

FROM THE A.M. DESK

In February Guymon was in the news, mentioned in an article about the "clash of cultures" here in the panhandle. Without thinking about it my mind went to how negative that could sound, clashing doesn't seem like a good thing. I believe the object of the article was to show the diversity we have here. I had the opportunity to speak with the Assistant Superintendent of Guymon Schools and learned that there are 37 languages spoken in the Guymon school system and I think that could be said at other places in our country but what makes it unique here is that the population here is quite small compared to other cities that have the same type of diversity. If you think about how crazy it is

that we have that many groups of people from all over the world I would have to say I don't see it as a "clash" but an awesome opportunity for our churches to reach a world that is coming to us and will be sharing with family and friends back in their homelands.

We were told in Acts 1:8... "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.". How awesome is it that God would allow us in the PBA to have the world come to us to be ministered to. The panhandle has been and will continue to look different as time passes and we need to focus on making our churches as diverse as our neighbors,

coworkers, and friends are and reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Salvation is a gift, Jesus died and rose so all could come to salvation through His sacrifice.

Looking forward to seeing how God uses us in 2017 for His Kingdom!!!

In Christ,

Brother Eddie



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www.pbaok.org

**Above & Beyond
 Offering 2016
 receipts**

\$16,926.00 date

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CALENDAR EVENTS

March

5-12 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and North American Missions

9 Singing Church Women of Oklahoma Concert, Beaver FBC 7 p.m.

11 VBS Clinic, Guymon Grace Southern, 8:30 a.m.

registration

11 SPRING FORWARD-set clocks 1 hour ahead

20 Executive Board 10 a.m.

25-26 Beaver FBC celebrating 100th Anniversary

April

~~Disaster Relief Training-8-~~

~~3- Camp Gibson~~ moved to FALL see article pg 5

4 GBC Program Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m. Boise City

8 Spring Fling in CI County, Keyes FBC, 6 p.m.

9 Spring Fling in TX County, Hunny's after church

12-16 Mexico Crusade in the

Panhandle

16 Easter

17 Office Closed

21-22 Ladies Retreat, Falls Creek

23-26 Keyes FBC in Revival

24 Executive Board 10 a.m.

28-29 Men's Retreat, Falls Creek

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

GIBSON BAPTIST CAMP

Greetings from Camp Gibson! As the new director, I'm excited to be on board and anxiously anticipating a great camp experience this summer but I'm getting ahead of myself.

My name is Tracy Farthing but just call me Trace. Before working with the camp, I ran my own carpentry/handyman business. I was also a pastor and church planter for nearly 25 years and even spent a few years in the oil field doing completions and flowback. My wife, Christy, and I have been married for 29 years. Our children are grown. The youngest started college last fall. So, we're experiencing the "empty nest" thing. We love the Lord and we love church camp! It's where I made my commitment to

ministry and my wife made her confession of faith. So, church camp has a special place in our hearts. We are members of Balko Baptist Church where I lead worship and teach a Sunday School class. We're so happy to be on board and can't wait to see all the amazing and wonderful things God has in store for every one who attends camp this year. Let me take a moment to give a shout out to the men from Kenton and Boise City who came out in February and cleaned up several tons of fallen tree branches from the ice storms in January. Without their help, I would still be working on it. We also have a couple of work days planned with area youth groups. With help like this and a few more

work days planned, we should be ready to greet another year of campers by June!
 If your church or church group would be willing to help, we have many things to be done from painting to general maintenance and repair. That is, there is always something that needs attention out here. Whether it be a day, an overnight stay, or some other arrangement, your help is always welcome. Don't forget. There are so many more possibilities than just summer camp. We can host retreats, seminars, family reunions, birthdays, and so much more, and all in a safe, friendly, and God honoring atmosphere.
 For your next event, consider what we have to offer. Then give me a call!
 My phone is 806.202.0816.
 For the glory of God,
 Trace

Vacation Bible School Clinic

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Guymon, Grace Southern

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Classes available:

- Directors* *Preschoolers*
- Grade 1-6* *Missions*
- Crafts* *Worship*



Pray for our Church of the Month

Beaver Hispanic Mission
 Miguel Facio, Pastor

Pastorless churches

Guymon, SLBC, David Moore is transitional interim;
Hardesty, Bethel



Congratulations

to the Johnston Family
Ezra Zacharias arrived
 February 6

he weighed 7#12 oz
 and was 20.5" long at birth.

