

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at FIRST BAPTIST MULESHOE



Following Wednesday night supper, Dr. Stacy Conner leads an energetic group of adults in Bible Study.

FOOD
ADULT BIBLE STUDY



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



FRIENDS

FUN

FELLOWSHIP



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Robin Salazar leads the Children's Ministry and with the help of Robert Black, Interim Minister of Music, assists in the children's music ministry.



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

Serving the Churches of the Caprock, Llanos Altos and Staked Plains Associations

Beginning a New Year!—January 2014

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

DEACON ORDINATION at FBC PLAINVIEW



This past fall First Baptist Church Plainview marked a celebration service as several men of their congregation were ordained to the deacon ministry. Dr. Tim Marrow and his wife Melody are pictured here with the candidates and their wives.

Front L to R are Judy Williams, Melody & Dr. Tim Marrow, Thad & Amy Reid, Dixie & Tom Johnson, 2nd row L to R, Ken Williams, Doris McDonald, Julie Bowen, Lori Franklin, Lynette Bowen, Rodney Watson, and back row L to R, David McDonald, Monty Bowen, Dr. Scott Franklin and Dr. Peter Bowen.



If you have upcoming events, pictures or reports from your past event that you would like to share, contact us using the information below.

CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA
2301 Utica Street
Plainview, Texas 79072

Phone: 806-296-2751
Fax: 806-296-2755

Email: caprockplains@nts-online.net
Website: caprockplains.org

Check us out on FACEBOOK

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley
Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody

FBC OF PLAINVIEW PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM "EMMANUEL"

Many churches around the area celebrated the Christmas season with special music and special programs. One such presentation took place at FBC of Plainview, where they presented "Emmanuel" on two nights to their members, family and the community, utilizing the talents of Greg Hall, Minister of Worship, the sanctuary choir and the orchestra. What a beautiful service honoring the birth of Jesus Christ!



A BIT OF HISTORY: On November 23, 1890, a group of eleven met in a school house to organize the Plainview Baptist Church under the direction of Reverend L.B. Kimbrough and Reverend John C. Stamps. The first building was completed in August of 1893 where Reverend J.M. Carroll preached the dedication sermon. Buffalo bones were collected and sold to pay for furnishings and a church bell. The first mission offering was \$30. From humble beginnings, FBC of Plainview was born and has remained a strong and faithful congregation to Plainview and the surrounding area, with a strong dedication to missions and evangelism statewide, nationwide, and around the world.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Remembering Eddie "The Eagle"

The Winter Olympic Games are almost here. The games in Sochi will cost \$51 billion dollars, which is five times more than the cost of the last games in Vancouver. This cost includes building an entire village and sports complexes for the many events. The security will be the tightest of any of the Olympic Games on record. There will be 28 different events, most of which are for both men and women. You will see among other events bobsledding, ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating and ski jumping on both a normal and a long hill.

The other day I was listening to a television commercial with a young lady preparing to go down a ski jump. In the background were the words of Amelia Earhart talking about 'the joys of flight.' That is what you hopefully do in ski jumping. The commercial was celebrating the fact that women will be competing in ski jumping for the first time on the normal hill this year. As you know, ski jumping can be very hazardous. In fact, an entire generation grew up with ABC Sport's "agony of defeat" symbolized by a ski jumper with whom it all went terribly wrong. The "agony of defeat" man was Vinko Bogato, who on March 21, 1970, realized he was going too fast and tried to slow down by lowering his body, which made him fall on the jump. We saw him careen off the jump hands and skis flailing then being planted in the snow bank after going through a fence. Fortunately, Vinko suffered only a slight concussion, but this video was played over and over reminding us that in sports and life it does not always turn out well.

Do you remember 1988 Olympic ski jumping champion? Probably not but do you remember the British ski jumper, Eddie "The Eagle"? Eddie did not win but he became the symbol of the competitive spirit of the British people and a little bit of all of us who participate no matter what. While other competitors were soaring well over a hundred meters down the mountain, Eddie was going 50-60 meters. How far he soared was not as important as the fact that he was giving it his all. The final winner was a man by the name of Matti Nykanen of Finland but Eddie "The Eagle" is remembered as the star.

Perhaps in 2014 will be the year that you participate in a mission trip or project. It might be in your community or internationally. You have heard others give their testimonies of mission trips. May this be the year that God uses you to share the Gospel, whether here or around the world. Remember the words of Jesus, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

At the close of the 1988 Winter Games while many of the ski jumpers felt Edward had dishonored the sport and now there is the so called "Eddie the Eagle Rule of Eligibility" that makes a second Eddie almost impossible, the president of the Olympic Organizing Committee, Frank King, seemed to single out Edwards for his contribution: "At these Games, some competitors have won gold, some have broken records, and some of you have even soared like an eagle."

May you soar On Mission for the Lord this year!

GIRLS IN ACTION PROGRAM MARKS 100 YEARS!



Leader Yolanda Ybarra "passes the torch" on to the new leaders, Norma Baca and Sylvia Hinojos.

Templo Bautista Salem of Lockney celebrated the 100th anniversary of the GA organization with leaders of the group passing the torch on to a new generation. The girls participate in numerous projects and learning activities. The program takes the girls through many levels of missions, learning about missionaryes and countries of mission work as well as developing friendship and leadership qualities.



The GA conference was led by Yolanda Ybarra. Betty Griffin is pictured here in her 1960's Queen Regent regalia. Also pictured are Norma Baca and Sylvia Hinojos, leaders who also assisted with the 100-year celebration.



JANUARY BIBLE STUDY WITH DR. D. L. LOWRIE

The Area Office hosted this year's January Bible Study featuring the great teaching of Dr. D.L. Lowrie, retired pastor of FBC Lubbock, has pastored and supplied at numerous churches in the area. The study this year is from the book of Colossians and is called "Christ is All You Need." This study equips the pastors to lead in their congregations. We had great attendance by pastors from the area with a great day of teaching and fellowship. Betty and Susan prepared a delicious home-cooked lunch of Southwestern soup, cornbread, and cherry cobbler. As always, it is an honor and a great opportunity to have Dr. Lowrie with us. He has such a great heart for our pastors and graciously accepts numerous opportunities to offer teaching and training for pastors and staff.



COMPAÑERISMO DE LOS PLANOS 2014



Officers: President: Carlos Hinojos, Gethsemane of Plainview, phone 296-5859
Vice President: Raymond Pena, Primera of Plainview, phone 293-1224
Secretary: Raquel Hernandez, Primera of Petersburg, phone 667-3329

Upcoming Events:

February 7: Pastors/Wives Dinner, Meeting at Templo Salem of Lockney, 7 PM
February 8: Valentines Banquet, 7 PM
February 9: Racial Reconciliation Sunday
February 10-15: WMU(UFM) Focus Week
March 2: Companerismo, Emphasis on VBS, Gethsemane of Plainview, 3 PM

A MOVING BAPTISMAL SERVICE



A recent baptismal service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Floydada proved to be a moving and worshipful service.

New pastor Tim Askew performed the baptism while members of the congregation stepped forward and sang a song of praise to God for the life of the young person who made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and presented for baptism and church membership.



2013 AREA-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pastors, staff, and spouses from our area churches attended the December Area-Wide Christmas Party at the SinglePoint building in Plainview. Dr. Griffin caught Betty here as she was making preparations for the evening. Betty and Susan organized the evening and decorated the room. West Texas Woodfire Grill of Plainview catered the meal with steak and all the trimmings, and the talented Martin Duckett, of FBC Plainview, shared his keyboard talents with beautiful Christmas music for the season. Everyone had a great time of fellowship and this prepared us for a great New Year!

50th Anniversary Celebration

Iglesia Bautista el Calvario
Kress, Texas

Joe & Andrea Silva



Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Kress, TX
Enero 18, 2014 3:00 PM
50 Aniversario De Bodas Del
Pastor Joe Silva y Su Esposa Andrea

Oficiando Ceremonia: Alberto Aguirre y Danny Silva
Pastor: Ester Aguirre
Oración: Alberto Aguirre
Oficiando Ceremonia: Danny Silva
Renovación de Votos: Exposos Joe y Andrea Silva
Oración de Bendición: Alberto Aguirre
Música Especial: Pastor Armando Saucedo
Lectura Bíblica: David Silva
Poema: Ester Aguirre
Música Especial: Pastor Armando Saucedo
Tiempo Especial: Joe y Andrea Silva
Palabras de Gratitud: Nancy Sherman
Bendición: Dr. Lester Griffin



Best Man: David Silva
Acompañado a la Novia: Marc Silva
Dama de Honor: Nancy Sherman
Nina de Honor: Jeannine Silva
Pago de Anillo: Isalah Silva

Padrinos:

Padrinos de Limpio: Sr. y Sra. Bill Sherman
Madrina de Corona: Sara Burk
Madrina de Fuego: Ester Aguirre
Padrinos de Libro: David Y. Moneta Silva
Madrina de Arreglo: Ester Aguirre & Victoria Lopez
Madrina de Pelo y Maquillaje: Rosita Lopez
Padrinos de Pastel: Y. Sr. y Sra. Luis Graciano
Padrinos de Cuchillo: Sr. y Sra. Luis Lopez

Gracias a cada uno de ustedes por honrarnos con su presencia en este evento tan especial. Por favor acompañarnos en la recepción.



