

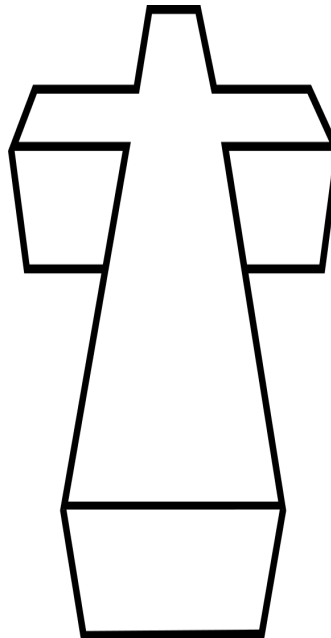
FROM THE A.M. DESK

Out of all of the holidays we celebrate I have to say, in my opinion, Easter stands alone in its importance. Without the resurrection of Jesus we have no reason to celebrate and if we don't celebrate that fact then there is no reason to celebrate anything. All across the panhandle and the rest of the country our churches will be filled with

many people that only show up once or twice a year. I am praying for the Holy Spirit to guide our churches and use this opportunity to communicate the love of Christ through the sharing the Gospel and hospitality that makes a huge impact in services throughout the year and a special emphasis on this Easter Sunday! I hope each and every one of you

join me in that prayer and have a **HAPPY EASTER!!!**

In Christ,  
Brother Eddie



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**CALENDAR EVENTS**

**April**

- 1 Women's Ministry meeting, Ambassador Inn Restaurant, 11 a.m.
- 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

**May**

14 Mother's Day

15 Executive Board, 10 a.m.

29 Office Closed, Memorial Day

**PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN**

Long and lean, fifteen-year-old Kacie is an active teen and was involved in several sports and her school's debate team before coming to live at OBHC. "When I was back at home, my volleyball team there actually beat the volleyball team that I'm on now," Kacie says with a chuckle. Saddened by opportunities lost, but optimistic about the future, Kacie counts the fresh start she is enjoying at OBHC worth the cost and sacrifice. "It actually wasn't my idea to come here," says Kacie, "but I'm glad I did. It's also helped for my mom and me to have some time apart. We were fighting quite a bit, which is understandable, and now I can see a little bit of where she was coming from." While she and her mother work on

their relationship, Kacie is enjoying getting to know her houseparents, Justin and Holly.

"When we get upset about something, they know how to cope with us without getting upset, too," Kacie explains. Although she is still deciding how to respond to the Gospel, Kacie appreciates the effort that her houseparents put into making sure that she knows the Bible basics and has the opportunity to grow spiritually if she chooses to do so.

"I was baptized at the same time as my mom," Kacie says, "but I never asked Jesus into my heart. I think maybe I'm resisting because everyone wants me to do it and I want to make sure it's my decision,

not someone else's." Kacie has no idea what the future holds, but she appreciates the chance to step back and catch her breath that OBHC donors have afforded her. "They're awesome!" Kacie says. "Because of them, I've gone on a lot of fun trips and gotten to know a lot of cool people. I don't plan to stay at OBHC forever, but I am glad I came. One thing's for sure, my life is better right now than it would have been if I hadn't!"

**Join us for Spring Fling on April 8 at FBC Keyes at 6pm or April 9 at Hunny's after morning worship. You will have the opportunity to meet and visit with some children from Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.**



**VBS 2017 Dates**

- May 22-26 p.m. Boise City FBC
- May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, p.m. Goodwell BC
- June 5-9 a.m. Guymon, Sunset Lane
- June 18-22 p.m. Turpin BC
- June 19-23 p.m. Guymon FBC
- August 1st week Keyes FBC

