

BRO RALPH'S REFLECTIONS

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS DISCIPLINSHIP WITHOUT EVANGELISM?

Or another way to ask the question . . . **Can you go deep without going wide?** Well, some people would say you can. They look at how Jesus spent time alone with His disciples, teaching them the deep truths of the Kingdom. They see the church as where we do that today with believers, teaching them the deep truths of the Christian faith, helping them build a solid foundation so that later they can go out and do evangelism. In other words, discipleship precedes evangelism. **But is that true discipleship?**

Since discipleship involves "disciples," let's investigate **what Jesus was really doing with those first disciples.** Was He just teaching the truths or was He training the Twelve? When you study the gospels, you find He was doing both. He did plenty of teaching but it was accompanied by lots of training. For example, He

taught them about the heart of God in reaching out to the lost. Yet He also trained them how to do evangelism as He reached out to folks like Zacchaeus, the woman at the well, and Nicodemus. In Luke 9 He sent them out and commanded them to evangelize, to preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick. This wasn't at the end of His ministry of disciplining them, but woven in and through the whole process. In fact, **when Jesus called these men, it was to be "fishers of men."**

So where does that leave us today? Does Jesus still call His followers to be fishers of men? Undoubtedly. In fact, some would say **"to follow is [still] to fish,"** just like it was for those original disciples. A follower (disciple) of Jesus fishes for men (does evangelism). Sounds good, but **why don't we see all of our church members out there sharing their faith?** Maybe it's because we've separated discipleship from evangelism, rather than interweaving it through the whole process of making disciples in our churches. We think we've disciple them—teaching the truths of the faith by taking them "deep" — but

the reality is there's no such thing as being deep in your faith without being involved in evangelism. **There is no true discipleship without evangelism!**

OK I'm convinced, **what's the next step?** How about incorporating teaching and training in evangelism in the context where you're already doing "discipleship," in your Sunday School classes or small groups? I'm not talking about adding on another meeting, but doing it when your folks are already gathering anyway. **This fall** will be an opportunity for everybody in our churches to be disciples in the full sense of the word by being trained and becoming active in evangelism. It will actually be written into the Bible Studies for Life Sunday School curriculum for the months of September and October. [Keep this in mind when ordering for that quarter this year.]

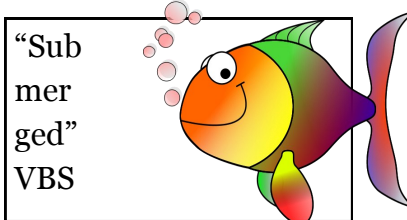
—copied, Matt Spann, Cherokee Strip Baptist Association DOM

Bro Ralph Eph. 3:20

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CALENDAR EVENTS

March

- 5 VBS Clinic, 8:30-noon, Guymon Grace Southern
- 6-13 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions
- 7-10 Director of Missions Retreat, Falls Creek

- 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins, set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed!
- 13 See you in Sunday School
- 19 Mexico Crusade Committee & Participants Narrative Evangelism Training, Guymon FHBC

- 21 Executive Board, 10 a.m. Dr. Cyril Anthony to share
- 27 Easter
- 28 Office Closed, Easter Monday
- April**
- 2 Disaster Relief Training, 8:30– 3 p.m. at GBC

- 2 Women's Ministry Planning meeting, Marla's in Guymon, 11 a.m.
- 16 Work Day at Camp 8-4
- 18 Executive Board 10 a.m.
- 30 Work Day at Camp 8-4
- 30 "Spring Fling" OBHC, Guymon, 6th & Quinn, 6:00 p.m.

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DISASTER RELIEF SCRAPBOOK

Recent trips for some of our trained men in the Panhandle Baptist Disaster Relief Chain Saw Team. To find out more, attend our training April 2 or call Dick Fischer 580.522.1970 for answers.

DR hits work over Christmas break, will resume serving ice storm victims in new year

>> by Staff

YUKON—Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief (DR) chain saw, debris removal and other volunteer teams have continued to serve people affected by the Thanksgiving weekend ice storms that rocked Oklahoma.

Yukon, First and Oklahoma City, Highland Hills have served as DR's base of operation, which will have served more than 1,400 families requesting assistance by Christmas. The DR operation has mobilized hundreds of volunteers. In addition to debris clean up and chain saw work, volunteers have prepared more than 5,500 meals for storm victims and others.

Sam Porter, director of disaster relief, said, "Our volunteers are not serving for money. They serve our neighbors to be the hands and feet of Jesus, making a difference with every tree cut or limb placed at the curb."

According to Porter, the volunteer-based operation will pause the recovery work at Christmas and resume in the New Year. "We will briefly pause our recovery for two weeks so that our amazing volunteers can rest and have a joyful time with their families celebrating the birth of



PHOTO: DAVE JOHNSON
Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief workers offer chain saw teams to clear debris of property owners.

our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is the reason we do what we do," he said.

