed was he that he traveled each summer to the far reaches of West Texas to preach to the cowboys.

In this atmosphere of mission emphasis, the lady in the pew became the leader of the Baptist Women of Texas. This wife of a physician became the state's standard bearer to call people to pray, give, and actively witness to the lost. In September of 1910 she gathered people to pray for Texas. For the next 24 years this emphasis continued and at her death in 1934 the state WMU director had this special time of prayer and giving named in honor for her, Mary Hill Davis. This offering and the emphasis of SHARE, PRAY, GIVE, GO continues today. Her story and emphasis still challenges Baptist folks today. The needs are just as great, if not greater than they were in 1910. The offering that you will be collecting in your individual churches strengthens the work across Texas and directly affects the work of Caprock Plains Baptist Area more than any other offering. Just a few examples of these are:

- New church startups and support for the first three years
- Helping churches strategize for the future
- Available training and mentoring for Hispanic music and worship leadership
- Matching fund grants for churches in construction projects and building repairs
- New pastors orientation to make them aware of services and resources available
- Summer Bi-Vocational and Small Church Conference

My prayer is that your church will not only set a great goal but to reach it for the Glory of God!

Fellowship: Baptists love to fellowship. A great opportunity to fellowship with your fellow churches in your association comes up during this next month at the Annual Meetings. These meetings are exciting times of sharing and growing. Note carefully the times and locations of your annual meeting and make plans to bring a great number of your people. You will be encouraged, challenged and renewed through your association's annual meeting.

Gordon Benson Offering: As you can see from our newsletter, our Gordon Benson Offering is very close to reaching it's goal. If your church has received an offering and has not sent that in, we encourage you to do so. We need to look at a final amount and move to the next phase of ministering to the Formby Unit near Plainview, Texas.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS BEGINS

The Crosby County CWJC hosted their second session of the fall 2013 season. The fall session has seven students. Each are partnered with a mentor who helps them throughout the program, which includes job readiness training, computer skills, life skills, and a focus on growing in a personal relationship with Christ. Christian Women's Job Corps is a national ministry of the Women's Missionary Union. CWJC ministries are staffed with volunteers from the community who give their time and special skills. Ladies who volunteer are business women, former teachers, pastors wives, housewives and mothers, all of whom have a heart for helping women and their families who need a special hand in becoming self-sufficient.



L to R are Jacque James, Executive Director, Carolyn Dewbre, Bible Teacher, Jane Morris, Site Coordinator, all from FBC Crosbyton, and Betty Griffin of Plainview who provided the meal.

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SHARE. PRAY. GIVE. GO.

I am TEXAS Missions
MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING
2013 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS



QUILTS FOR CONTRERAS MINISTRY

FBC of Kress is a faithful supporter of the Miguel and Lupe Contreras Ministry in Mexico. Recently Linda Fish and her mother started making quilts for Lupe to take back to Mexico.



Pictured on the right with Susan is Linda Fish, wife of pastor Will Fish, with one of the dozen quilts they brought by the Area Office.

Linda and her mother also make quilts for numerous area children's charities.

September is time for the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions



Mary Hill Davis was president of WMU from 1906 until 1931. She had a heart for missions in Texas, supporting care for pastors, orphans, immigrants and schools.

Your support for the Mary Hill Davis Offering supports scholarships for refugee camps, support for bivocational churches, immunizations for homeless children, inmate discipleship materials, church starts, equipping and training for Texas mission efforts, as well as numerous other efforts.

Check out the website at wmu.texasbaptists.org for more information on Mary Hill Davis, the offering and the many opportunities for giving.

CHURCH HOSTS WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF EVENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Churches around the Area have resumed their Back-to-School Wednesday night activities which are geared towards children and youth in their community.



One such example is that of Seth Ward Baptist Church of Plainview. They met at a local park and had bouncy houses, fun activities, and great food, including hot dogs and chips!

Pastor Ty Williams and Youth and Children's Minister David Pollard led this successful kick-off event with the help of numerous volunteers from their church!



Message from Susan Regarding Your Church Annual Church Profiles!

I have mailed out the 2013 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES. If you have not received one, contact me at the Area Office. Since most of you end your church reporting year with the final Sunday in September, I will need you to send me your completed ACP or a copy of your ACP by **October 8th** in order to get your updated information and reports in our associational book of reports and the year-end directory. Your information is very important to us! If you need any assistance or have any questions call me at 806-296-2751.

REMEMBER: Even if you complete your ACP online I will need a copy for our records!



UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

September 29
October 4
October 8
October 13
October 20
November 3

Last Date of Reporting—Complete and Send your Annual Church Profiles to the Area Office!
Companerismo—Pastor/Spouse Dinner—Iglesia Carpintero Hale Center—7 PM
Important Deadline—Return completed Annual Church Profile or a copy to Area Office!
Caprock Association Annual Meeting—FBC Quitaque—4 PM
Staked Plains Association Annual Meeting—FBC Olton—4 PM
Llanos Altos Association Annual Meeting—FBC Amherst—4 PM

If you have an important date or event to share or need information about one of the Area activities, please call Susan at 806-296-2751.

