

## BRO RALPH'S REFLECTIONS

Well spring is here and summer is fast approaching, school's out for most communities, everyone is making plans for vacations and trips OR what to do with the kids! Our churches are getting ready for Vacation Bible School and camps, and Falls Creek. This is a great time for Evangelism in our churches. VBS is a great way to reach families in your community. Have your folks look around your town and find kids that are not a part of your church, invite them,

run a van and pick up the kids. Get them to VBS where they'll hear the gospel and then give them an opportunity to be saved. Give an invitation, it might surprise you what the Lord could do. The same thing is true about camps, find some kids that want to go to camp and help them to go. I meet pastors and people that all the time only want to take their church kids to camp. What a mistake, taking kids outside your church gives a church an opportunity for outreach.

One great way to open doors in your community is through VBS and camps. We need to learn to use these opportunities as the Lord opens the doors. I have seen over the years that God will honor our work, if we have a desire to reach people. Remember Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." When an adult is saved, a soul is saved. When a child is saved, not only is a soul saved, but also a life is saved from living in sin.

Bro Ralph  
Eph. 3:20

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Check out our website!  
[www.pbaok.org](http://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

**\$22,483.00 to date**

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

### May

29 Union Center UMC @  
Gibson Baptist Camp

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

### July

4 **Office Closed** Independence Day

11-14 Boy's Missions Camp

18-22 Good News Camp

28 Personnel Committee, 5 p.m.

30 Women's Ministry Planning, 11 a.m. Marla's

### August

13-14 Turpin Mennonite Church  
@ GBC

15 Executive Board, 10 a.m.

15 Budget Committee meeting, 1 p.m.

**PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**GIBSON BAPTIST CAMP**

I was given a copy of the information that appeared in the Baptist Milestones in Oklahoma. I would like to have all the information that was in the article. I will write what I have, I think it will open your eyes as it did mine about the camp we have called Gibson Baptist Camp.

It starts out, Baptists in the Oklahoma Panhandle held their first summer assembly about 1924. Fred McCauley conducted the encampment near Kenton, aided by Clarence Dick of Clayton, New Mexico and a few young people. The site selected was a former rock ranch-house, which was in a state of disrepair. Volunteer laborers covered the dilapidated building with brush to improvise an arbor which served as a tabernacle and dug a well to supply water. About 50 regular campers attended the first session. Among them was a young man by the name of W.A. Criswell. Campers came in

touring cars, rented buses, and some on horseback from all communities of the entire Panhandle. They camped in tents and slept on cots. The encampment lasted about seven days. Some of those folks who attended that first Panhandle encampment still remember the long written examinations they took at conclusion of their study courses. Someone reported that the examination paper written by that young man named Criswell turned out to be one of the best.

In the years to come encampments were held intermittently in the vicinities of Kenton, Boise City, and Guymon until the dust bowl years of the 1930's caused so many people to leave the tri-county area. From about 1935 until 1942, perhaps only two encampments were held. In the latter years the assembly was revived, meeting this time at Goodwell where it made use of the facilities of Panhandle A & M College and held services in the basement of the Baptist church building then under construction. Sessions were held at Goodwell through 1950.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold F. Gibson, a ranching family with headquarters one mile north of Oklahoma Highway No. 3, 10 miles east of Hardesty, set up a permanent assembly site in 1950. John Heard, superintendent of missions for the Panhandle Baptist Association, worked with the Gibson's in planning this project. Mr. Gibson gave the first \$100 toward construction of a tabernacle. Others responded with enthusiasm, and the first encampment at the new site began on July 16, 1951, with Albert Lowther as camp preacher, Virgil Green as music director and J. Christopher Pool, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, as missionary speaker.

The original plat of ground consisted of 12 acres, which has increased to 20 acres. The assembly operates under the constitution of Panhandle Baptist Association. They now have a camp director, a cook, and director of missions, who all have part in keeping the assembly running very well. It is named after the donors

of the original land site. The Gibson family is still very much involved in running the camp as the cook is a grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Gibson. The assembly has come a long way in the past years. In 1964 there were 18 buildings on the grounds and the operating budget was about \$5000.00. A value of the property owned in 1964 was about \$140,000 and the cabins owned by the churches were valued at a total of nearly \$80,000. the PBA owns most all the buildings at an insurance of over \$1m. We now have cold air in all the buildings. In 1950 we hoped that there was wind at night!