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

Serving the Churches of the Caprock, Llanos Altos and Staked Plains Associations

February 2014

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

CAPROCK PLAINS
BAPTIST AREA
2301 Utica Street
Plainview, Texas 79072

Phone: 806-296-2751
Fax: 806-296-2755

Email:
caprockplains@nts-online.net
Website:
caprockplains.org

Check us out on FACEBOOK

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley
Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody

Week of Prayer for
**NORTH
AMERICAN
MISSIONS**
and the Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering*

March 2-9, 2014

**FIRMLY
PLANTED**

AnnieArmstrong.com

Annie Armstrong worked to establish the Women's Missionary Union in 1888. Her influence has extended beyond the WMU into all the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. She worked tirelessly for the cause of missions.

Last Year's 2013 Annie Armstrong Offering
Caprock, Llanos Altos & Staked Plains Churches
Total Reported 2013 Giving: \$79,701

This offering touches on these needs listed below and many others:

- Supports missionaries and day-to-day work
- Student evangelism on college campuses
- New church starts and planting churches
- Serves the physical and spiritual needs of people through ministry evangelism

For teaching materials, worship and study videos and plans, offering envelopes, etc., go to www.anniearmstrong.com or call 800-749-7479. Like Annie Armstrong on FACEBOOK.



If you have upcoming events, pictures or reports from your past event that you would like to share, contact us using the information above.

First Baptist Church of Hale Center

Deacon Retreat at Plains Baptist Assembly



Pictured here L to R: JA Nivens (Deacon Chairman), Butch Harrell, Brac McKinney, Larry Lockett, Don Davis, Bob Brown (Secretary), Murvin Johnson, Lloyd Louthan, Robert Boyd, Gene Carter, Kris Knippa (Pastor), & James Huffines. Also attending but not in this picture was deacon Ronnie Sherrod.

The deacons of FBC Hale Center recently met on Saturday at Plains Baptist Assembly for an all-day retreat. Kris Knippa is the pastor and the retreat was led by Dr. Lester Griffin, Director of Missions. Sessions included "The Bible and Deacons," "Deacons and Elders," "Relating to a New Generation, Millennials," and "Ministry Models: Deacon Family Ministry Plan, 4XFour, Etc.," as well as a session called "A Deacon and His Pastor," led by guest speaker George Meriwether, a local businessman and deacon at FBC Plainview. The evening closed with a dinner with the deacons and their wives. Dr. Griffin's closing thoughts were "For Deacon Wives Only," but the deacons got to listen! It was a great day of instruction and fellowship.





A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

SAVE THE DATE

It has been a while since we have had a conference to strengthen the ministries of our churches. Mark your calendar for one of them. The same conference will be held in two locations on different dates. **Renew the Vision 2014** will be in Plainview on Sunday, September 7, and Muleshoe on Sunday, September 14. Both of these conferences will begin at approximately 3 PM. We are anticipating that churches from Caprock and Staked Plains associations will come to Plainview

and those of Llanos Altos will attend the Muleshoe conference. The same information will be offered at the two locations.

This conference is under construction by one of the most energetic and inspirational groups I have ever had the privilege of working with. Their pictures and names are below. We are looking at a renewed vision not only for Sunday School and Bible Study, but also other ministries related to your local church. It is being planned by those who are serving faithfully in our Caprock Plains Baptist Area churches. More details are soon to come!

Our second date to save is our Third Annual After-Easter Retreat on Monday and Tuesday, April 21-22, at Plains Baptist Camp and Conference Center. While this conference is also still under construction, I can assure you that it will be a great time of renewal and fellowship.

BILL BROOKE 1925-2014

Bill Brooke was a man who lived a faithful life and inspired those who were privileged to know him. He became a blessed part of the Griffin family in 1990 when this long-time bachelor married Betty's mother Colleen who had been widowed in 1984. Their marriage was a joy and soon the love and loveliness of this wonderful man became indispensable in our family. Remarkably, it was as if he had always been a part of our family. He was a longtime member and deacon at FBC Littlefield. He loved his church and served faithfully with a deep desire to live a Christ-like life in a visible way. He will be missed, but also there is a gratitude that his journey became part of the Griffins' journey as well.

Betty and I thank you so much for your kind words of condolence during this past week. Your letters, cards, calls, emails and texts have been such a comfort.

To God belongs all the glory!



Renew the Vision 2014 September 7 & 14 Event Planning Efforts Begin

Pictured L to R (seated) are Ron Warren and Brittany Godsy of FBC Plainview, Alana Carr and Cody McMurray of FBC Littlefield. Pictured L to R (standing) are Josh Burgett of FBC Floydada, Mike Woods of FBC Farwell, Robin Salazar of FBC Muleshoe, Dr. Les Griffin, Israel Martinez of FBC Littlefield, Terry Simmons of FBC Floydada and Craig Woody of FBC Olton.

NUMEROUS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHURCH

Ryan Jespersen met with area pastors and staff in January sharing numerous opportunities available to pastors, staff and laymen for short term mission projects and possibilities for participating in Disaster Recovery efforts in places like West, Texas, and even in Oklahoma following last year's storms. Ryan also has information on the website for various mission opportunities and even opportunities for your church to share needs that others can help you with. In February **Steve Seaberry** shared with us the many opportunities for mission work open to our churches. He shared great information on preparing your people for a mission trip, offering mini workshops where a representative can come and help you with training and preparation. Both gentlemen shared great contact information. If your church group is looking for an opportunity to serve you can access this information by contacting them at the numbers and email below or visiting the Texas Baptists website at texasbaptists.org.



Ryan Jespersen at 214-828-5278
ryan.jespersen@texasbaptists.org

Matthew 25:40 'Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



Steve Seaberry at 214-828-5180
steve.seaberry@texasbaptists.org

FBC PETERSBURG STAFF UPDATE



Dwight Pennington began as an interim youth minister at FBC Petersburg last summer but has officially been added to their staff. Dwight spent 20 years in the Army as a paratrooper medic and is currently working on a Religion degree at Way-

land. He and his wife Maria have two sons who are both in the Army and stationed in Europe. Still at home they have a daughter, Desiree, who is a freshman in high school. Dwight and Maria have hopes of going on the mission field to Macedonia in the future. Dwight will be ordained on April 6. Dwight also teaches a Young Adult Sunday School class.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

FBC Silverton welcomes their newest staff member, **Efrain Gonzalez**. Efrain will be serving as youth minister. Efrain has served in multiple churches across Texas for the past 13 years. He is a 2000 Wayland graduate with his degree in Religion. He is married to Jennifer and they have two children, Alexis (11) and Jacob (8). We welcome the Gonzalez family to the Area and look forward to great things!



Primera Iglesia Bautista of Muleshoe Celebrates Ordination of Rosendo Lopez



Primera Iglesia Bautista of Muleshoe celebrated on February 9 at the ordination service for their pastor Rosendo Lopez. Pictured to the left are Rosendo and his wife Rosario as they were presented with a lovely cake in honor of this day. Guest pastors participated in the service, including Pablo Garcia of Hereford, Rafael Marin of Bovina, Salvador Carrasco of Dimmitt, Elias Torrez of Muleshoe, and Mario Hernandez of Morton. Dr. Griffin brought the charge to the pastor and church.



The congregation presented Bro. Lopez with a Bible in honor of the day.

Pictured here L to R are:
Jose Cabezuola, Rafael Marin, Pablo Garcia, Rosendo Lopez, Salvador Carrasco, Elias Torres, Les Griffin, Mario Hernandez, and Tony Cortez.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

March 2-9	Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 23	BGCT Date for Church Bible Drill
March 30	BGCT Date for Associational Bible Drill
April 4-7	Adult Camp at Plains Baptist Assembly
April 11-12	SBTC Regional Bible Drill, Redbud, Lubbock
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 21-22	After Easter Pastor/Staff Retreat at PBA
April 25-26	BGCT Bible Drill Calvary Lubbock
April 26	SBTC Bible Drill State Finals, Grapevine
May 2	Bible Drill Finals BGCT Dallas

save THE date



See the Message from the Director

AFTER EASTER PASTOR/STAFF RETREAT
April 21-22 @ Plains Baptist Camp/Floydada
Beginning with dinner the first evening

RENEW THE VISION 2014
September 7 @ FBC Plainview (Caprock & Staked Plains)
September 14 @ FBC Muleshoe (Llanos Altos)
Events Begin @ 3 PM

New Jerusalem
Baptist Church

~
30th Anniversary
Celebration

~
March 16, 2014



Pictured above (left to right) are: Rev. M.L. White, pastor of United Baptist of Plainview, Pastor Joshua Williams of New Jerusalem Baptist Plainview, Pastor Willie Ansley, Sr., Greater New Hope Baptist Plainview, Pastor Kenneth Jackson, New Light Baptist Lubbock, Pastor H.K. Thomas, Jr., New Mt Olive Baptist Littlefield, and Dr. Les Griffin from Caprock Plains Baptist Area, Director of Missions.

Theme:
Chosen Place by God



New Jerusalem's 30th anniversary celebration included exciting messages and responses from several pastors as pictured above as well as moving music and worship from guest choirs, which included New Jerusalem, United Baptist, New Mount Olive and Happy Union. It was a great afternoon of worship and fellowship for members and friends of New Jerusalem. Refreshments were also served in the fellowship hall following the service.



2 Chronicles 7:16 "I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that My Name may be there forever. My eyes and My heart will always be there."