For more information about Oklahoma Baptist DR, visit www.okdisasterhelp.org.
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Partnership missions:
DR vols continue to bless others

>> by Staff

Since the Nov. 30 ice storm across Oklahoma, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma (BGCO) Disaster Relief (DR) volunteers had served 2,098 meals to disaster relief volunteers, provided 583 showers, recorded one salvation, entered 945 work orders, completed 253 work orders with homes receiving chain saw work and debris removed from yards, and received more than 1,400 calls from homeowners.



BGCO DR director Sam Porter said about 150 volunteers from Oklahoma and six other states have been housed at Yukon, First and Oklahoma City, Highland Hills.

"We still need many more volunteers with the clean-up," Porter stressed. "The work is plentiful but the laborers are few. Sounds like something Jesus said 2,000 years ago, and it is very true in Oklahoma City today. Spread the word that we will help anyone get involved as a volunteer in overcoming this massive ice storm clean-up effort. Just have them report to the Mobile Command center located at Yukon, First, 15 S. 6th St."



Dave Johnson, from Oklahoma City, praised the work of DR volunteers from the Panhandle. "I will always be thankful for how the volunteers ministered to my wife and me. The men from Hosker not only lightened our load, they brightened our day. They are true ministers for Christ."


"I have to tell you, after we prayed to the Scripture in Hebrews, chapter 13, we forgotful to entertain strangers, for thereby retained angels unaware." They blessed wonderful ministry, and I am thankful to it. Thank you, Sam, and may God continue your ministry."

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Pray for our Church of the Month
Hardesty, FBC
Jesse Martin, lay leader

Pastorless churches
Guymon, SLBC (Bro. Ralph is Transitional Int)
Keyes, FBC—has called Mark Thompson and his wife Christy. They have 3 sons: Coleman, Walker and Tyler.

Vacation Bible School Clinic



Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:30 a. m. —noon

Guymon, Grace Southern

LifeWay® will be present to purchase or order materials

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.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
MARCH

Date	Name	Church
8	Michael Carter	Guymon, FBC Senior Pastor
8	Hessed Facio	Beaver, Hispanic Pastor's daughter
9	Tyler Thompson	Keyes, FBC Pastor's son
11	John & Linda O'Leary	Guymon, FBC Secretary & Husband
11	David Moore	Texhoma, FBC Youth Minister
12	Judi Baze	Hooker, FBC Sr Adult Minister's Wife
18	David Hall	Forgan, FBC Pastor
25	Ralph & Sandy Heiney	Associational Missionary & Wife
30	Elias Krenzin	Guymon, FBC Family Pastor's son

2016 FINANCES	JANUARY	YTD RECTS
Balko Baptist	0.00	0.00
Beaver, FBC	1,183.01	1,183.01
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Boise City, FBC	1,541.71	1,541.71
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	50.00
Clearlake Baptist	0.00	0.00
Felt, FBC	1,272.79	1,272.79
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Forgan, FBC	0.00	0.00
Goodwell Baptist	919.94	919.94
Guymon, FBC	921.00	921.00
Guymon, FHBC	74.61	74.61
Guymon, Grace	512.48	512.48
Guymon, Sunset Lane	0.00	0.00
Hardesty, Bethel	248.70	248.70
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FHBC	0.00	0.00
Kenton Baptist	427.22	427.22
Keyes, FBC	0.00	0.00
Texhoma, FBC	247.32	247.32
Turpin Baptist	0.00	0.00
Tyrone Baptist	0.00	0.00
Wheeless Baptist	270.99	270.99
BGCO	218.33	218.33
Other Income	0.00	0.00
Transfer from GBCd	0.00	0.00
Transfer from DOM	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	.41	.41
GBC Income	2,836.51	2,836.51
	Total:	Total:
	\$10,725.02	\$10,725.02



January 31, 2016 Balances		
PBA/GBC Checking:		
Beginning Balance (12/31/15)		\$ 8,192.87
Total Income:	\$ 10,725.02	
Total Expenses	\$ 14,226.27	
Ending Balance (01/31/16)		\$4,691.62
Special Funds balance:		
Disaster Relief Balance		\$1,399.23
Mexico Crusade Balance		\$2,887.42
GBC Major Improvements		\$ 6,356.70
Panhandle Hispanic Missions		\$15,656.68

Panhandle Baptist Association
Executive Board Minutes
January 11, 2016

In attendance: Eddie Knight, Goodwell BC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; Jerry Rice, Kenton BC; Matt Townsend, BCM; Jason Johnston, Balko BC; Brad Vickrey, Forgan FBC; Darren Carpenter, Texhoma FBC; Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; Trevor Bulls, Boise City FBC; Tom Freeman, Guymon Grace Southern; S.K. Neal, Bethel BC; Ralph Heiney and Lula King PBA office.