Here it is camp time again. We will have day camps starting May 29, June 18, 19. this year we only have four camps that will be our week long camps. They start June 6-10, 27-30, July 11-14, 18-22. we have one weekend camp August 13-14. then to end September 10, PSC Annual Meeting. You can see that we have lots of reason to give thanks to God. God has blessed the PBA and we must keep trying to do what God has planned for us to reach the lost. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus tells us to make disciples of all nations, and we must do what Jesus tells us.

Hope to see each of you this summer and God bless each of you.  
Camp Director S.K. (Kay) Neal

**Small things we can all do to make a difference in our church. . .**

- 1. Pray
- 2. Read ahead
- 3. Welcome and talk to people
- 4. Remember what people tell you and follow up
- 5. Notice who's not at church
- 6. Talk to the kids
- 7. Get together outside church
- 8. Make a meal for someone
- 9. Join a Bible Study
- 10. Don't be on time; be early
- 11. Sing loud
- 12. Sit close to the front
- 13. Think about what you liked about the sermon
- 14. Give feedback well
- 15. Serve willingly and faithfully
- 16. Extend grace to others
- 17. Give regularly

*copied from gotherefor.com*

**Pray for our Church of the Month**  
*Texhoma, FBC*  
*Darren Carpenter,*  
*pastor*

**Pastorless churches**  
*Guymon, SLBC , David Moore is transitional interim*

**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**

- Linda Huggins
- Miguel & Lily Facio
- Orden & Gayla Hartley
- Mike & Jenny McReynolds
- Brynnleigh Vickrey
- Melissa Carter
- Jeff & Amy Bradley
- Graciela Amaya
- Eva Camilli
- Kolby McDonald
- Walker Thompson
- Wayne & Beverly Moore
- Caleb Krenzin
- Gary & Gudny Stone
- Eddie Knight
- Michelle Knight
- Eddie & Michelle Knight
- Cooper Bulls

**Church**

- Guymon, FBC Music Minister's wife
- Beaver, Hispanic Pastor & wife
- Felt, FBC Pastor & wife
- Hooker FBC Pastor & wife
- Forgan, FBC Youth Minister's daughter
- Guymon, FBC Pastor's wife
- Beaver, FBC Pastor & wife
- Guymon, FHBC Pastor's wife
- Boise City, FBC Secretary
- Beaver, FBC Music Minister's son
- Keyes, FBC Pastor's son
- Clearlake BC Pastor & wife
- Guymon, FBC Family Pastor's son
- Tyrone BC Pastor & wife
- Goodwell BC Pastor
- Goodwell BC Pastor's wife
- Goodwell BC Pastor & wife
- Boise City, FBC Pastor's son

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**  
**JUNE**

2016 FINANCES	APRIL	YTD RECTS
Balko Baptist	261.78	604.88
Beaver, FBC	1,801.73	6,083.11
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	240.12
Boise City, FBC	1,397.32	4,504.07
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	200.00
Clearlake Baptist	0.00	438.00
Felt, FBC	0.00	4,099.77
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	50.00
Forgan, FBC	0.00	1,204.28
Goodwell Baptist	266.66	1,789.25
Guymon, FBC	739.00	2,610.00
Guymon, FHBC	61.84	302.37
Guymon, Grace	343.34	1,539.82
Guymon, Sunset Lane	583.23	2,123.07
Hardesty, Bethel	0.00	959.66
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	753.16	4,030.99
Hooker, FHBC	56.90	163.69
Kenton Baptist	325.12	1,234.74
Keyes, FBC	630.53	2,450.39
Texhoma, FBC	0.00	937.22
Turpin Baptist	301.68	1,212.94
Tyrone Baptist	157.08	535.64
Wheeless Baptist	349.28	1,074.85
BGCO	218.33	873.32
Other Income	8,480.00	8,618.95
Interest Income	.24	1.33
GBC Income	1,181.22	8,152.84
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,958.62</b>	<b>Total:</b> <b>\$56,035.30</b>



