

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
of PBA churches staff and their families

**Birthdays**

Date	Name	Church
8	Michael Carter	Guymon, FBC Pastor
8	Hessed Facio	Beaver, Hispanic Pastors daughter
9	Tyler Thompson	Keyes, FBC Pastors son
10	Jacee Coffey	BCM Directors daughter
11	David Moore	Guymon, Sunset Lane Pastor

**Anniversaries**

Date	Name	Church
11	John & Linda O'Leary	Guymon, FBC Secretary & husband

(If your birthday or anniversary was not included, or the date is wrong, please let me know. Lula)

**CALENDAR EVENTS**

**February**

- 15 VBS Training, OKC Southern Hills**
- 18 Office Closed, Presidents Day**
- 23 Work Day, 9-? Gibson Baptist Camp**
- 23 Panhandle Seniors for Christ, noon @ Gibson Baptist Camp**
- 23 Bold Praying, all day. Gibson Baptist Camp**

**March**

- 3-6 Revival at Goodwell BC, Tyler McDowell, preaching/ Jeff Petillo, music 6:30 p.m. nightly**
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions**
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins, set clocks up 1 hour**
- 17-20 Rock Springs BC @ GBC, work projects**
- 30 Vacation Bible School Clinic, Guymon, FBC, 9-noon**

**April**

- 12-13 Women's Retreat, Falls Creek**
- 21 Easter**
- 22 Office Closed, Easter Monday**
- 26-27 Men's Retreat, Falls Creek**

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One Body, One Spirit, Working Together

Ministries of PBA:  
**Gibson Baptist Camp**  
"GBC"  
Hardesty OK  
**Baptist Collegiate Ministries**  
"BCM"  
Goodwell OK  
**Hispanic Ministries**  
Disaster Relief Trailer

*Panhandle Baptist Association newsletter*

March 2019

Day of Prayer, Work, Fellowship  
Gibson Baptist Camp  
Work 9-?, Prayer 1-?, Fellowship noon-?  
Saturday, February 23, 2019  
At Camp Gibson  
Panhandle Seniors for Christ  
will host this day  
Zane Newton will be our guest and lead us in times of prayer throughout the day  
**RSVP-for meal @ noon by Wednesday, February 20th**

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**Sending Hope**  
Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions  
March 3-10, 2019  
I Peter 1:3

"He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

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## Tom's Thoughts

In an effort to keep up with the news of our Denomination, I receive and read several informational email's. One such is "Facts and Trends", and is published by LifeWay. I believe it is especially written for pastors and others in church leadership, although it is available for anyone to read. Yesterdays article, (2-13-19) was about a recent survey of pastors by LifeWay Research. The title of the article was, *Pastors Face Future of the Church with Optimism*. The opening statement reads, "Pastors are eager to reach the next generation for Christ as well as growing the size, diversity, and level of discipleship within their congregations, according to a new survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors by Nashville-based LifeWay Research."

As I read this, I wondered, is this true with the pastors and leaders of the churches of our Association? May I challenge us, the churches of the Panhandle, to give thought to how we see the future. Are we eager and have a sense of optimism (hope) for God's plan for the future of our churches?

The article noted that overwhelmingly the number one concern of those surveyed was, Reaching the Next Generation. Their optimism was based in part in their taking the gospel to the next generation. In and of ourselves this is impossible. Jesus assured His disciples He would build His church. And in Acts we see how He created and used the church to build His Church. I am convinced that His plan has not changed. So our true optimism must be found in our Lord and His plan to use us for His glory.

The second concern was Lack of Discipleship. This concern was Jesus' concern as well, as His commission instructed His disciples (the Church to) '... **make disciples, teaching them to observe all that He had taught them.**...' The next two concerns expressed the basis of the first two concerns, '*declining interest in matters of faith,*' and '*lack of member commitment.*' Again we must allow the Lord to work through us as we make disciples, teaching the truth of the Word and live as examples.

So where are we? On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will host the first Panhandle Seniors for Christ gathering for the New Year. The hope in gathering is for us to come together in the fellowship of a meal and time of prayer. Paul wrote what has been my life verse(s) for over thirty-five years **Colossians 3:23-24 'Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.'** While this is written for the individual, I believe it applies to the churches as well. So may I encourage all the pastors, the seniors and the individuals to come and join together in prayer for the future of the churches, the Association, and Camp Gibson. I share optimism of those who were surveyed, for I believe God is still in the business of building His Church, churches.  
In His love... Tom



## Vacation Bible School Clinic Guymon FBC March 30, 9a.m.-12 VBS 2019- In The Wild Backyard Bible Club also presented

### Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Twenty nineteen (2019) spring semester is in full swing. Each week I have the opportunity to speak at a practice for each of the sports teams now including the cheerleading squad. Lunches have been greatly attended, anywhere between 150-200 students a week. On Wednesday nights we are doing a new study for the guys called "Stepping Up, A Call to Courageous Manhood." In the next few weeks we will have a coed Bible Study starting up on Wednesday nights for guys and girls.

We are planning a Spring break trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado to attend The Glen Discipleship Conference. We have a few students who plan on attending and are in need of scholarships. If possible we would ask for 3 scholarships of \$150 each to help cover the cost of this trip. This is a great week of growth for all who attend.

"Aggie Call" our Monday night worship service has been focusing on systematic theology, all are welcome to attend even if your College years have passed you by. Please continue to pray for our college students, that their hearts will be open as I have the opportunities to share Christ with them. Thank you for your support and prayers.  
David Coffey

**A man decided that he would change the world**

**but, he wasn't successful.**

**So he decided to change the country,**

**but, he wasn't successful.**

**So he decided to change his community,**

**but, he wasn't successful.**

**So he decided to change his street,**

**but, he wasn't successful.**

**So he decide to change his family,**

**but, he wasn't successful.**

**So he decided to change himself,**

**AND HE WAS SUCCESSFUL**

**AND HIS FAMILY CHANGED AND THEY AFFECTED  
THEIR STREET.**

**AND THE PEOPLE ON THEIR STREET AFFECTED THEIR  
COMMUNITY.**

**AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY AFFECTED  
THEIR COUNTRY.**

**AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY AFFECTED THE  
WORLD.**