After Easter Pastor—Staff Retreat



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

March 2014

Serving the Churches of the Caprock, Llanos Altos and Staked Plains Associations
Assisting churches in extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth
until the Great Commission is fulfilled!

After Easter Retreat 2014

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



MONDAY EVENING

Authentic Christian Leadership

with Dr. Lowin

TUESDAY MORNING

A Minister's Spiritual Formation

with Dr. Hollon

We are still "UNDER CONSTRUCTION" Philippians 1:6



Dr. Leslie Hollon
Pastor, Trinity Baptist
San Antonio, Texas



Dr. Clinton Lowin
Professor of Religion
and Philosophy
Wayland Baptist University



Terry Simmons
Minister of Music
and Education
First Baptist Church
Floydada
Worship Leader

THIRD ANNUAL AFTER EASTER RETREAT "UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

April 21-22, 2014

Begins Monday with Supper at 5:30 pm and Ends with
Lunch on Tuesday

Plains Baptist Retreat and Conference Center
5 miles South of Floydada, Texas

Register at CPBA Office at 2301 Utica
Or call Susan at 296-2751



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Detroit, Michigan: Love It or Leave It?

Spring Break for many of our churches is a time for mission trips. One such trip was to Detroit led by Dr. Rick Shaw, Director of the WBU Mission Center, and nine of his students. Detroit, love it or leave it? Most have left! So many have left this once great city that now the average income of Detroit residents is less than \$10,000 a year. The average home sells for \$3,400. That figure is not a typo! This marvelous mission group teamed up with Pastor Darrel Gates of Victory Fellowship Baptist Church to go door to door, many of which were boarded up, yet people were at home. They were blessed with 114 decisions for Christ and 92 would join various churches in the area.

I rejoice in this marvelous trip and am reminded that pastor Gates is supported by monies from the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**. In fact, he is one that is featured in their promotional materials. His work and that of Dr. Shaw's mission team is a great example of being *"Firmly Planted" in the Gospel.*

Have you given to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** for 2014? I have and I pray you have as well!

Monument Man

It is sad when a church closes its doors for the last time. At one time the church was filled with people from the surrounding farm houses. The houses are mostly gone now and so are the people. The church continues to live on for a while as people often travel back to their home church. Then the burden is too great and the church officially disbands. It is an unfortunate but inescapable part of life on the South Plains of Texas. There have been scores of such churches such as Pansy, Mount Blanco and Cedar Hill to name a few.

One such church in recent days was FBC Spade. Those who were left wanted all the church contents to go to other churches or missions. That has been accomplished. The church is now empty. Except, one last item remained, the baptismal mural.

Several weeks ago, Betty and I went to see the movie, "The Monuments Men," directed by and starring George Clooney. It is based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history. "The Monuments Men" is an action drama focusing on an unlikely World War II platoon including seven museum directors, curators, and art historians. They worked to protect monuments and other cultural treasures from the destruction during World War II by Hitler and the Nazis. This movie told their role in preserving cultural treasures.

I decided to be a 'monument man' and singlehandedly take the baptismal mural down by myself. Bad idea, too large and the folds made marks on the beautiful painting. Standing in the baptistery I was holding the painting up but could not get it out without damaging it. I reached for my cell phone to call for reinforcements. There are not many in Spade Texas! Finally the gin manager arrived and we got the painting out. He was excited for he had been researching the artist of the mural who was very well known for her baptismal paintings which were in churches from Texas to the East Coast. This was one of her first done in 1944.

We are hoping to display the painting in our area office. This will be a reminder of our heritage in rural churches and our continuing mission purpose of, *"baptizing them..."* This will allow us to celebrate the growth of the kingdom, past and present!

Postscript: The Mount Blanco church was moved to Crosbyton and became the Galilee Baptist Church. The Pansy Baptist church was moved to Floydada and became the Mount Zion Baptist Church.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

April 4-7	Adult Camp at Plains Baptist Assembly
April 11-12	SBTC Regional Bible Drill, Redbud, Lubbock
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 21-22	After Easter Pastor/Staff Retreat at PBA
April 25-26	BGCT Bible Drill Calvary Lubbock
April 26	SBTC Bible Drill State Finals, Grapevine
May 2	Bible Drill Finals BGCT Dallas



PASTOR POSITION: FBC Hart has an opening for a pastor and would like to begin accepting resumes. Send those by email to the attention of: Sandy Farris at sandyfarris@hotmail.com or by mail to: Pastor Search Committee at FBC Hart, P O Box 407, Hart, Tx 79043.

Week of Prayer for
**NORTH
AMERICAN
MISSIONS**
and the Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering



You can still collect your offering for 2014.

AnnieArmstrong.com

**What
does
my
offering
do?**

- Supports missionaries and day-to-day work
- New church starts and planting churches
- Student evangelism on college campuses
- Serves the physical and spiritual needs of people through ministry evangelism



**Last Year's 2013 Annie Armstrong Offering
Caprock, Llanos Altos & Staked Plains Churches
Total Reported 2013 Giving: \$79,701**

For teaching materials, worship and study videos and plans, offering envelopes, etc., go to www.anniemission.com or call 800-749-7479. Also, "like" Annie Armstrong on **FACEBOOK**.

THERE'S GREAT FELLOWSHIP AT PRIMERA IGLESIA BAPTISTA OF FLOYDADA

The great folks at Primera Floydada welcomed Les and Betty Griffin for a wonderful day of worship and to participate in their Third Sunday fellowship.



The ladies of Primera (above) prepared a delicious lunch for everyone. Pictured here on the left with Betty and Les are Ray Tinney & his wife Kay, who plays the piano, Norma and Toby Gonzales, the pastor and his wife.

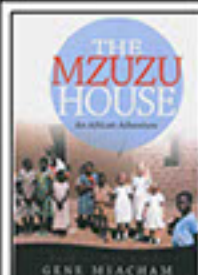
save THE date



See the
Message
from the
Director

AFTER EASTER PASTOR/STAFF RETREAT
April 21-22 @ Plains Baptist Camp/Floydada
Beginning with dinner the first evening

RENEW THE VISION 2014
September 7 @ FBC Plainview (Caprock & Staked Plains)
September 14 @ FBC Muleshoe (Llanos Altos)
Events Begin @ 3 PM



NEW BOOK RELEASE:

Dr. Gene Meacham, retired Director of Missions, has released his third book. **The Mzuzu House** relates the adventures of his family during their missionary tour of Africa. This book and his first two books, **Little Trailer by the Road** and **The Limbe House** are available by contacting Dr. Meacham by email at

gmeacham@suddenlink.net. E-books are also available at www.genemeacham.com. These books are great for your family, for mission study, or even for use in a home school group.

Directories for our area churches are now available here at the office. You are welcome to come by the office to pick one up or I will be happy to mail you a copy. Call 296-2751 or email Susan at caprockplains@nts-online.net.



CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA
Serving the People of
Central Texas since 1954

**CAPROCK PLAINS
BAPTIST AREA**
2301 Utica Street
Plainview, Texas 79072

Phone: 806-296-2751
Fax: 806-296-2755

Email
caprockplains@nts-online.net
Website
caprockplains.org

Check us out on **FACEBOOK**

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley
Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody

A CHURCH PEW DEDICATION SERVICE IGLESIA CALVARIO OF KRESS

Sometimes we mourn the loss of a congregation when we have to close a church facility. In this case though it has also become a time of rejoicing for other area churches. When the members of FBC Spade made the painful decision to finally close its doors, that didn't mean their time of ministry was over. Through the generosity of longtime Spade members, a mission fund has been established to help other churches and to help with future mission endeavors for years to come. In this process all of the furnishings and anything that was part of the building that could be used by any other congregations have been shared with numerous churches across our area. One such opportunity came to the congregation at Iglesia Calvario of Kress, where they received pews from the Spade facility. These pictures represent the joyous service where the pews were dedicated to the Lord's service by this congregation. Also present for this service from FBC Spade were Belinda Chapman and her mother, Jeanine Thompson, longtime members of FBC Spade. The congregation of Calvario Kress made a donation to the Spade Mission Fund in honor of that congregation and their many years of ministry to our area.



Pictured here are pastor Joe Silva and his wife Andrea, and Dr. Griffin, as well as associate pastor Alberto Aguirre and his wife Ester, who is the daughter of Joe and Andrea.



Dr. Griffin of CPBA accepts a donation from Alberto Aguirre of Calvario to the Spade Mission Fund, represented by Belinda Chapman and Jeanine Thompson.



DEACON ORDINATION Primera Iglesia Bautista Plainview

Brother Joe Castro was ordained by Primera Iglesia Bautista Plainview to the Deacon Ministry during a recent afternoon service. Brother Joe and Linda are longtime members of the church and the community. Brother Joe gave a moving testimony and Pastor Raymond Gonzales gave the charging message. A great group were present from several area churches. Following a moving service, the ladies of Primera served a delicious meal of chicken, potatoes, salad, rolls, and some delicious cookies and cake.



Pastor Raymond Gonzales led the ordained men of the congregation in blessing Joe and Linda.



Carlos Hinojos presented Joe with a commemorative Bible for the occasion.



Deacon Chairman Raymond Pena presented the Ordination Certificate.



The Castros and their guests were honored with a delicious dinner, and cake.



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

May 2014

Serving the Churches of the Caprock, Llanos Altos and Staked Plains Associations
Assisting churches in extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth
until the Great Commission is fulfilled!