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE AREA ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS?

One example of a great Wednesday night is at FBC Farwell. If you visit them on a Wednesday night you might just get put to work because it's "all hands on deck" when about 40 adult workers play with, study with, sing and pray with about 140 children and youth! They use the Awanas program to take kids through the steps in which they learn to memorize Bible verses, sing, do mission projects, and just have good fun! And of course, where there are kids, there has to be food! The workers feed them a fun and nutritious meal! Pastor Russ Ponder and his faithful group of adult leaders have been leading their church to reach the children of their community and it has been quite a success as you can see by the pictures of children and youth here in the pictures from Dr. Griffin's recent visit on a Wednesday night! What's going on in your area on Wednesday night? I would say that at FBC of Farwell quite a lot is going on!



**National Goal
\$175,000,000**

**The Week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is December 1-8, 2013
In 2012, Our Three Associations Gave \$136,825 to the IMB Lottie Moon Offering**

Charlotte "Lottie" Moon was born in Virginia in 1840 to a prominent family and was well educated. In 1873 this genteel little lady answered God's call to go to China to share the gospel. Lottie spent most of her years in Tengchow and Pingtu, China, where she became one with the people. She wore traditional Chinese clothing and lived alongside them. She became "TOTALLY HIS" by giving her entire life to ministering to the people that she came to love. She made personal sacrifices, including giving away her own food to help those in need. For years Lottie wrote heartfelt letters back home seeking financial aid for her mission work. In 1888 the Woman's Missionary Union began collecting special Christmas offerings to support Lottie in her mission work and by 1919 the offering was named for this selfless little lady who gave her life to serving the people of China. This year we celebrate 125 years of annual giving to support international missions.

One of the ways Lottie reached people one-on-one was by making tea cakes for the children in her village. Her hospitality encouraged them to take Lottie to their homes. This opened the way for Lottie to share the gospel not only with the children but with their mothers. *There are many ways you can reach the lost. Nothing you can do is too little. Pray for the gift that God puts on your heart to help with missions in your little village and around the world.*

Lottie Moon's Tea Cakes (revised for modern day cooks)

2 cups flour 1 well-beaten egg 1/2 cup butter 1 tablespoon cream 1 heaping cup of sugar
Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough out very thin. Cut the cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for 5 minutes.

Go to the website at www.wmu.com or www.imb.org or call 1-800-999-3113 to receive your resource materials kit.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: The theme for this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is "Totally His" with a nation-wide goal of \$175,000,000. Last year our churches of Caprock, Staked Plains and Llanos Altos associations combined to give \$136,825 to this offering.

Why give? A missionary from central Asia answers, "May I have the heart that refuses to give to the Lord a sacrifice that costs me nothing?" Our giving reflects both our heart's desire to love God and love others in a concrete way of saying we want others to know Christ. This offering goes directly to help the 4,867 missionaries presently under appointment. Surely as they have dedicated their lives to sharing the Gospel around the world, we can share our resources, prayers, and awareness in standing with them. If your church has not set a goal, I would encourage you to do so as we move toward the Week of Prayer for International Missions, December 1-8. This prayer emphasis can not only be from a Baptist Women's or Men's group but also through our Sunday School, Bible studies and Wednesday night prayer times.

The need is great. Of the some 7 billion people on the face of this earth, there are 11,000 people groups and nearly 7,000 are considered unreached. Another 3,000 have no specific strategy aimed at sharing the Gospel with them. It is this huge gap that our mission effort together is attempting to close. Last year through Southern Baptist giving, the Gospel was presented over 1,500,000 times with 266,000 new believers, starting 24,000 churches, and engaging 133 new people groups. For this we are thankful!

We need to remember that the cost for an individual missionary who is supported through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is approximately \$51,000 a year. This is an average individual figure. For a couple it would be twice that. This includes many things: housing, salary, children's education, medical expenses, retirement, and more. Few of our churches could support such an endeavor solo but together there is the *genius of cooperation* that allows us to do more together than we can alone! Therefore I encourage your church to prayerfully set a goal and ask God to bless it as you give faithfully toward reaching that amount. I realize that not all of our churches reach the world through supporting the IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Whatever your church does, the critical point is that we reach beyond our individual churches to go into all the world.

Pastor/Staff Christmas Party: Below you will find information about our Area-Wide Pastor/Staff Christmas party. Make your plans now to join with us! Mr. Martin Duckett will bless our hearts in a great way.