Big brothers
 Ezekiel & Enoch are a lot of help to
 Mom & Dad (Ashley and Jason)
 Jason is pastor at Balko BC

Sympathy to the families of :

Eldon Hoover, youth Minister, Beaver FBC

Billy Bob Mikles, PBA committee member

Beverly Moore, wife of
 Wayne Moore

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

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.

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Name
 Michael Carter
 Hessed Facio
 Tyler Thompson
 David Moore
 John & Linda O'Leary
 David Hall Jr
 Elias Krenzin

Church
 Guymon, FBC Pastor
 Beaver, Hispanic Pastor's daughter
 Keyes, FBC Pastor's son
 Guymon, Sunset Lane Int. Pastor
 Guymon, FBC Secretary & husband
 Forgan, FBC Pastor's son
 Guymon, FBC Family Pastor's son

2017 FINANCES	JANUARY	YTD RECTS
Balko Baptist	298.25	298.25
Beaver, FBC	0.00	0.00
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Boise City, FBC	2,363.27	2,363.27
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	50.00
Felt, FBC	2,286.24	2,286.24
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Forgan, FBC	0.00	0.00
Goodwell Baptist	261.81	261.81
Guymon, FBC	646.00	646.00
Guymon, FHBC	140.28	140.28
Guymon, Grace	0.00	0.00
Guymon, Sunset Lane	486.26	486.26
Hardesty, Bethel	0.00	0.00
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FHBC	0.00	0.00
Kenton Baptist	382.88	382.88
Keyes, FBC	0.00	0.00
Texhoma, FBC	0.00	0.00
Turpin Baptist	0.00	0.00
Tyrone Baptist	0.00	0.00
Wheless Baptist	69.30	69.30
BGCO	436.66	436.66
Other Income	72.96	72.96
Interest Income	0.61	0.61
GBC Income	1,334.93	1,334.93
	Total:	Total:
	\$8,924.93	\$8,924.93



January 31, 2017 Balances	
PBA/GBC Checking:	
Beginning Balance (12/31/16)	\$4,187.34
Total Income:	\$8,924.93
Total Expenses	\$8,324.28
Ending Balance (01/31/17)	\$4,787.99
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$1,963.34
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$ 2,716.87
GBC Major Improvements	\$83,779.76
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$15,611.67

Panhandle Baptist Association

Executive Board Minutes

January 23, 2017

In attendance: Darren Carpenter and Tommy Jones, Texhoma FBC; Jerry Rice, Kenton BC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; Jason Johnston, Balko BC; Matt Townsend and Michael Carter, Guymon FBC; Miguel Facio, Beaver Hispanic; Misha Moore, Goodwell BC; Brad Vickrey and David Hall, Forgan FBC; Tom Freeman, Guymon Grace Southern; David Coffey, BCM; Gary Stone, Tyrone BC; Trevor Bulls, Boise City FBC; Chuck Payne and Jerry Rhines, guests; Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; Eddie Knight and Lula King, PBA office.

Our Moderator, Eddie Knight asked David Coffey, BCM Director to lead us in devotional thought.

David shared a bit of his life testimony and how Philippians 1:20 became his life verse. He then led us in prayer.

Eddie Knight called our meeting to order

Minutes were provided. Jeff Bradley moved their adoption, with a second from Trevor Bulls. Motion carried.

