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FROM THE A.M. DESK

I just got adjusted to writing 2017 and it's December! Just kidding but it actually, in some ways, just feels like it started. This past year had its ups and downs but that is part of the broken world we live in. December is the time of year we celebrate Hope coming in the form of a baby that is also the King of King's, Lord of lord's and Savior of the world.

As we are thinking about the new year

ahead and maybe making some resolutions there are some important things for us to ponder as Christians. How can I be used to further the spread of the Gospel? Do I spend enough time in prayer and in the Bible? Do I use my time wisely for the glory of God? Will I let God use me no matter how much it stretches me?

We try to set goals for ourselves so many times that fail a month or even days after we get started. God sees all of time and has

a plan for each one of us. We have to make the effort and seek His direction in all we do. Our best plans in life come from seeking the One that created all things and His plans for us! **Jeremiah 29:11-13**

I hope and pray that each one of you have a very merry Christmas and a great start to the new year!

In Christ,

Brother Eddie

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Check out our website!
www.pbaok.org

**Above & Beyond
Offering 2017
receipts**

\$1,682.00 to date

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CALENDAR EVENTS

December

3 Christmas Around the World, @ Camp Gibson, 5-8 p.m.

3-10 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

7 Pastor/Staff Christmas

Fellowship, Goodwell BCM building, 6:30 p.m.

21-Jan 2 Office Closed, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

January

15 Office Closed, MLK Day

22 Executive Board, 10 a.m.

29-30 Oklahoma Evangelism Conference, OKC, So. Hills

February

16 State Vacation Bible School training, OKC, Southern Hills

19 Office Closed, President's Day

26 Executive Board, 10 a.m.

March

4-11 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions

10 VBS Clinic, Hooker FBC

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BCM Needs: We are planning to replace the people mover with a new 15 passenger van; estimated cost will be \$23,000.00 We have been promised a matching donation amount \$12,500.00 towards the purchase. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity.

Please call David Coffey for more details: 580.651.1851

Donations may go directly to the BCM: PO Box 70, Goodwell OK 73939.

Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.



If you know someone who would like to receive the newsletter, let us know. It is snail mailed, emailed, and posted on our website monthly.

Position Opening:

First Baptist Church of Beaver is seeking God's leader to serve as our Bi-Vocational Youth Minister. Contact the church for further information: 580.625.3382 or send resume to PO Box 6, Beaver OK 73932

Please send all mail for **Gibson Baptist Camp** to the PBA office, 221 NE 12th St, Guymon OK 73942.

PHONE at camp is 580.888.4591

UPDATE: The office will not be open with any regularity due to the treatment schedule of Lula King.

Please call and leave messages or call Bro. Eddie 580.519.1989

Pray for our Church of the Month

*Guymon, FBC
Michael Carter, pastor;
Tom Huggins, Music Minister;
Jeremy Krenzlin, Family Pastor;
Matt Townsend, Missions Pastor*

Pastorless churches

*Guymon, SLBC, David Moore is transitional interim;
Hardesty, Bethel;
Balko BC ; Guymon, Grace Southern*

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

Pray for our Church Staff and their families:

Make a habit of praying for these individuals and their ministry on their birthday. That is a great day to think of them and lift them before the Lord.

Date
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Name
Miciah Krenzlin
Lisa Flanagan
Jerry & Deborah Rice
Ginny Krenzlin
Amanda Bolinger
Mark & Cara McDonald

Church

Guymon, FBC Family Pastor's Son
Guymon, FBC Secretary
Kenton BC Pastor & Wife
Guymon, FBC Family Pastor's Wife
Beaver, FBC Secretary's Daughter
Beaver, FBC Music Min. & Husband

2017 FINANCES	SEPTEMBER	YTD RECTS
Balko Baptist	154.70	2,560.57
Beaver, FBC	4,000.00	9,000.00
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	993.65
Boise City, FBC	786.45	10,035.39
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	450.00
Felt, FBC	821.08	8,966.61
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Forgan, FBC	0.00	2,869.14
Goodwell Baptist	170.65	2,413.22
Guymon, FBC	273.00	3,809.00
Guymon, FHBC	76.84	795.92
Guymon, Grace	0.00	2,515.39
Guymon, Sunset Lane	621.82	6,032.12
Hardesty, Bethel	324.76	1,413.56
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	865.85	4,597.65
Hooker, FHBC	63.84	928.69
Kenton Baptist	160.00	3,135.44
Keyes, FBC	814.22	3,781.82
Texhoma, FBC	129.57	1,498.11
Turpin Baptist	410.04	2,723.84
Tyrone Baptist	160.27	1,441.10
Wheless Baptist	183.92	1,067.94
BGCO	218.33	2,183.30
Other Income	57.58	2,946.12
Interest Income	1.05	8.39
GBC Income	921.36	56,697.58
Total:	\$11,265.33	Total: \$133,105.37