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS Matthew 28:10-20 "Sharing the Good News as we go!"

Supporting the Caprock Plains Baptist Area through your local church allows us to develop more mission opportunities and training events for your congregation, your pastors, lay leaders and your staff.

As our mission statement above states, CPBA exists to encourage and assist churches in extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth until the Great Commission is fulfilled!

We are glad to be your mission partner but we can't do it without your support!

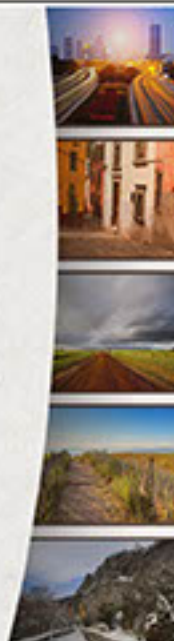
Pray for God to reveal the needs all around us.
Equip us as we set out to serve.
Love the people in your community and beyond.
Give to mission work through your local Baptist association.
Plant the seeds of outreach and ministry.

CROSSING NORTH AMERICA

Your Local
Baptist Association
Is Glad to Be Your
Mission Partner

Southern Baptist Conference
of Associational Leaders

North American Division Board
of the Southern Baptist Convention



CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA 2301 Utica Street Plainview, Texas 79072

Phone: 806-296-2751
Fax: 806-296-2755

Email:
caprockplains@nts-online.net
Website:
caprockplains.org

Check us out on FACEBOOK

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley
Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody

ANNUAL GORDON BENSON MISSIONS OFFERING



See the Message
from the Director
inside this
newsletter.

2014 GOAL
\$20,000
COMPLETING THE TASK
Of the Formby Chapel Fund

2013 Goal ~ \$19,000
2013 Receipts ~ \$24,299.56



50th ANNUAL CHURCH SECRETARIES WORKSHOP

July 16-18, 2014, 6 p.m. Wednesday through lunch on Friday

Attention: All ministry assistants, church secretaries, financial secretaries: It's time to get ready for the annual Church Secretaries Workshop. This year we will be celebrating our 50th Annual Meeting. Put these dates on your calendar now, register using the information below and make your plans to be there.

Our emphasis this year is JUBILEE

Isaiah 61:1-2 "The Lord has anointed me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Various topics: Social Media & Privacy Issues, Healthcare Regulations, Church Tax/Legal Issues, Workplace Security, Job Descriptions, Mission Opportunity Awareness, Poverty and Benevolence, Creation Care and others.

To register: Contact Micheal Summers at 806-291-3407 or email summersm@wbu.edu. Make your payment to: WBU Office of Church Services, 1900 W 7th St, CMB 1290, Plainview, Tx 79072. The workshop is only \$100, which includes your dorm, meals, sessions, & commemorative shirt.

You can also contact Susan at the Area Office at 296-2751 for more information.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING: Bedding, pillow, toiletries, towels, comfortable clothing, medications, Bible, a small door prize and a fan/heater if needed.





A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

2014 Gordon Benson Associational Offering

The 2014 Gordon Benson Associational Offering will focus on "Completing the Task" to build a chapel at the Formby Unit east of Plainview. The material costs are approximately \$200,000 with the construction to be done by our own Texas Baptist Builders. Last year's goal of \$19,000 was exceeded by over \$5,000. These funds have been added to funds raised in the area by outside groups, and we stand today at approximately \$193,000. Our goal for this year's offering is \$20,000.

You will notice that that goal is \$17,000 over the approximately \$200,000 goal materials. That is correct! Have you ever been part of a building project where the cost stayed true? Also, this cost does not include our architectural drawings, furniture or a sound system. You do need to be aware that your Director of Missions as well as two representatives of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area sit on the steering committee for this project. If the project is fully funded with extra funds left over, they will be applied to next year's Associational Missions Offering.

We have received funds for the Gordon Benson Offering all of last year. However, those gifts that have been given since May 1, 2014, will be applied to the 2014 goal.

This project is more than an offering of dollars or even the building of a chapel but more about the hope in Christ that is brought to the inmates of the Wheeler/Formby Units. I will soon complete my volunteer certification to minister at this unit on a regular basis. I have preached in many different venues but find my greatest joy in sharing God's Word in this unique environment. The appreciation is overwhelming. You too can be a part of this ministry, as much or as little as you like. I would be more than happy to share with you how you and your church can become more involved.

Pray and give toward the goal of \$20,000 for the 2014 Gordon Benson Associational Missions Offering!

Pastorless Churches

As a pastor for thirty-seven years pastorless churches was not a major concern of mine. I was always member of a church that had a pastor! I did know about pastor search committees but that was about it. I knew that when a pastor search committee shows up, it can cause apprehension with both pastor and people! I personally remember one such committee coming on a Sunday night. It was five men who all had on dark suits and set together in the center section. It was like they were late for the funeral! However, as Director of Missions, I have become acutely aware that when one of our churches becomes pastorless it is of concern to that church. Being without a pastor brings a season of uncertainty, reevaluation, and many other things, including hope for the future.

Simply put, the choosing of a pastor is the most important decision a church ever makes. It affects everything. Perceptive church people know this. A church's dependence upon God is critical during the search, and also just good common sense helps.

Therefore, may we be in prayer today for our pastorless churches, and hold them up before the Lord that they might find His perfect will during this time of transition. Our pastorless churches are: FBC Matador, FBC Anton, FBC Dimmitt, Primera Littlefield, Bethel of Plainview, College Heights of Plainview, Gethsemane of Plainview, Northside of Plainview, and Stonebridge of Plainview. *FBC Hart is removed from this list as they unanimously called last Sunday Josh Faucett.*

RENEW THE VISION 2014

September 7 @ FBC Plainview
(Caprock & Staked Plains)

September 14 @ FBC Muleshoe
(Llanos Altos)

Events at both locations begin @ 3 PM

Save the date!

Christian Women's Job Corps Crosby County



The CWJC of Crosby County recently celebrated the graduation of six ladies from the program. During the ceremony, ladies

also gave their testimonies. Check out the CWJC of Crosby County on [Facebook](#) to see all of the great ministries going on. A new class is forming now for the Fall semester.



Christian Women's Job Corps
of Crosby County
202 West Aspen
Jacque James - 806-559-0092
Jane Morris - 806-778-8108

AREA PASTORS PLANNING MEETINGS



As part of the planning for the **Renew The Vision 2014** event this coming Fall, Dr. Griffin has been meeting with pastors of area churches. One such meeting involved Caprock Association pastors as they met to discuss the program and to get their take on the things that would help pastors and churches in their association. Pictured from left to right are G. J. Walton of FBC Silverton, Dr. Griffin, Melvin Clinton of FBC Turkey, and David Williams of FBC Paducah.

ANNUAL AFTER EASTER PASTOR/STAFF RETREAT 2014



We had a great group of pastors and staff members from our area churches participate in our After Easter Retreat at Plains Baptist Retreat and Conference Center near Floydada. The staff at the camp provided a great setting for us, with comfortable lodging, a delicious steak dinner on the first evening, with a full breakfast and delicious lunch the following day, as well as providing delightful home baked brownies and cinnamon rolls for our coffee breaks! The program on the first evening featured **Dr. Clint Lowin**,

Professor of Religion & Philosophy of Wayland. This part of the retreat focused on *Christian Leadership*. Dr. Lowin shared numerous tools to help pastors and staff evaluate and determine ministry styles and personalities, to aid in working together in ministry utilizing "Uniquely You, Personalizing My Faith" which is a ministry profile designed to help determine personality traits and styles. As part of the experience we participated in a team building activity involving dry spaghetti and a marshmallow. We had a great time but also learned a great lesson on working together. During the next morning our special guest was **Dr. Leslie Hollon, Senior Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of San Antonio.** This portion of the program was geared towards *Spiritual Formation*. Dr. Hollon shared an informative outline with us on a biblically based and historically informed approach to spirituality including LOVE, PRAYER, VIRTUE, EMPOWERMENT, COMPASSION, SCRIPTURE, EVANGELISM, COMMUNITY and LIFESTYLE. As always following our retreat, the pastors and staff all have a great time of fellowship and leave rested and renewed, ready to get back to the task of ministry in their local churches.



Plains Baptist Camp Director Wayne Davis, Food Service Director Ray Collier and Program Director Peter Stewart did a great job for us!



As always following our retreat, the pastors and staff all have a great time of fellowship and leave rested and renewed, ready to get back to the task of ministry in their local churches.





A MEMORABLE JOURNEY



Pictured L to R: Sharon Collins, Fred Herring, Emma Herring, Landon Jackson, Connie Westbrook, Peggy McKelvy, Sharon Jackson, Bobbie Robinson, Earlene Johnson, Nina Green, Unil Mackey, Atasha Brown, Willie Mackey, Carl Brown, Dr. Griffin, Zevien Adams and Jannine Collins.

MISSION BESSEMER, ALABAMA!

The Happy Union Baptist Church of Plainview traveled to Bessemer, Alabama, the last week of May to minister to the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in their 100th Anniversary Celebration. Happy Union's pastor Richard Miller brought powerful and energetic messages and the wonderful choir of Happy Union ministered with a mini concert each evening. Dr. Griffin spoke during the week's celebration on missions and the church from Matthew 28:19-20.