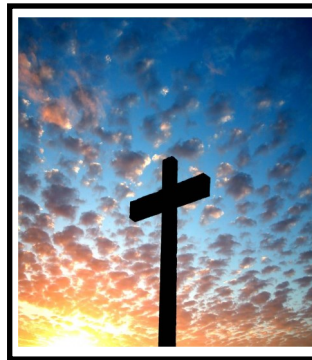
**Camp dates**

Freedom Crossroads June 5-9

**Girl's Missions Camp June 19-22 Cost: \$120.00**

**Boy's Missions Camp July 10-13 Cost: \$120.00**

Camp Good News July 17-21



**Pray for our Church of the Month**

*Boise City, FBC  
Trevor Bulls pastor  
Tim Baldridge Y/M minister*

**Pastorless churches**

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

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**APRIL**

**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	Name	Church
1	Harper Vickrey	Forgan, FBC Youth Min. Daughter
2	Garlan & Lisa Flanagan	Guymon, FBC Secretary & husband
3	Levi Carter	Guymon, FBC Pastor's son
10	Jacee Coffey	BCM Director's daughter
11	Amanda Coffey	BCM Director's wife
11	Amy Bradley	Beaver, FBC Pastor's wife
12	Cody Camilli	Boise City, FBC Secretary's husband
17	Brad & Tiffaney Vickrey	Forgan, FBC Youth Min & wife
21	Guadalupe & Graciela Amaya	Guymon, FHBC Pastor & wife
27	Coleman Thompson	Keyes, FBC Pastor's son

2017 FINANCES	FEBRUARY	YTD RECTS
Balko Baptist	211.76	605.49
Beaver, FBC	0.00	0.00
Beaver Hispanic	452.97	452.97
Boise City, FBC	734.78	3,098.05
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	100.00
Felt, FBC	0.00	2,286.24
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	0.00
Forgan, FBC	368.95	368.95
Goodwell Baptist	0.00	261.81
Guymon, FBC	396.00	1,042.00
Guymon, FHBC	95.54	235.82
Guymon, Grace	363.06	363.06
Guymon, Sunset Lane	810.45	1,296.71
Hardesty, Bethel	99.68	99.68
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	843.23	843.23
Hooker, FHBC	34.26	34.26
Kenton Baptist	307.20	692.08
Keyes, FBC	615.17	615.17
Texhoma, FBC	184.53	184.53
Turpin Baptist	439.67	439.67
Tyrone Baptist	138.94	138.94
Wheless Baptist	153.12	222.42
BGCO	218.33	654.99
Other Income	82.92	155.88
Interest Income	0.70	1.31
GBC Income	2,320.50	3,655.43
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>Total:</b>
	<b>\$8,921.76</b>	<b>\$17,846.69</b>



February 28, 2017 Balances	
PBA/GBC Checking:	
Beginning Balance (01/31/17)	\$4,787.99
Total Income:	\$8,921.76
Total Expenses	\$ 10,563.29
Ending Balance (02/28/17)	\$3,146.46
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$3,048.34
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$ 3,959.21
GBC Major Improvements	\$83,944.79
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$15,386.67

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## Panhandle Baptist Association

### Executive Board Minutes

February 27, 2017

In attendance: Jason Johnston, Balco Baptist Church; Tracy Farthing, Gibson Baptist Camp; Darren Carpenter, Texhoma FBC; Misha Moore, Goodwell BC; Jerry Rice, Kenton BC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; David Hall and Brad Vickrey, Forgan FBC; Mike McReynolds and Joshua Henson, Hooker FBC; Tome Freeman, Guymon Grace Southern; Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; David Coffey, BCM; Gary Stone, Tyrone BC; Eddie Knight and Lula King, PBA office.

Our Moderator, Eddie Knight called us to order and led us in a devotional thought. He has just concluded a two year journey preaching through the book of Acts. He noted that there were themes that appeared again and again.

Location – the disciples were on the go, village to village

Proclaim the Gospel – Everywhere they went they shared the message of Jesus. They were intentional in their witness

Response – The Gospel gets a reaction, sometimes good, sometimes bad; but it calls for a response from all who hear it.

Keep on trucking – quitting is not an option. Whatever obstacles may pop up, we must keep on going and keep on sharing

He then led us in prayer.

Minutes were provided and their adoption moved by the clerk, Jeff Bradley. He was seconded by Jerry Rice. Motion was approved.