September 30, 2017 Balances	
Beginning Balance (08/31/17)	\$ 8,133.63
Total Income:	\$ 11,265.33
Total Expenses	\$ 13,779.41
Ending Balance (09/30/17)	\$5,619.33
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$3,056.80
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$1,310.94
GBC Major Improvements	\$64,686.13
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$14,672.87

2017 FINANCES

OCTOBER

YTD RECTS

Balko Baptist	179.71	2,740.28
Beaver, FBC	0.00	9,000.00
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	993.65
Boise City, FBC	686.11	10,723.50
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	500.00
Felt, FBC	448.39	9,415.00
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Forgan, FBC	446.49	3,315.63
Goodwell Baptist	256.80	2,670.02
Guymon, FBC	0.00	3,809.00
Guymon, FHBC	108.04	903.96
Guymon, Grace	0.00	2,515.39
Guymon, Sunset Lane	632.75	6,664.87
Hardesty, Bethel	0.00	1,654.38
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	0.00	5,064.60
Hooker, FHBC	32.01	493.75
Kenton Baptist	415.84	3,551.28
Keyes, FBC	0.00	3,781.82
Texhoma, FBC	204.93	1,703.04
Turpin Baptist	525.97	3,249.81
Tyrone Baptist	156.17	1,597.27
Wheless Baptist	130.40	1,198.34
BGCO	218.33	2,401.63
Other Income	3,057.21	6,003.33
Interest Income	0.73	9.12
GBC Income	344.87	57,042.45
Total:	\$7,896.75	\$141,002.12



October 31, 2017 Balances	
PBA/GBC Checking:	
Beginning Balance (09/30/17)	\$ 5,619.33
Total Income:	\$ 7,896.75
Total Expenses	\$ 12,408.69
Ending Balance (10/31/17)	\$1,107.39
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$3,690.94
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$1,254.12
GBC Major Improvements	\$64,786.13
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$14,472.87

Panhandle Baptist Association

Executive Board Minutes

September 18, 2017

In attendance: Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; Misha Moore, Goodwell BC; Dan Cox, Turpin BC; Jerry Rice, Kenton BC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; Brad Vickrey and Wayne Moore, Forgan FBC; Tom Freeman, Treasurer; Darren Carpenter, Texhoma FBC; Tracy Farthing, GBC; Marty Brock, guest; and Eddie Knight and Lula King PBA office.

Meeting called to order by our Moderator, Orden Hartley

Dan Cox led us in devotional thought from I Corinthians 5. We must uphold Biblical standards no matter how contrary to today's cultural views they may be. He then led us in prayer

Minutes were provided. Clerk, Jeff Bradley, moved their adoption. He was seconded by Misha Moore and motion was adopted.

Financial Report was provided. Treasurer, Tom Freeman, moved its adoption, with a second by Jerry Rice. Motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The By-law amendment that this board previously approved was examined in writing to make sure it was ready to be presented at Annual Meeting for formal adoption. The amendment deals with the camp manager not being required to live at the campgrounds year-round; but only when camps are actually in progress.

Proposed Budgets for 2018 for both the Association and Camp Gibson. They had been presented to us last month so we could look them over. Tom Freeman made a motion, with Jeff Bradley seconding it that the Board approve these budgets; so that they can be presented to the Annual Meeting for Final Adoption. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed calendar for 2018 was presented. One addition to be made was Girl's Missions Camp on June 25-28. Brad Vickery moved its adoption, with a second from Jerry Rice. Motion approved.

The roof of the cafeteria building at Camp Gibson needs insulating. It is estimated to cost somewhere around \$10,000. Jeff Bradley moved that Tracy be authorized to get this done. Dan Cox seconded the motion and it passed.