Financial Report provided and review of the downward trend over the past few years. Our Associational balance was positive for 2016; but when the GBA balance is included we were several thousand dollars in the red. A review of the years from 2013 through 2016 was presented. In 2013 our average monthly income was @ \$11,800. In 2014 that figure had dropped to \$10,600. By 2015 we had fallen to \$9,400 and last year we were down to \$8,900.00 average each month. We have now depleted all of our reserve and extra funds. We have no more cushion left to make up shortfalls from. Much discussion ensued regarding where we are currently and what an honest assessment of the future looks like. Tom Freeman moved the adoption of the report, with a second from Jeff Bradley. Motion adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee completed their work. Orden Hartley will preach the doctrinal message at this year's annual meeting. Committee's motion adopted!

NEW BUSINESS

Camp Committee presented their report regarding fee increases for GBA. They proposed very modest increases (\$5.00) in most places. Jerry Rice seconded the committee's motion and motion was adopted.

Motion was made to remove Lloyd Riddles, Eddie Knight and Trevor Bulls from bank signature cards. Matt Townsend will be added to those cards. Orden Hartley seconded the motion and motion was passed.

BCM Committee moved that the BCM be allowed to sell the old People mover and begin raising funds to buy a 15 passenger van. David Hall seconded the committee's motion and it carried.

Camp Manager Search Committee was ready to move forward with presenting Tracy Farthing as our new camp manager. But given the dire financial report we discussed earlier, the committee was unsure how to proceed. It is not fair or right to offer a man a job that we may or may not be able to pay for going forward. After much good discussion David Hall made a motion, with a second from Trevor Bulls that the committee visit again with Tracy and apprise him fully of our situation. They then are to offer him the option of coming on board as contract labor to complete the projects that have been identified as necessary to prepare the camp for the

next camping season; or take on the full-fledged camp manager's position with the understanding that we do not know if that will be a viable arrangement for us going down the road. This motion was passed.

REPORTS

Eddie Knight will be attending the state evangelism conference next week.

Hispanic Liaison Report: Easter crusade is scheduled with teams from Mexico being in our area for service from April 12 – 16th. Financial donations are needed to help cover expenses for this work.

Gibson Baptist Assembly: Ice storm damage – tree limbs need picked up.

BCM: Spring Break discipleship trip to Colorado is scheduled. There will be a retreat at Falls Creek on April 7th – 8th.

Panhandle Seniors for Christ Rally scheduled in Felt for February 25th.

Motion was made by Orden Hartley that Eddie Knight continue as our part-time Associational missionary even after his term as Moderator expires in May. Jerry Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jerry Rice made the motion to adjourn with a second from Tom Freeman. Motion passed.

Faithfully Submitted,

Jeff Bradley

BCM Needs:

Taking donations for refrigerator, need chest style freezer, and planning to replace people mover with a 15 passenger Ford Transit Van; estimated cost will be \$23,000.

**Please feel free to 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.

Beaver First Baptist Church

Is turning 100 this year, their celebration will start Saturday, March 25 and continue through the Sunday services March 26th. Please be in prayer for this joyous occasion.

Congratulations!

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

Due to a new state wide Disaster Relief policy, there will not be an associational training on March 25 at Camp Gibson. There will be 5 zone trainings instead of all the associations holding their own. The Northwest Zone Training will be in Woodward on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the First Baptist Church. This will be a full training with all areas available. Times will be announced later.

I know some were wanting to renew their badges this spring, if we are called out we can work around the expired badges.

Thanks for your service,
Dick Fischer

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Lula King, Ministry Assistant

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Monday—Thursday

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."**

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING 2017

EVERY LOST PERSON REACHED

In the battle for lost hearts, we all play a crucial role

This is where we live. Where we raise our families. Where we work, and where we play. And it's mostly a post-Christian world. 269 million of our neighbors in North America do not know Jesus Christ. Daily, we sit next to those without hope. But we can reach them through one of the most effective evangelism methods: planting churches. Together we can equip missionaries and reach the unreached in North America.

Together we can equip missionaries through the power of prayer and through our financial gifts. Missionaries need training, resources and education. They need a community network. They and their families need support for the basics of living life while they build a congregation.

Your financial gifts provide a solid foundation for these missionaries, their families and the churches they are building. We can't all go, but we can all give together.

What will you give? When will you go? Who will you pray for?