Places of interest that the group visited included the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. One of the many highlights was the choir's invitation to sing at the Historic 16th Street Baptist Church of Birmingham.



From L to R: Richard Miller, pastor, Happy Union-Plainview, Arthur Price, Jr., pastor, 16th Street Baptist Church of Birmingham, and Dr. Griffin.

Our group pictured in front of the church during our tour of the area which included several memorial landmarks, museums and parks.



Final service at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama, with their pastor, Victor L. Harkins, Sr., seated in the center front.



Taking a refreshing break for ice cream after the tour of the Historic 16th Street Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama.



If you have to travel 18 hours by bus, this is definitely the way to go!



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

June-July 2014

Serving the Churches of the Caprock, Llanos Altos and Staked Plains Associations
Assisting churches in extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth until the Great Commission is fulfilled!

Renew the Vision 2014

Sunday, September 7, 2014 FBC Plainview & Sunday, September 14, 2014 FBC Muleshoe

Schedule: (both locations the same)

2:00 PM Registration
2:30 PM Welcome Session
3:00 PM Session I
4:00 PM Session II
5:00 PM Session III
6:00 PM Celebration Supper
With After-Dinner Speaker

Our Planning Committee has worked diligently to organize topics that will serve your church and your lay leaders. There are numerous sessions from which you can choose, addressing different age groups. We also have a great group of session leaders.

SESSION TITLES:

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Teaching Today's Children
Safety Issues
Special Needs Children in the Church
Technology in the Classroom
Programming for Families
Ways of Reaching Others in our Communities

YOUTH/STUDENTS

Purpose of Sunday School
#whatsahastag: Social Media
How to Get Away from Parking Lot Preparation
Think Small: Small Groups
More Than a Teacher

ADULTS

How to Study & Prepare a Bible Lesson
What is Biblical Discipleship?
Practical Application of Discipleship
Teaching to Change Lives

GENERAL

Reaching Millennials
Small Group or Sunday School Strategy
Bridging the Gap Between Wednesday and Sunday Bible Drill
Planning a Successful Mission Trip, At Home or Abroad

SESSION LEADERS:



Diane Lane
President Children's Ministry
Texas Baptists



Brittany Godsy
Children's Minister
FBC Plainview

Robin Salazar
Children's Minister
FBC Muleshoe



Alana Carr
Children's Minister
FBC Littlefield



Dr. Scott Franklin
Education
Wayland Baptist University



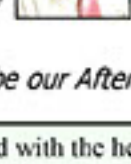
G. Eric Kaiser
Student Minister
FBC Plainview



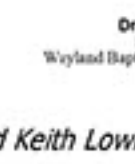
Dr. Stacy Conner
Pastor
FBC Muleshoe



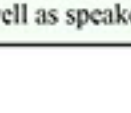
Phil Miller
Bible Study Discipleship/Resource
Texas Baptists



Keith Lowry
Children's Specialist
Texas Baptists



Dr. Rick Shaw
Dept. of Religion
Wayland Baptist University



Dr. Clinton Lowry
Dept. of Religion
Wayland Baptist University

There will be a Celebration Supper at 6 PM and Keith Lowry will be our After-Dinner Speaker.

Sponsored by Caprock Plains Baptist Area in cooperation with the host churches and with the help of numerous session leaders provided by our sister churches and educators from Wayland Baptist University as well as speakers/leaders from Texas Baptists.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Renew the Vision 2014

Bible study and discipleship are at the heart of what we do as churches of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area. The front page of the newsletter introduces you to at least 18 different workshops for you and your church. Also, we have a great group of session leaders. This conference will be at two different locations. For the Caprock and Staked Plains Associations the place is FBC Plainview on September 7, beginning with registration at 2 PM on Sunday afternoon. The second conference, *which will be identical to the first*, is on September 14 at FBC Muleshoe for the Llanos Altos area. The schedule times are the same. *(If one of the dates works better for you or your church, feel free to attend at either location.)*

We will be sending a conference brochure and promotional DVD for use on Sunday morning to all of our churches. The eleven member planning committee has been tremendous in organization and vision. Each one of these marvelous people not only serve effectively in their local church but have been willing to invest their time in helping other churches of this area excel in ministry.

Take a close look at the different workshops. Are there at least three that would be helpful to you or someone else in your church? Make plans to be with us this September as we do together what we cannot do alone!

On Mission With Happy Union!

It was my distinct pleasure to travel with the Happy Union Baptist Church as it went to Bessemer, Alabama, on their mission trip. We left at 7 AM on a Sunday morning and returned at 3:30 AM on a Saturday morning! What a trip! In between it was a delightful time of making new friends, ministering to others, and sharing the hope of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This trip allowed Pastor Miller to return to his hometown where he left as a high school senior to come to a community college in Texas on a basketball scholarship and later transferred to the Wayland Baptist Pioneers for two years. He was an exceptional collegiate player. I am so thankful the Lord called him to ministry here in the South Plains, specifically to Happy Union Baptist Church, first as a worker with youth and evangelism and now as their bi-vocational pastor. He preached powerful messages each evening!

Of course, hearing the Happy Union choir each evening was a special blessing. I was so thankful to listen to them minister and be a blessing to the people at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Their consistent high quality of music has blessed many on the South Plains, both in our churches and in other venues. As I listen to them, I realize how the love of Christ can be so effectively communicated through song and the spirit of those who sing. May God bless them and each of our churches who reach out in the name of Jesus.



28th Annual Bivocational/Smaller Church Conference
July 11-12, 2014
Baptist University of the Americas
8019 S Pan Am Expressway, San Antonio, TX 78224

Registration Fee: \$40 per Adult (Your Children & Youth are Free)
Contact: Richard Ray @ www.bivocational.com or by phone @ 432-202-1526
Numerous Seminars Include: *Sermon Preparation, Pastor to Pastor, New to Ministry, Don't Get Stuck, Gifts Assessment & Ladies Beauty Spa.*
Teen Activities feature Cory DeVito. Also, includes a Riverwalk Adventure!

It's VBS time!
What's your favorite Vacation Bible School memory?



CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

Email
caprockplains@nta-online.net
Website
caprockplains.org

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley

Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody



50th ANNUAL CHURCH SECRETARIES WORKSHOP

July 16-18, 2014, 6 p.m. Wednesday through lunch on Friday

Attention: All ministry assistants, church secretaries, financial secretaries: It's time to get ready for the annual Church Secretaries Workshop. This year we will be celebrating our 50th Annual Meeting. Put these dates on your calendar now, register using the information below and make your plans to be there.

Our emphasis this year is JUBILEE

Isaiah 61:1-2 "The Lord has anointed me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Various topics: Social Media & Privacy Issues, Healthcare Regulations, Church Tax/Logal Issues, Workplace Security, Job Descriptions, Mission Opportunity Awareness, Poverty and Benevolence, Creation Care and others.

To register: Contact Micheal Summers at 806-291-3407 or email summersm@wbu.edu. Make your payment to: WBU Office of Church Services, 1900 W 7th St, CMB 1290, Plainview, Tx 79072. The workshop is only \$100, which includes your dorm, meals, sessions, & commemorative shirt.

You can also contact Susan at the Area Office at 296-2751 for more information.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING: Bedding, pillow, toiletries, towels, comfortable clothing, medications, Bible, a small door prize and a fan/heater if needed.

Welcome New Pastors to the Area

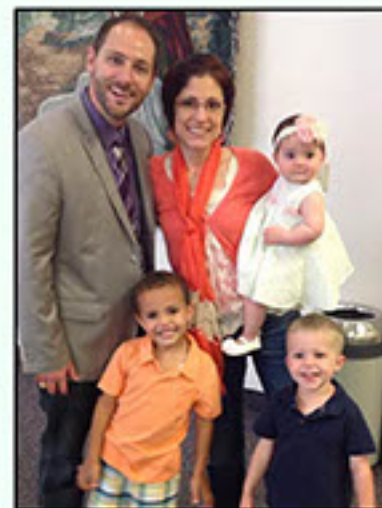
We are happy to welcome new pastors and their families to our area churches. Remember to share your staff changes with us here at the Area Office.



Northside Baptist of Plainview welcomes **Rob Bridwell & his wife Renee**. Many of us already know Rob as he has served in our area before and lives and works here in Plainview.

Be in prayer for these congregations and for these pastors and their families as they go forth in their new journey together!

FBC of Hart welcomes **Josh Fawcett, wife Jessica and daughter Hailly**. Jessica is an educator in the Math Department at Wayland.



College Heights of Plainview welcomes **Jason Smith along with his wife Laine and their children, Eyan, Eli and Lilly**. Jason comes from a church in DeSoto and he will begin his ministry at College Heights in late July.

Looking for Mission Activities?

For information regarding mission activities for any age group or ability, there are numerous sites to check for opportunities. Listed below are just a few:

- * Check out the EVENTS section with Texas Baptists at www.texasbaptists.org or contact ryan.jespersen@texasbaptists.org or steve.seaberry@texasbaptists.org
- * Go to your local camp page such as Plains Baptist Camp and Conference center at www.pbccamp.org
- * Numerous opportunities through SBTC at their website sbtc.org
- * Opportunities to give and serve through Buckner International at www.buckner.org/missions
- * Disaster Relief/Response Efforts at www.texasbaptistmen.org

There are opportunities everywhere. Your local church and association can help you find a place to serve this summer or any time of year!