REPORTS

Associational Missionary –

Anthony Jordon has announced his retirement at the BGCO effective April 15th, 2018. Eddie encouraged us to be in prayer regarding the search for a new Executive Director and the transition.

We currently have several pastorless churches and several churches that are struggling in various ways. We need to be praying and encouraging one another.

Hispanic Reports:

Gary Stone is going through a difficult time; having had to move his wife to a care facility.

Gibson Baptist Assembly:

Tracy has a long list of projects to be completed before the next camping season. Volunteers to help him with some of these would always be welcomed. Renovation of the Boise City cabin (plumbing and other things) is needed. We need to reclaim (fully redo) the old Turpin cabin. New codes require a full separation between the kitchen and dining areas. While he is doing that, he'd like to enlarge the kitchen to make it more functional.

Tracy believes we need to host about 700 campers a year to make the camp self-supporting. Right now we run less than half of that.

The septic system backed up during Good News Camp this last summer. Work is needed on that.

In looking at our fees for Associational versus outside groups, Tracy discovered an inequity. We charge outside groups more per week than we do our Associational camps. But when you consider that our camps are only 3 days long and the outside groups have 4 day camps; it turns out we are actually paying more to use our own campgrounds than what outside groups are paying. We need to re-examine our fee scales.

Tracy has scheduled a Pastor's Appreciation banquet at the campgrounds for Oct. 7th. Flyers and information on this event were passed out.

In December (either the 3rd or the 10th) the camp will be hosting "Christmas Around the World". Youth groups from our churches will be decorating individual cabins in the manner of some country and preparing some of that nation's foods to share with visitors. If your youth group would like to be responsible for a cabin, contact Tracy.

BCM –

David Coffey was unable to attend today. But he is working on Spring Break Trips for Colorado and for Toronto to work with Chris Carr and his family there.

Nominating Committee:

Brad Vickery to be Missions Director. Tom Freeman seconded the committee motion and it passed.

The committee is still looking for a treasurer. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer for the position, contact the committee.

The Associational Women's Event will take place on October 28th at the Turpin Baptist Church. Registration is at 9:30.

Prayer requests were heard and Wayne Moore led us in prayer. Several of our churches are currently looking for Youth Ministers to work with their students and families.

We enjoyed an extended time of prayer all around the table.

Faithfully Submitted,

Jeff Bradley

Panhandle Baptist Association

Annual Meeting

October 15, 2017

In the absence of BCM Director, David Coffey, Matt Townsend (former BCM Director and currently Associate pastor at Guymon, First) welcomed us to the building and to this 110th Annual Session of Panhandle Baptist Association. He extended God's blessing from Psalm 115:1 and led us in prayer.

Josh Henson, Hooker, First, led us in congregational singing.

The Men's Ensemble from Hooker, First led in special music.

Moderator, Orden Hartley, called the meeting to order. He introduced the Time, Place and Preacher Committee and the Resolutions Committee for both this meeting and the 2018 meeting.

New Pastors and staff were introduced along with a guest from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma who will be sharing with us this afternoon.

Attention was called to the various reports included in our Book of Reports. Those starting on page 17.

Tracy Farthing, GBC camp manager; reported on this year's activities at Camp Gibson and challenged us with thoughts about how future camping seasons could see even more productive use of this facility and this ministry. It will require all of us stepping up and getting involved. He drew special attention to the first camp held this year – inner city kids from OKC – they reported 14 professions of faith and baptized 7 in the swimming pool. PRAISE THE LORD!

Proposed Budget for 2018 for PBA was presented. Jerry Rice moved its adoption and was seconded by Misha Moore. Motion was adopted.

Proposed budget for 2018 for Gibson Baptist Camp was presented. Trevor Bulls moved its adoption, with a second from Tammie Keenan and it was approved.

The proposed calendar for 2018 was presented. Betty Hollman moved its adoption with a second from Robert Thrash and the motion carried.

The Nominating Committee recommendations for officers and Committee members was presented. _____ moved its adoption. Jerry Rice seconded the motion and it was approved.

New Business

A by-law change dealing with the camp manager's required presence at the campgrounds during active camps was provided on page 48 of the Book of Reports. Darren Carpenter moved its adoption with a second from _____. Motion Passed unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn our business session by _____. Dan Cox seconded this motion and it was approved.

