

BRO RALPH'S REFLECTIONS

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS DISCIPLESHIP 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.]

Want to know more? Take a look at this link: connect1.reconnectss.com Also, come and hear Bob Mayfield on April 18 at 1 p.m. as he introduces us to the Connect>1 way of seeing your folks motivated, equipped, and active in fishing for men!

—copied, Matt Spann, Cherokee Strip Baptist Association DOM

Bro Ralph Eph. 3:20

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Check out our website!
www.pbaok.org

VBS and Falls Creek dates needed! We like to know when you are having these events, so we can lift you in prayer.

Above & Beyond Offering 2015 receipts

\$19,833.00 to date

NEW EMAILS: let us know yours!

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CALENDAR EVENTS

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.

May

8 OBHC & OBRV Offering for Children's Home & Retirement Village (Mother's Day)

16 Executive Board 10 a.m.

29 Union Center UMC @ GBC

30 Office Closed Memorial Day

June

6-10 Freedom Cross Roads Camp

12-13 WMU/Pastors Convention St Louis MO
14-15 SBC Annual Meeting St Louis MO
18 Martinez Family reunion @ GBC
19 Lifeway Church @ GBC
20 Executive Board 10 a.m.
27-30 Girl's Missions Camp

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OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Heading in the Right Direction

“...Victory is won through many advisors.” Proverbs 11:14

Future veterinarian Rance is a young man with a plan and plenty of energy. Determined to make the most of the unique opportunities afforded him while living at OBHC, this wise fifteen-year-old keeps his eyes focused on the future and his feet busy in the present. Most days, you’ll find him at the barn working with Jennifer Kloepfel, director of the Equine Assisted Training program.

“Yesterday, we went to pick up six horses, got a bull out of his pen, fed the animals, cleaned pens for three hours, and unloaded a big trailer of hay,” says Rance, his face beaming with the satis-

faction of hard work done well. When asked whether he volunteered or was “drafted” to perform those tasks, he looks a little confused. “Well, I don’t really know. When you are a part of the program, you just do that kind of stuff. You help the director and do what she says. I don’t really keep track. I like doing it. Besides, how are you going to learn to do something if you never actually do it?”

Rance says that he gets his can-do, go-get-‘em attitude from his father. “When I was growing up, my dad was always working on his degrees in his office. He had a lot of them, so when he went to get a job, they had to pay him more. I asked him how to do that, and he said you have to plan ahead of time so you know what you are going to do. Then you just do it.”

Rance’s plan is to attend OSU following graduation and vet school after that. In the meantime, he plans to participate in 4H and FFA to earn college scholarships and attend welding school so that he can put himself through school without going into debt. It’s a plan that will come to fruition under the vigilant watch care and guidance of his houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

Rance explains, “My mom passed away when I was twelve, and my brother and I were left alone with my dad. He had a hard time and made a few bad decisions, so we went to live with my aunt and uncle. They couldn’t handle us because we were very disrespectful. My aunt decided that we needed to come here, and it truly impacted my life in a very positive way.”

Rance smiles. “I thought it was going to be like a prison, but the first day we were here, I realized how fun it was, how many kids were here, and how many privileges you actually got. I have friends here, and they have programs, things you can actually go out and do and be busy. I get to fish, hunt, show horses, all kinds of stuff. We go to church, too.”