Annual Meetings: It has been my privilege to be a part of three great annual meetings. Just a few thank you's. First, to Chris Tucker and FBC Quitaque for hosting the **Caprock Association**, as well as moderator Les Reed and special message by Nathan Mulder. Appreciation to FBC Olton and pastor David Azam in hosting the **Staked Plains Association**, with moderator Gary Yates and message by Dr. Paul Sadler. Also, appreciation to FBC Amherst and pastor Dr. Dan Purdy in hosting the **Llanos Altos Association** with its moderator Dr. Brian Hill and annual message by Dr. Purdy. These meetings were a blessing in seeing what has been accomplished together for the glory of God. *Together* we look forward to the coming year!

CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Monday, December 2, 2013

6:30 PM

Singlepoint Building

At the corner of W 8th & N Austin Streets
Northeast of FBC Plainview Campus
The Menu Will Feature Steak!

All Pastors/Staff and their Spouses are Invited!

We will need your email/phone reservations by Friday, November 22, 2013.

We will not be able to provide childcare in Plainview.

*Special Christmas
Musical Entertainment
by Martin Duckett*



Mr. Duckett is an extremely talented keyboardist and musician. He is part of a group called Turner Crossing, who entertains around the South Plains. He is currently working on publishing a new album. He also serves as part of the music ministry of FBC Plainview.



THREE ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS REPORT A YEAR OF MINISTRY!

We had our final associational meeting on Sunday, November 3 at FBC Amherst. At each we were a witness to the faithfulness of our congregations to area and associational work, as well as ministries throughout the state and the world! At the first meeting with the Caprock Association on October 13 we were also very excited to add a new congregation as FBC Paducah asked to join with us in ministry. A good group from their congregation braved a terrible rainstorm to get to the meeting at FBC Quitaque. Attendance at that meeting was great, even with the storm. Each meeting offered us a wonderful opportunity of sharing the events of 2013, as well as great fellowship and worship. Each associational gathering had representatives from Plains Baptist Assembly, Wayland Baptist University, and from Texas Baptists (BGCT), sharing reports of what our coop-



Pictured L to R are Phil Miller, BGCT, Les Reed, pastor, FBC Crosbyton and Charles Higgs, BGCT Western Heritage Ministries.

eration is doing around the area and around the state. The meeting for Staked Plains Association met at FBC Olton on October 20. Each church welcomed us and shared a wonderful feast prepared by their members during our dinner break. We were blessed by the things we heard through the reports and the great fellowship that we enjoyed with fellow churches!



On the program from L to R are Kathy Mulder, Christian Woman's Job Corps, Nathan Mulder, pastor, FBC Flomot, Josh Burgett, youth minister FBC Floydada, Terry Simmons, Music and Education, FBC Floydada, Patrick Adair, pastor FBC Matador, Dons Moore, WMU, FBC Matador, G. J. Walton, pastor FBC Silverton, Chris Tucker, pastor, FBC Quitaque, and Walter Davis, Baptist Men, FBC Floydada.



From FBC Paducah, pictured L to R are the pastor David Williams, member/messenger Leota Maxfield, WMU president Phyllis Jones, church secretary and pianist Suzanne Paschall, deacon chairman Steve Paschall, and youth minister Brett Cook.

TAX SEMINAR FOR MINISTERS AND CHURCH STAFF

December 5, 2013

Caprock Plains Baptist Area Office - 2301 Utica, Plainview

Once again, Dan Whitehurst has offered his time to help churches and staff in our area with tax guidelines and questions that you may have as a minister or church staff member. Tax issues are specialized for those of us in the ministry. There are IRS guidelines and updates that you need to be aware of, such as the ministerial housing allowance and managing reimbursed expenses. Administrators and assistants need to be aware of wage and reporting, charitable contributions, tax-exempt status, and numerous other issues that affect our churches.



Dan is a CPA with offices in Longview and Kilgore. He brings over 35 years of experience in accounting, taxation and investment management. He has a heart for working with ministers and he currently serves Texas Baptists as a volunteer for the Institutions Audit Group and is a member of the Finance Committee for Texas Baptist Men. He travels all over the state presenting these seminars for our churches.

If you are interested in attending our Area Tax Seminar on Thursday, December 5, just contact our office at 296-2751 or email us at caprockplains@nts-online.net for further details.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S JOB CORPS CROSBY COUNTY

Amazing things are happening in Crosbyton. The recent opening of the CWJC of Crosby County has been a great opportunity for ministry to the women in the community, offering educational, nutritional, emotional and spiritual support to women and their families in need or in crisis situations. The meeting this October featured Mark and Candy Pearsall, former IMB missionaries. Mark presented a great program on "What Women Need to Know About Men." Continue to pray for and support ministries like the CWJC!



Martha Kirk & Candy Pearsall



Jane Morris, Mark & Candy Pearsall, and Jacque James

A Reminder from Susan Regarding Your 2013 Annual Church Profiles!

With the last of our associational annual meetings I will finish compiling the 2013 **Book of Reports**. If you have not sent in your ACP, please get that to me now. I must return your ACP to the BGCT by the end of November and our book or reports goes to the printer by December 13. Please call me at 806-296-2751 or email caprockplains@nts-online.net if you have questions or need assistance.

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