Jeff Bradley led us in honoring those who had been called home to heaven during the past year. For this Memorial Time he read from Romans 8:28 – 30 and then read the names of each of these from our churches who are now Glorified in Heaven. Prayer was offered at the conclusion of this special time.

Mike Hand, BGCO Church Partnership Strategist, shared with us regarding the opportunity for our churches to participate in the 3 ongoing partnerships the BGCO currently has with Guerrero, Mexico; Alberta Canada; and Latvia.

Special Music was provided by Clay Davenport, Oklahoma Panhandle State University student.

Our afternoon Message was provided by Darren Carpenter using Acts 3:1-6 as his text. Stewardship – “such as we have, we give” was his theme. He cited 7 things that we have that we need to use for Kingdom Glory:

Truth – We have Jesus. Share Him

Our Testimony - guard it. Let it shine brightly.

Talents/abilities – don't bury them; you won't receive additional blessings/anointings from God till you invest those He's already given you in Kingdom Ministry.

Temptation – He gives us a way through (not around or over them). Learn to focus on the Master rather than the temptation.

Tithe – let's not rob Him. Giving an offering to Him doesn't begin until we've covered the Tithe.

Trials – think them not strange or a result of feeble faith. Check Paul's resume.

Time – make the most of it; don't waste it.

Matt Townsend provided instructions for the meal. He read our benediction from Hebrews 13:20-21 and offered our prayer.

Dinner was provided by Panhandle Disaster Relief Team.

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Evening Session

Matt Townsend opened the second session in prayer.

Tracy Farthing shared with us a special Christmas program that they are working on for the camp. "Christmas Around the World" Church groups will decorate the various cabins in the motif of a particular country and will even provide food that their country would serve at Christmas time. If your church would like to adopt and represent a country – please let Tracy know. This event will take place on December 3rd from 5 to 8 pm.

Josh Henson led us in Congregational singing.

Orden Hartley presented some awards presented by the BGCO to Panhandle churches that were leaders in their size categories in gifts to the State Missions Offering.

Boise City, First received the award for leading their size category for both 2012 and 2016.

Felt, First received the award for their size category for 2016.

Guymon, First received the award for their size category for 2016

The above and beyond offering for Camp Gibson was collected. Orden Hartley led us in that.

Special Music was provided by the Ladies Ensemble from Hooker, First.

The evening message was provided by Orden Hartley. He used Romans 10:13-14; 2 Timothy 4:1-2; and 1 Peter 3:18. His theme was "Preach the Word" McNugget Theology (a little piece here, and a little piece there) is insufficient as a Godly diet. A strong, healthy disciple and church needs a heavy and continuing study of God's Word. There is an urgency in the proclamation of God's Word. It is not a casual activity. Exposition of God's Word – from first to last – is the heart of effective and productive worship in God's Church. The Word of God written (when proclaimed) reveals and makes known the Living Word of God (Jesus) who is the One means of Salvation. We preach so that lost men may see Jesus and be drawn to Him for Eternal Life.

Trevor Bulls led us in a closing prayer; sharing with us our ongoing commission found in Matthew 28:18-20.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Bradley

Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year

Eddie & Michelle Knight

Tracy & Christy Farthing

Moises & Maribel Avalos

Lula King



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Mission Statement: **“The mission of Panhandle Baptist Association is to strengthen, assist, and resource the church and produce itself here and around the world.”**

Vision Statement: **“The Panhandle Baptist Association has a vision to strengthen the church here and around the world.”**

Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and International Missions; December 3-10, 2017

When you pray for missionaries during the Week of Prayer for International Missions, you support their work of sharing the gospel and serving people.

December 3 Bagby Family in Nepal

December 4 Muslims of Russia

December 5 Jones Family in Japan

December 6 Mexico City Team

December 7 The Forgotten Refugee

December 8 Mikeska Family in London

December 9 What God Has Done

December 10 Why Prayer Matters



Miss Carlotta Diggs Moon, “Lottie” Moon, was assigned as a missionary to China, she wrote a letter to the Foreign Mission Board in 1888 asking for gifts from church members during the Christmas Season “while their hearts are tender” for the work on foreign lands. Several years later an offering was established and named after Lottie Moon. The ongoing joke of “when will we ever get that Lottie Moon thing paid off?”, is only from a misinformed person. We will never be able to pay our indebtedness to her and the other missionaries who serve in our stead, nor should we ever be able to stop praying for them either.