- Moderator Eddie Knight called us to order and asked Jason Johnston to lead in devotional and prayer.
- Jason shared with us from Proverbs 19:14 "...a prudent wife is from the Lord." There are many things that we want as we go through life, but nothing is more needful and precious than a prudent wife (especially for a minister). He suggested three areas where we need to focus our attention in loving our wives and allowing them to fully manifest their gifts: 1) Protect her from the enemy's attacks. Part of this occurs as we protect ourselves from the enemy's attempts to steal our love away from her or to give her any cause to think that has happened. 2) Provide for her spiritual growth. Remember that she, just like you, needs those times of renewal and refreshment. Help her to find those opportunities. 3) Learn her love language and diligently work to fulfill those needs. He then led us in prayer.
- Minutes from our last meeting were presented with a motion to adopt by Jeff Bradley and a second by Trevor Bulls. Motion carried. Orden Hartley gave clarification on his request from the nominating committee in regards to the Search Committee for a new Associational Missionary. The Nominating Committee would prefer not to be assigned the task of producing candidates for the Board to consider when we elect a Search Committee this time. They ask that each of us Board members begin praying now so that when we get ready to elect the Search Committee we will be able to select those who are ready and willing to do the job.
- Tom Freeman presented the Financial Report. He shared that when all the figures were in, we spent \$1600 more than we took in in 2015. Orden Hartley moved the adoption of the report with a second by Jerry Rice. And it was approved.
- OLD BUSINESS

Trevor Bulls made the motion with a second from Tom Freeman to adopt the minutes from the Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

Time, Place, Preacher Committee presented its report and moved its adoption, with a second by Jeff Bradley. Their motion included moving the Annual Meeting from a Tuesday to a Sunday event (Oct. 16th) for greater participation. They also named Eddie Knight to preach the Doctrinal Message and Michael Carter to preach the Annual Sermon. There was a good discussion about the pros and cons of changing to a Sunday time. Tom Freeman suggested this was a decision that he'd like to get input from his church on before voting on it on their behalf. Jeff Bradley suggested that it would be good for all the other Pastors who were not present for today's meeting to have the opportunity to be involved in this decision. Tom Freeman made the motion with a second from Brad Vickrey to table the motion for a month to give time for more careful and broad spread consideration of this plan. Motion to table approved.

The discussion on possibly adding a Middle School Camp at Camp Gibson is on-going. Hopefully, a decision on that will be ready to be presented next month.

- NEW BUSINESS none
- Associational missionary Report—Bro. Ralph continues to work with Sunset Lane as Intentional Interim, helping them to develop a Strategy for Growth. He is working on plans and schedules for Acts 1:8 conferences in each of the three counties for this Spring. Funding for these has been provided by the BGCO. These are designed to help churches identify and become intentional about reaching people with the Gospel. Dr. Cyril Anthony, native of India, will be with us at our March Executive Board meeting to talk to us about each of our churches adopting a people group in India to pray for and consider reaching out to. There are over 2000 people groups among the 1.2 billion inhabitants of India. Over 1800 different languages used by these groups. It is a vast mission field nearly untouched by the Gospel (less than 2% Christian).
- Hispanic Liaison Report—printed in our packet.
- GBC Report—Bro. Kay reported pipe breakage that caused serious water drainage to the A & B cabins (small cabins near the Disaster Relief barn). This will require a total makeover of these cabins. The fountain by the Tabernacle also has a leak that needs repairing. He will also soon be wiring the shop building. Pool work must be done this Spring. Chuck Payne and Paul Moses are planning to put in a permanent rifle range to be used during Boy's Camp. Kay is looking at the possibility of having a work day at some point this Spring. On a personal note, Kay is expecting to have ankle surgery at some not too distant date. He's had problems with it dating back to High School days.
- BCM Report—Matt will be using David Platte's (IMB President) Counterculture video series as the foundation for this semester's Thursday evening Bible Study time. He is anticipating six or seven student-led Bible Studies this semester. They will be going through the books of Galatians and Philippians. The BCM got to provide a meal to the Basketball team. This was a good ministry opportunity to help care for them while they were on campus during a time when no food service was available. The football team had a large turnover in assistant coaches, so there is an opportunity and challenge of building new relationships with these folks.
- Shared plans for upcoming events and prayer concerns
- Jerry Rice led us in closing prayer.

Submitted by
Jeff Bradley

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

TRAINING SCHEDULE (schedule is tentative)

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Gibson Baptist Camp, Hardesty OK

Cost \$5.00 for new trainees (includes lunch, cap and ID badge)

You never know when a disaster will affect your area. The best way is to be ready to help when disasters occur. Plan on attending the training so you can do your part when others are hurting.

8:00 – 9:00 am **Registration-no preregistration required (just show up)**

Must be active Southern Baptist Church member and 18 years of age or older.

9:00 – 11:00 am **Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief**
(All new volunteers must attend this Introduction)

11:00 – 2:00 pm **Feeding Unit**
(All new volunteers must attend Line Serving Training.)

1:15 – 2:00 pm **Lunch - Prepared by Feeding Unit**

2:00 – 4:00 pm **Chain Saw Training**
(Chain Saw or Mud-Out training is only for those who have previously attended Feeding Unit training)

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Damage Assessment Training
(Damage Assessment Training is only for those who have previously attended Chain Saw or Mud-Out training)

3:30 pm **Adjourn**

This will be the only training this year. Keep your badge current!

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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."



Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more for reaching people for Christ. The Annie Armstrong website provides a wealth of resources for promoting the offering in the local church, including supplemental materials available only online. AnnieArmstrong.com