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Pray for our Church of the Month

*Hooker, FBC
Mike McReynolds,
pastor
Joshua Henson, Youth
& Music Minister
Jenny McReynolds,
Secretary*

Pastorless churches

Guymon, SLBC

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

APRIL

Date
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Name
Harper Vickrey
Lisa & Garlan Flanagan
Levi Carter
Amy Bradley
Cody Camilli
Brad & Tiffaney Vickrey
Guadalupe & Graciela Amaya
Ben Knight
Coleman Thompson
Sarah Knight

Church
Forgan, Youth Pastor’s daughter
Guymon, FBC Secretary and husband
Guymon, FBC Pastor’s son
Beaver, FBC Pastor’s wife
Boise City, FBC Secretary’s husband
Forgan, FBC Youth Pastor & wife
Guymon, FHBC Pastor & Wife
Goodwell BC Pastor’s son
Keyes, FBC Pastor’s son
Goodwell BC Pastor’s daughter

2016 FINANCES

FEBRUARY

YTD RECTS

Balko Baptist	210.00	210.09
Beaver, FBC	1,494.02	2,677.03
Beaver Hispanic	240.12	240.12
Boise City, FBC	824.76	2,366.47
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	100.00
Clearlake Baptist	170.70	170.70
Felt, FBC	2,049.90	3,322.69
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Forgan, FBC	491.73	491.73
Goodwell Baptist	359.87	1,279.81
Guymon, FBC	0.00	921.00
Guymon, FHBC	78.09	152.70
Guymon, Grace	278.08	790.56
Guymon, Sunset Lane	879.94	879.94
Hardesty, Bethel	208.28	456.98
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	1,640.94	1,640.94
Hooker, FHBC	40.83	40.83
Kenton Baptist	272.64	699.86
Keyes, FBC	766.80	766.80
Texhoma, FBC	275.66	522.98
Turpin Baptist	305.10	305.10
Tyrone Baptist	207.13	207.13
Wheeless Baptist	191.06	462.05
BGCO	218.33	436.66
Other Income	75.81	75.81
Transfer from GBCd	0.00	0.00
Transfer from DOM	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	.43	.84
GBC Income	2,404.14	5,240.65
	Total:	Total:
	\$13,734.45	\$24,459.47



February 29, 2016 Balances

PBA/GBC Checking:		
Beginning Balance (01/31/16)		\$4,691.62
Total Income:	\$ 13,734.45	
Total Expenses	\$ 16,383.38	
Ending Balance (01/31/16)		\$2,042.69
Special Funds balance:		
Disaster Relief Balance		\$1,304.24
Mexico Crusade Balance		\$2,914.03
GBC Major Improvements		\$ 6,456.70
Panhandle Hispanic Missions		\$15,759.48

Panhandle Baptist Association
Executive Board Minutes
February 22, 2016

In attendance: Eddie Knight, Goodwell BC; S.K. Neal, Bethel BC; Jerry Rice, Kenton BC; Trevor Bulls and Tim Baldrige Boise City FBC; Tom Freeman Guymon Grace Southern; Brad Vickrey Forgan FBC; Darren Carpenter Texhoma FBC; Matt Townsend BCM; Orden Hartley Felt FBC; Mark Thompson Keyes FBC; Mike McReynolds and Joshua Henson Hooker FBC; Ralph Heiney and Lula King, PBA office.

Trevor Bulls lead us in devotional thought from Hosea 4:4ff "My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge" That is the priests' fault. A priest's job is to make God's Word known to the people and call the people to obey that Word. God's judgement on this rebellious people and their unfaithful priests would be to make the priest just like the people and the people just like the priests.

Trevor then led us in prayer.

Eddie Knight called the meeting to order.

Jeff Bradley moved the adoption of the minutes, with a second by Trevor Bulls. Motion passed.

Tom Freeman moved the adoption of the Financial Report with a second by Jerry Rice. Motion adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

The motion from the Time, Place and Preacher committee was taken off the table to resume action on it. The motion was to move our Annual Meeting from Tuesday, October 18, to Sunday, October 16th at the First Baptist Church of Guymon. Eddie Knight is to preach the Doctrinal Message. Michael Carter will preach the Annual Message. There was much good discussion back and forth. When the vote was taken the motion carried, with a few no votes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of a Search Committee to begin finding the successor to Bro. Ralph upon his retirement this summer.