Financial report provided by Treasurer

#### OLD BUSINESS

Camp Committee – Tracy Farthing has agreed to come on board as our Full-Time camp manager. (He fully understands the shaky financial condition of the Association but feels God has called him to join us in this great work.) David Hall seconded the committee's motion for us to ratify this hiring. Motion carried.

Executive Committee made a motion that we temporarily overlook those by-laws that conflict with the changes we've made to the Association Missionary position and the camp manager's position. (Specifically – the requirement that the Camp Manager be on the grounds at all times. He will be on the campgrounds 24/7 whenever the camp is in use.) David Coffey seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, David Hall noted it would be unwise for us to put ourselves in a legally liable position by ignoring our own governing rules. Jerry Rice moved that the motion be tabled while we sought legal guidance on this (possibly from the BGCO). Mike McReynolds seconded this motion and it was approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The camp needs a new computer. Cost would be in the \$600.00 to 700.00 range. David Coffey said that the BCM has been provided a new computer by the BGCO. But he prefers the model he's been using. He'd be glad to make the new computer available to the camp if they'd want it. Tracy will check it out and see if it will suit their needs.

#### REPORTS

Associational Missionary – The BGCO would like to send a survey team to our area to identify how we can more effectively minister to the multitude of ethnic/linguistic groups that have come to the Guymon area in recent years. Also, if any of our churches have mission projects they need help with, the BGCO can help put them in touch with groups interested in helping.

Hispanic Liaison – Easter crusade will soon be upon us. The Beaver mission held a dedication service Sunday for their fully remodeled facilities. They are excited about God's blessings on their service to His Kingdom.

GBA – A good group from Kenton and Boise City spent a day cleaning up limbs from the ice storm last month. They also dismantled an old swing set.

The list of projects that needs to be done before this summer's camping season is growing as Tracy surveys the grounds and identifies areas of concern. He is still organizing and prioritizing these projects. He'd love to visit with groups from our churches about where and how they can plug in to this crucial work. He is also learning about the water usage regulations and pool operations.

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BCM - 5 students will be participating with David and his family over spring Break Mission Trip to Colorado. They have a student who leads their Thursday evening worship times who is available to lead church worship on Sundays. David is in the process of developing a couple of students to do supply preaching in our churches. David and Amanda have been asked by a young couple to mentor them as they prepare for marriage.

Disaster Relief Training – The BGCO is revamping its training regimen. It is moving from Association Training sessions to Regional Training. But each Regional Training will include all the various DR ministries: Chain saw, mud out, child care, etc.; in addition to the feeding units they've always done.

If your church is looking for a mission trip, Brad Vickrey has some available projects he'd love to pass on to you. There is a movie from Franklin Graham, dealing with the E Bola outbreak that is coming to a theatre in Amarillo. If there is enough interest in it we might be able to get it in the Guymon theatre. Contact Darren Carpenter if you're interested.

VBS clinic is at Grace, Southern on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Rice made a motion to adjourn with a second by David Coffey. Motion passed.

David Hall led us in prayer.

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.

#### known Falls Creek Dates

July 10-15; Beaver FBC

July 17-22; Forgan FBC

#### Other Camps

July 17-21; Keyes FBC (Colorado)

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

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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."

### Why do we call it Easter?

No one knows for sure, but it is thought that the name comes from the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre. Associated with spring and fertility celebrated around the vernal equinox. As Christmas was moved to coincide with (and supplant) the pagan celebration of winter, Easter was likely moved to coincide and replace the pagan celebration of spring.

The Easter Bunny comes from these pagan rites of spring as well. Eighteenth-century German settlers brought 'Oscher Haws' to America where settlers prepared nests for him in the garden or barn. On Easter Eve, the rabbit laid his colored eggs in the nests in payment. (What was he paying for?)

Easter Lilies were brought to America from Bermuda in the 1880's (This is not a Christianized pagan symbol) They are now associated with Easter because they grow from a bulb that is 'buried' and 'reborn'.

***I'm thankful to celebrate Resurrection Sunday***