ANNUAL GORDON BENSON MISSIONS OFFERING



2014 GOAL
\$20,000

COMPLETING THE TASK
Of the Formby Chapel Fund

2013 Goal ~ \$19,000
2013 Receipts ~ \$24,299.56

FBC TULIA HOSTS COMMUNITY-WIDE OUTREACH EVENT

When FBC Tulia decided on a summer missions event it didn't involve traveling to a foreign land. It was decided that there was a great need to reach out to their community. This event turned into a week-long effort by those of the congregation who committed to participate and donated their time and talents to the multiple tasks ahead. It involved a team preparing three meals for the volunteers each day. It also involved numerous much-needed community service projects including painting, building projects, and even improving local play areas. Each day there was time for Bible study and fellowship. On the 4th of July at the annual city wide fireworks display the church hosted a community hamburger dinner. They gave out over 250 meals. Also given out were Bibles and evangelistic materials as well as offers of prayer support and connection to the church and its members who wanted to reach out to the community. **Pastor Jason Stone** leads this vibrant congregation.



Flipping burgers at the grill (L to R): Paul Swanson & Clint Lewis



Painting (L to R): Jeff Mabry, Michael Clawson, & Sherella Lewis



Dr. Griffin helping at the July 4th hamburger giveaway. He also spoke each noon on missions from the book of Acts



Getting the Playground Ready!



Serving in the kitchen (L to R): Linda Swanson, Rachelle Culifer, Jessica Walker & Karen Barnett



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

Serving the Churches of the Caprock, Llanos Altos and Staked Plains Associations
Assisting churches in extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth until the Great Commission is fulfilled!

August 2014

Renew the Vision 2014

Sunday, September 7, 2014 FBC Plainview & Sunday, September 14, 2014 FBC Muleshoe

Schedule: (both locations the same)

2:00 PM Registration
2:30 PM Welcome Session
3:00 PM Session I
4:00 PM Session II
5:00 PM Session III
6:00 PM Celebration Supper
with After-Dinner Speaker

SESSION TITLES:

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Teaching Today's Children
Safety Issues
Special Needs Children in the Church
Technology in the Classroom
Programming for Families
Ways of Reaching Others in our Communities

YOUTH & STUDENTS

Purpose of Sunday School
#whatsahastag: Social Media
How to Get Away from Parking Lot Preparation
Think Small: Small Groups
More Than a Teacher

ADULTS

How to Study & Prepare a Bible Lesson
What is Biblical Discipleship?
Practical Application of Discipleship
Teaching to Change Lives

GENERAL

Reaching Millennials
Small Group or Sunday School Strategy
Bridging the Gap Between Wednesday and Sunday
Bible Drill
Planning a Successful Mission Trip, At Home or Abroad



Diane Lane
Preschool Children's Ministry
Texas Baptists



Robin Salazar
Children's Minister
FBC Muleshoe



Dr. Scott Franklin
Educator
Wayland Baptist University



Dr. Stacy Conner
Pastor
FBC Muleshoe



Dr. Rick Shaw
Missions Center
Wayland Baptist University



Phil Miller
Bible Study/Discipleship/Resources
Texas Baptists



Keith Lowry
Consultant Specialist
Texas Baptists



Chris Riley
Student Minister
Monterey Baptist Church
Lubbock



Dr. Clinton Lowin
Dept of Religion & Philosophy
Wayland Baptist University



Alana Carr
Children's Minister
FBC Littlefield



Brittany Godsy
Children's Minister
FBC Plainview



G. Eric Kaiser
Student Minister
FBC Plainview



Craig Woody
Student Minister
FBC Olton

There will be a Celebration Supper at 6 PM and Keith Lowry will be our After-Dinner Speaker.

Sponsored by Caprock Plains Baptist Area in cooperation with the host churches and with the help of numerous session leaders provided by our sister churches and educators from Wayland Baptist University as well as speakers/leaders from Texas Baptists.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

The Importance of Discipleship: What if your church asked you to come to church from 11 to 12, give a check, and then leave happy, happy, happy!

This model is not as improbable as you think. Sometimes by default we move to it, but most of our churches of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area have made a great commitment to some form of Bible study both on Sunday morning and outreach on Wednesday evening. Strengthening these ties is the goal of our Renew the Vision 2014.

Bible study is a time that you sit down with fellow believers and hopefully potential believers to study, share and just have a time of wonder at the mysteries of God's Word. With those who gather around us, we not only enjoy studying God's Word, but we fellowship together, care for each other, and become partners in a common faith.

In Renew the Vision 2014 we have 18 workshops to help strengthen ministry to children, youth, adults and areas of general interest. A few great examples would be in the children's area in relating to the total ministry to a family. In the youth area, leaders will see ways of becoming friends of youth as well as their teacher. Adults will be inspired in the area of how to study and be ready for Sunday morning. In a general interest area, you can learn ways of planning a mission trip or strengthening the relationship between a great Wednesday night ministry and a Sunday morning.

Also, I personally am envisioning something else. That is just the joy and inspiration of coming together of the people from our churches both large and small, sitting down together not only in times of learning but just fellowship and enjoying a great meal in the evening. Many times we get isolated in our ministries and do not realize that others have some of the same challenges and joys that we do.

Encourage those of your church to come with you. You can only be a part of three workshops so divide the workshops among those in your church so you can share what you have learned with others, perhaps in your same area.

MORE NEW FACES IN THE AREA



Stone-bridge Fellowship of Plainview welcomes the family of Brad and Amy Miles. Brad will be their new pastor, beginning August 3. Both are on the faculty at Wayland. Brad is Student Activities Director and Amy teaches Academic Achievement. They have two daughters, Carsen, age 13, and Sadie, age 5.

COMPAÑERISMO SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the local Hispanic Fellowship (Compañerismo de los Planos) presents scholarships to students from their churches to encourage them to attend college at Wayland. July's Compañerismo celebration included the presentation of these scholarships. Crystal Rodriguez, 2014 WBU Graduate, was honored as one for the first to receive this scholarship in 2011.

Pictured here with Dr. Griffin (L to R):

Marcos Alvidrez,
Ruby Garcia,
Amy Minajas,
Jeff Vera
and
Crystal Rodriguez



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN THE AREA

100 Years
of
Ministry



FBC Flomot
Sunday, August 24
11 AM—1 PM
Meal to follow
Flomot Community Center



FBC LITTLEFIELD
September 6 & 7

Saturday, 10 AM - 3 PM
Remembering Church History
6 PM Celebration Dinner
Sunday, 10 AM
Worship Service

FBC PADUCAH HOSTS AN EVENT FOR THE WOMEN OF THEIR COMMUNITY



This May the FBC of Paducah hosted a "Widow's Banquet" to reach out to the ladies of their community. Over 23 ladies attended and were treated to chicken spaghetti, salad and all the trimmings. Pastor David Williams headed the program. Phyllis Jones, WMU President, offered closing comments. The WMU ALSO displayed their missions projects, including homemade dolls for Macedonian



children that will be taken by Dr. Rick Shaw of Wayland Baptist University's Mission Center when he goes on his next mission trip.



CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

2301 Utica Street
Plainview, Texas 79072
Phone: 806-296-2751
Fax: 806-296-2755
Check us out on FACEBOOK

Email
caprockplains@nts-online.net
Website
caprockplains.org

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley

Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody

CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA CELEBRATION LUNCHEON and BAPTISTERY PAINTING DEDICATION



Several months ago one of our congregations, FBC Spade, decided to close its doors after many years of service to their community and the area. After all the church furnishings were given to other churches who could use them, the final item was the baptistery painting. In thinking over what to do that would pay homage to our churches long past it was decided that the painting would be framed. Getting it down from inside the baptistery was difficult. Getting to the area office and having someone see if it could be restored proved to be a success! David O'Brien (left) of O'Brien's Framing was able to stretch and frame the very large painting. Then, local artist, Sally Eaves, (next to Dr. Griffin) agreed to try her hand restoring the painting. Upon completion, CPBA hosted a luncheon for area pastors, staff, and visitors to dedicate the painting to the memory of our churches who may be gone but are responsible for the early beginnings of the Caprock Plains Baptist Area and many churches and ministries to come. As part of the great fellowship Betty Griffin and Susan Barkley served a lunch of pulled pork sliders, cole slaw, and all the trimmings!



DID YOU KNOW?

There are year-round events and trainings through Texas Baptists and Southern Baptists of Texas. Check out both websites and events calendars to find training and events that will help you, your Sunday School/Study groups, various age groups, mission study groups, and your entire church. Many you can register for just by going to their websites. There are all types of events and locations. Go to the websites of texasbaptists.org or sbtexas.com for more events and project ideas and further details. Both are working on updating their websites and events calendars right now!

Renew the Vision 2014 Muleshoe Event

The second RTV 2014 event was held at FBC Muleshoe. Again, we had a great crowd and had a wonderful time, with special speakers in each session. Pictured here to the left is Diane Lane of Texas Baptists, who led children's teachers and workers in sessions in the Children's Department of FBC Muleshoe. This also gave them a chance to see the department facilities while they learned great things from Diane on caring for and reaching the children of their community and congregations.

Workers and session leaders from numerous churches around our area participated! Here Robin Salazar, Betty Griffin and Debbie Conner help as participants register and take a



program to select the sessions that they will attend at the RTV 2014 event. Sessions were held for teachers and workers for all age groups and interests.