When ballots were cast there were seven men tied with the most and second most votes. It was determined to name all seven to the committee. These were Eddie Knight, Gary Stone, Kay Neal, Orden Hartley, Jerry Rice, Miguel Facio and Jeff Bradley (3 from Texas County, 2 each from Beaver and Cimarron Counties).

Tom Freeman made the motion with a second by Tim Baldrige that these compose the Search committee. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Associational Missionary:

First Hispanic Church of Guymon is sponsoring a home Bible Study in Optima. A handful of families in Optima are interested in helping form a church there. Ralph is working to find a building there to help this mission get underway.

Reminded us that Dr. Cyril Anthony from India (now based in Enid) will be with us at our March Meeting. He will be looking for churches to adopt and pray for one of the many unreached people groups in India.

Two of our former Missionaries, returning to the United States after serving in South America will be leading a narrative Evangelism Conference (story telling the Gospel) at First Hispanic, Guymon on March 18th and 19th. They might be available to preach in one of our churches on the 20th if anyone is interested.

Campers on Mission will have a team working at the Campground in April.

Ralph and Eddie Knight will be working with the BGCO BCM people on identifying a new BCM Director for OPSU to replace Matt Townsend who has accepted a call to a staff position with First, Guymon.

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"As soon as I finished orientation, I got to go to Falls Creek," says Rance. "There, I accepted Christ and learned more about Him. When I got home, I found out my brother had accepted Jesus the very same day with my houseparents helping him. We were baptized together."

Rance's houseparents have been careful to see that Rance's spiritual needs as well as his physical and emotional needs are met. "They pray with me," says Rance, "and my housemom is always asking what she can pray for me for. They make sure that we get to all the church activities, too. I'm still learning from all the youth sermons I hear and the things our pastor says about sin. He says that you're going to make mistakes, but that's no reason not to try to do better. You have to be patient. Nothing good comes as soon as you want it to."

Rance recently received good news: His father accepted Christ and is now his brother in Jesus. Rance is overjoyed and looks forward to seeing his father when he is able, but intends to stay the course and live at OBHC until graduation, even if another opportunity should present itself. "It's the best place I've ever been," he explains. "It's impacted a lot of kids in a positive way and pointed them in the right direction." When asked whether that is what OBHC has done for him, his answer is a decisive and enthusiastic "YES!"

Join us for Spring Fling on April 30 at the Victory Memorial United Methodist Church Family Enrichment Center at 6pm to meet other Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children residents just like Rance. Contact Michael Williams, 405-818-8833 or mwilliams@obhc.org, for more de-

Minutes continued

Camp Gibson

Kay is recovering well from a heart attack last month. Had 5 stints installed. He is frustrated because he still has no stamina, no energy. Feels he is not getting the work done at the camp that needs to be done. But he is making progress.

Groups are beginning to reserve their slots for use of the camp this summer. Work days are scheduled for April 16th and 30th. If your church has folks who could help, send them out.

Still looking for a couple of girls and at least one more boy to serve at the Camp this summer. Pay is \$50.00 a day (plus room and board). Must be at least 16 years old.

Eddie led us in prayer for Kay's health.

BCM

Ended up with 4 small group studies led by students. These 4 are averaging a combined 30 – 35 students each week. Noonday is down some this semester. It is averaging about 100 each week.

Matt is training several of the student leaders to step up and carry out many of his responsibilities as he transitions out of the BCM work. He will continue working 8 hours a week until a new Director is found (10 weeks maximum).

Heard announcements and prayer requests from those assembled.

Kay Neal moved our adjournment. Orden Hartley seconded the motion and it was so ordered.

Faithfully submitted,



Work Days

At Camp

Saturday,

April 16 and

Saturday,

April 30

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring a good attitude and a helping hand!

Let S.K. and Betty know if you are attending for cinnamon rolls and lunch.

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

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children

Fifth Annual



Saturday, April 30, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Guymon, Methodist Church Enrichment Center, 6th & Quinn

Come, Meet the children!

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