Dr. Stacy Conner, (to the right) pastor of FBC Muleshoe, led in a session called *How to Study and Prepare a Bible Lesson*.



Other sessions were led by representatives from Texas Baptists. Pictured on the right, Keith Lowry led sessions in Biblical Discipleship, Teaching and Application of Scriptures, as well as provided an encouraging and entertaining program during the evening meal. Also from Texas Baptists, Phil Miller, (pictured left) led in sessions entitled Reaching Millennials and Practical Application of Discipleship, as well as Small Group and Sunday School Strategies. Phil and Keith serve our churches through Bible Study, Discipleship and Church Ministry Resources and are available to assist your congregation.



Our host churches did a great job providing our location, organizing the classrooms and providing a great meal! (Pictured here - FBC Muleshoe)



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

October
2014

Serving the Churches of the
Caprock, Llanos Altos & Staked Plains Associations

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

NEW JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR PASTOR



Mary & Josh Williams

This past weekend New Jerusalem Fellowship of Plainview honored their pastor and his wife, Josh and Mary Williams, marking their one-year anniversary. Guest pastors came from area churches, including David Gardner of Rehoboth Fellowship of Plainview and Matthew Veals of New Fellowship and Citychurch of Tulsa.

Pastor Josh Williams came to the area from years of ministry in Louisiana and we have been blessed having him here. He and his sweet wife have been a great addition to our community and to the Caprock Plains Baptist Area.



Representing Pastor Williams' family were (left to right) Natalie (twin sister of) Natalie, who is the Williams' daughter-in-law, then Mary & Josh, and their sons Jeremy & Jonathan.

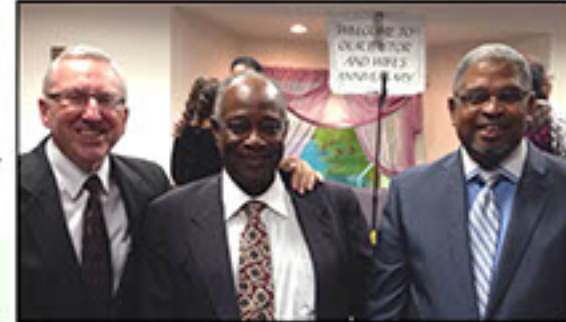


David Gardner, Pastor, Rehoboth Fellowship, Plainview

Guest pastors also included Richard Miller of Happy Union and Willie Ansley, Sr., of Greater New Hope, as well as Essie Givens of Good Samaritan. It was a great time of fellowship, including music from singers of New Jerusalem and a guest group from Rehoboth brought wonderful special music.

THEME: My Profession

Luke 4:18 'The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor.'



Dr. Griffin with pastors Matthew Veals and David Gardner.



Matthew Veals, Pastor, New Fellowship and Citychurch ministry, Tulsa



Presiding over the day's program were Lucern Shannon and Charlesetta Smoots.



Musical celebration by Wykiesha Thompson, Quandra Riddley, Tiffany Williams, Janice Hall & Co-Pastor Sandra Gardner of Rehoboth Fellowship.

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTIONS



2014 Baptist General
Convention of Texas
November 16-18, 2014
Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas



SBTC ANNUAL MEETING
November 10-11
SWBTS, Fort Worth

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES

Attention: Pastors, Church Secretaries, Church Clerks



If you have not returned your Annual Church Profile to the Area Office, it is not too late! Your information may not make it to an associational annual meeting but it will definitely be reported and will be included in our Area Book for the end of the year. If you have questions, please give me a call or email. If you submit your report online I still need a copy here to be able to complete our records!

Susan, Ministry Assistant



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

FORMBY CHAPEL

For two years now we have focused on working with other churches and groups on the South Plains to build a chapel at the Formby Unit near Plainview. Dreams have been dreamed and money has been raised! Yet, there still is no chapel.

I am grateful that over the past two years our Caprock Plains Baptist Area churches have given over \$26,000.

When linked with other resources in the area almost \$200,000 has been given or pledged to this effort, but still there is no chapel or a projected start date to begin building. This is sad. However, a long-awaited key meeting with officials from Huntsville of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will take place at the Wheeler Unit on Friday, November 14. The local committee that is guiding this project, From Here to Eternity, Inc., will meet with the decision makers from the TDCJ on where exactly to place the chapel and move toward final approval of our architectural plans. For various reasons this meeting and these decisions have been a long time in coming.

My prayer request is that you pray for this meeting and that we would find favor in a place to build the chapel and approval of the plans. The decision makers will be in the room. Join me in prayer that things will move forward.

Two weeks ago our chapel committee met with the new warden at the Wheeler Unit, which includes the Formby Unit as well, Warden Charles McDuffie. It was a wonderful meeting. Warden McDuffie is excited about this project and has assigned it a high priority. That is wonderful news! Also, a side note, on November 1, the Wheeler Unit will be welcoming a new chaplain. This is critical in our ongoing ministry to the inmates and staff of this institution.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

We have been blessed with two great annual meetings. At the Caprock Association meeting in Paducah we welcomed the returning moderator Tim Franks, FBC Floydada, vice moderator G.J. Walton, FBC Silverton, treasurer Kyle Smith, and clerk Terry Simmons, both of FBC Floydada. From the Staked Plains Association meeting in Cotton Center we welcomed the new moderator, Dr. Tim Marrow, FBC Plainview, vice moderator Kris Knippa, FBC Hale Center, clerk Eddy Helms, Calvary Tulia, and treasurer George Meriwether, FBC Plainview.



We look forward to seeing all the fine folks of the Llanos Altos Association at our third annual meeting at:

FBC Littlefield on November 2, beginning at 4 PM

See you then!

On the program at the Caprock meeting

Phil Miller, Texas Baptists
David Williams, FBC Paducah, Host Pastor
Dillon Fox, FBC Paducah, Youth, provided special music
Tim Franks, Pastor, FBC Floydada, Moderator
G.J. Walton, Pastor, FBC Silverton, Annual Sermon



The messengers and guests from the churches of the Caprock Association met for yearly business, reports, fellowship and celebrated in worship at FBC Paducah

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

In September FBC of Littlefield, along with the entire community of Littlefield, celebrated their centennial. The weekend was filled with celebration and fellowship. Shown here Dr. Griffin is presenting pastor Dr. Brian Hill with a plaque commemorating this milestone.



STAFF NEWS FROM HAPPY UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sarah Wallace of Happy Union Baptist Church was installed as Minister to Students at Happy Union Baptist Church, where she has served in ministry to children and assisted her husband Rodney, who has also served as Minister to Students and recently became the Associate Pastor.

Sarah and Rodney have been members for some time and



are great ministers not only in their congregation but also serving in their community.

Pictured here with her brother, John Silva, who spoke about Sarah and then with the group who prayed over her as she enters into this new part of her ministry at Happy Union Baptist Church of Plainview.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE AT FBC SPRINGLAKE

If you think your *Annual Church Profile* information is not important, through the recent report from FBC Springlake we noticed a *new name* under pastor and were able to make a connection with a great new staff member!

Rob and his wife Judy Norris have joined



fellowship with FBC Springlake where Rob will serve that congregation as pastor. Rob is from Colorado and attended Southwest Baptist University in Missouri and the New Orleans Seminary. He has been in the ministry for 40 years, pastoring in Louisiana, Colorado, and South Carolina, as well as serving with the International Mission Board in Suriname, South America, and as a Director of Missions in Denver. Judy is a retired teacher from New Mexico, with two degrees from Eastern New Mexico University and her Ed.D. from University of Northern Colorado. They have seven adult children and four grandchildren. We look forward to visiting with Rob and Judy at our Llanos Altos Annual Meeting!

SECOND HALF CELEBRATION at FIRST BAPTIST OF AMARILLO



Dr. Griffin attended a great event at FBC Amarillo this month. The focus of the event was how to minister to Seniors/Boomers. The Boomers are one of the largest groups of people now entering their Senior Years. Reaching Boomers is going to be different than the seniors of generations gone past. Breakout sessions such as "Extreme Grand Parenting" and "Boomer Evangelism" as well as practical sessions such as "Estate Planning" and "Scams Prevention" were offered. Don Newbury, Chancellor of Howard Payne University, challenged the group with humor and experience. Another special speaker was Neal Jeffrey, former All-American quarterback of Baylor University and for the San Diego Chargers. He has a wonderful testimony and now speaks to groups and churches from coast to coast. Pictured here with Dr. Griffin is Neal and his wife Sheila. They live in Dallas and have three grown children. He is also an author and his information is available at nealjeffrey.com.

CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

2301 Utica Street
Plainview, Texas 79072
Phone: 806-296-2751
Fax: 806-296-2755
Check us out on FACEBOOK

Email
caprockplains@nts-online.net
Website
caprockplains.org

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley

Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody

FUN AROUND THE AREA

TRUNK or TREAT & Fall Festivals

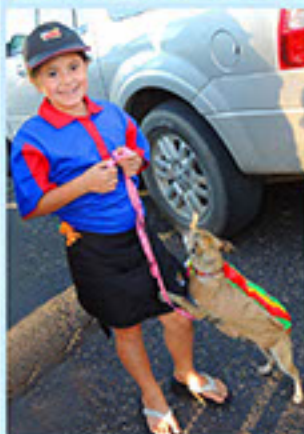
FBC LITTLEFIELD



Off to see the wizard are: Aspen & Amanda Cantu, Alana & Ty Carr, & Jonathan Cantu.



REACHING COMMUNITIES



FUN!

FBC MOLESHOE



FBC Moleshoe staff Quinton Poe, (Youth) and Robin Salazar (Children) really get into character during this event!



Caprock Plains Baptist Area

Serving the Churches of the Caprock, Llanos Altos & Staked Plains Associations



November
2014

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

ONE
SACRED
EFFORT

FIND YOUR PLACE
IN GOD'S STORY

2014 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering National Goal: \$175 Million

Every **OUR 2013 REPORTED CPBA AREA-WIDE GIVING: \$125,000** per-
ny goes to
support international missionaries and their ministries.

Why should your church give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Last year, nearly 4,900 missionaries reported:

- * Nearly 1,700,000 heard the Gospel
- * More than 235,000 became new believers
- * 141 new people groups were engaged

Be part of God's **ONE SACRED EFFORT**. Join with thousands of other churches and lead your church to give so that more will hear.

Learn more about Lottie Moon and other International Mission Board missionaries and order resources at imbresources.org or call (800) 999-3113.

Matthew 28:19-20 GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them what I have commanded you, and remember, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, to the end of the age.



53rd ANNUAL MEETING OF LLANOS ALTOS ASSOCIATION at FBC LITTLEFIELD Final Annual Meeting for 2014



Program Personalities:
Russ Ponder, Pastor FBC Farwell, Annual Sermon
Brian Mullins, Pastor FBC Bovina, Incoming Moderator
Diane Lane, Texas Baptists, Childhood Ministries Specialist
Israel Martinez, Worship Pastor, FBC Littlefield, Worship in Music
Dr. Brian Hill, Pastor FBC Littlefield, Outgoing Moderator

We can't believe the year is coming to an end. We have had a great year, full of special events. As we finish up annual church profiles, books of reports, and other things that have to be done before the year ends, we look forward to a great 2015! We had three great annual meetings this year. Our final annual meeting was with the folks of the Llanos Altos Association on November 2, 2014. A great number were in attendance (At one time we counted at least 55 during the beginning of the business meeting and others came in or were on their way). Everyone enjoyed a great time of business, organizational reports, food and fellowship, as well as music and worship. Hosting this meeting were the great people of FBC Littlefield, where Dr. Brian Hill



Russ Ponder, Pastor
FBC Farwell



serves as senior pastor. Dr. Hill is the outgoing 2013-2014 Associational Moderator, and has done a great job this year! Leading the musical portion of the event was Israel Martinez, Worship Pastor, FBC Littlefield, with wonderful musicians who assisted him. After a break for a wonderful dinner the evening session featured an encouraging annual sermon by Russ Ponder, pastor of FBC Farwell. As part of the business, new officers were elected, a new budget and calendar year were approved, and plans were made for a great 2014-2015 year ahead!



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Weather Can Change Everything!

This past Sunday the longer Betty and I stayed at church, FBC Lockney, the worse the weather became. I was there to bring words of encouragement during their time of transition as they seek God's guidance for a new pastor. Before the service there was a meeting. It was decided there would be no evening service because of the coming snow storm. No matter where you are, there is nothing that excites a Baptist congregation like a canceled service! As I spoke I could see out the back of the church. The sleet and snow starting going by the window sideways! The correct decision had been made! We saw this inclement weather coming five days ago as forecasts were made for the potential of snow on Sunday. This led me to pray, "Why Sunday, Lord? Let it be Monday!" Snow never helps the attendance of a worship service. As the service proceeded Sunday morning the weather grew more and more severe. However, this Sunday morning warmed my heart. As I entered the church I saw a group of men studying the Bible. I rejoiced to see a slew of young people coming in and sitting together. In the service I rejoiced when children came forward to recite their memory verses. The time of praise lifted my spirit to heaven. Then people were invited to bring their Christmas Child Shoeboxes to the altar to be blessed as they will be sent to children around the world. Scores and scores of filled shoeboxes were brought to the altar by people from all parts of the sanctuary. The storm raged outside but inside it was warm and my heart was renewed. I agree with the psalmist when he said, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

This Newsletter

This newsletter is filled with ways our churches are reaching and influencing people in their communities. May your church be diligent in seeking God's will for heavenly plans to influence your community for Jesus Christ. You will certainly want to note on the front page the plea for the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Few of our churches could afford to support just one full time missionary family but together we can support over 4,000. *Let this offering be a part of your life this blessed season.*

Pure Evil

In each of our three annual meetings, I spoke in my time of reporting the plight of Peter Kassig being held by Islamic militants as an example of trauma in the world that your church has to work. I noted especially the pleas and prayers of his parents, Ed and Paula Kassig, for his release. How sad it was to see the report of his execution this past week in what **President Obama** calls an act of "pure evil". Mr. Kassig was the fourth killed in such a horrific way. The Prince of Peace seems at times so far away but He is near the broken hearted! May in the days ahead His compassion be seen even more clearly in the lives of His bold servants. *These are challenging days.*

COMPUTERS FOR CWJC



Scott Willingham of Texas Baptists, and Dr. Les Griffin

The Area Office recently received 10 computers to be used in the Christian Women's Job Corps ministry. Texas Baptists have been going through upgrades of equipment and graciously offered their outgoing computers to us to be used with this great ministry. After these are loaded with

appropriate software they will be delivered to the CWJC of Floyd County to be used in their training programs for women, which include English, GED courses, keyboard training, job training, etc. We are excited about how this donation will greatly benefit the women and the volunteers in this program.

JOINT MINISTRY EFFORT IN DIMMITT

The congregations of FBC Dimmitt and Primera of Dimmitt have recently reconnected in a joint effort to better serve the people of Dimmitt. At this time they are working together in an ESL (English as a Second Language) ministry. Primera also has been raising funds to add a fellowship hall to their facility. It is great to see these two congregations working together in the ESL program and other future efforts to meet the needs of their community and to share Christ! **Jonathan Sullivan** (third from left) is pastor of FBC Dimmitt and **Salvador Carrasco** (third from right) is pastor of Primera Iglesia Dimmitt.



REVIVAL SERVICES AT FBC TULIA

Dr. D. L. Lowrie, long-time pastor, teacher, mentor and evangelist, is pictured here with pastor of FBC Tulia, **Jason Stone**. Dr. Lowrie recently led revival services at FBC Tulia. Dr. Lowrie is a long-time friend of our area and assists us in many ways. He will be leading our January Bible Study. Dr. Lowrie has been preaching the Gospel for 60 years! He has served in numerous churches in Texas and beyond, including FBC Lubbock. He and his wife Alice have four sons, three of them pastors and one a successful businessman. FBC Tulia and pastor Jason have had a great year serving and reaching out to their community, sharing the love of Jesus Christ!



ANNUAL TAX SEMINAR

led by Dan Whitehurst, CPA



Thursday, December 11, 2014
Caprock Plains Baptist Area Office
Conference Room
2301 Utica

Minister Tax Seminar 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Church Tax Seminar 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

RSVP 296-2751 or email caprockplains@nts-online.net

CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA

Director of Missions
Dr. Lester B. Griffin
Ministry Assistant
Susan Barkley

Church Start Consultant
John Silva
Webmaster
Katie Woody

2301 Utica Street
Plainview, Texas 79072
Phone: 806-296-2751
Fax: 806-296-2755
Check us out on FACEBOOK

Email
caprockplains@nts-online.net
Website
caprockplains.org

January Bible Study with Dr. D. L. Lowrie
January 19, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Wayland, McClung Building, Room U211



We have ordered some Leaders Guides for this event. They cost the Area Office \$12.95 each. You may purchase one from us or make a donation towards this expense.

The Leaders Guides contain a CD-ROM with leader helps, sermon and worship ideas, and promotional materials for a total of 8 sessions to use with your Bible Study group or congregation.

Great September Revival Parkview Littlefield



Pictured here with pastor Dick Hatfield (left), are Vanessa and Paul Cherry.

If you haven't experienced a revival service with **Paul and Vanessa Cherry**, you have missed a great experience. Parkview Baptist Church of Littlefield, where **Dick Hatfield** is the pastor, hosted the Cherrys September 14-17 in revival. The Cherrys have served faithfully in revival ministry for 30+ years. Paul and Vanessa are gifted musically and Paul leads in a great message in each service.

Each service included fellowship before or after each service. Monday was men's night, with brisket and all the trimmings with a special message called "Biblical View of Men's Place in God's Plan." The Tuesday evening service was focused on being a great wife and mother in today's world. There was a great salad supper that evening before services. On Wednesday an ice cream social followed the final night of revival. There was great attendance at each service. The Cherrys do an average of 40 revivals and musical concerts each year. Their goal is to challenge Christians to live a life that exemplifies Christ each day!

Join in the Journey Women's Conference



October 2nd marked the fifth "Join in the Journey Conference". This event is a fundraiser for the Christian Women's Job Corps. The theme this year was "The Fabric of Our Lives" and showed how God pieces our lives together, scraps and all, to reveal Himself in us. It was a great day with 186 women attending. **Athe Sue**, **Jane Harrison**, and **Tammy Aten** were the speakers and the **Atens** provided special music. This year over \$4200 was raised from this event for the CWJC which offers new options for women in need of education, occupation, and assistance with home and family skills, to better their lives.

For more information you can contact
Connie Johnson at:
connie.l.johnson.isw1@statefarm.com