April 30, 2016 Balances		
PBA/GBC Checking:		
Beginning Balance (03/31/16)		\$912.16
Total Income:	\$ 17,958.62	
Total Expenses	\$ 13,131.25	
Ending Balance (04/30/16)		\$ 5,739.53
Special Funds balance:		
Disaster Relief Balance		\$1,854.24
Mexico Crusade Balance		\$ 1,178.43
GBC Major Improvements		\$ 6,919.90
Panhandle Hispanic Missions		\$15,970.07

## **Panhandle Baptist Association**

**April 18, 2016**

### **Minutes**

In attendance: Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; Miguel Facio, Beaver Hispanic; David Hall, Forgan FBC; Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; Trevor Bulls and Tim Baldrige, Boise City FBC; S.K. Neal, Bethel BC; Matt Townsend, BCM; Eddie Knight, Goodwell BC; Michael Carter, Guymon FBC; Gary Stone, Tyrone BC; Tom Freeman, Guymon Grace Southern; Mike Napier, BGCO; Ralph Heiney and Lula King, PBA office.

●Mike Napier led us in devotional thought from II Corinthians 5:18-21. God is reconciling people to Himself. He has given us that ministry as well. He pleads, begs us to join Him in making this our primary work. He then led us in prayer.

●Our Moderator, Eddie Knight, called the meeting to order.

●Minutes were provided. Trevor Bulls moved their adoption with a second by Orden Hartley and the motion carried.

●Financial Report was provided. S.K. Neal moved its adoption with a second by Trevor Bulls and the motion passed. We were \$7,000.00 short this month. Tom Freeman made the motion to officially transfer funds to the General Account. The motion received a second from Orden Hartley and it was approved.

●OLD BUSINESS none

●NEW BUSINESS

The Search Committee shared the minutes from their first meeting to let us know what they were considering and to get input from the Board. Given our on-going struggles financially, the committee isn't ruling out any possible candidates, including bi-vocational and semi-retired men. We will be listing the job search in the Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas Baptist papers. The ad will note that our Camp and Hispanic works are priority ministries in our Association. There was very good discussion from the Board and all seemed pleased with the way the committee was proceeding in their task. Prayer was lifted up for the committee, the Association and our movement forward

● REPORTS

Associational Missionary: Bro Ralph has concluded his Transitional Interim work at Sunset Lane. He is looking forward to making the rounds to each of the Associational churches one more time before he leaves. The Mission Committee is talking to the authorities at Optima about the possibility of renting either the school or city hall building to begin a new ministry there.

Hispanic Liaison: Seventy-two professions of Faith recorded in the Easter week revivals with the Juarez group here. Many, many rededications also recorded. Great time of church renewal as well as evangelistic outreach. The Boise City Mission is again meeting on Sunday mornings after many years of driving out to Felt to be a part of their services. First Baptist, Boise City is working with this mission church to help them get the paper work done so they can own their own property there and become a fully independent, sister church.

Camp Gibson: Had a work day on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 4 people showed up on a rainy and cool day. Another work day is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, with outdoor work being the focus. The Boise City cabin is now ready. A Campers on Mission group is currently on the grounds working on repairing the A & B cabins from the water damage they experienced from broken pipes. The pool is scheduled to be repaired this week. The state is now requiring treated, drinkable water in each cabin. S.K. has completed the waterline work to meet this demand.

BCM: Matt will be completing his work there this Friday. The new Director for this fall will be David Coffey coming from Tulsa Community College.

Nominating Committee: We are in need of an Associational Music Director, a Youth Director, a Baptist Foundation representative and a Camp Committee member.

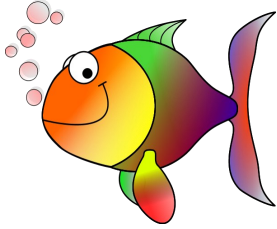
●Orden Hartley moved to adjourn. He was seconded by Trevor Bulls. Motion approved. Mike Carter led us prayer.

Submitted

Jeff Bradley

ADDENDUM- Our meeting was followed by a presentation from Mike Napier, the BGCO's personal evangelism leader. He shared with us regarding the upcoming Connect 1 evangelism effort.

## Vacation Bible School Dates

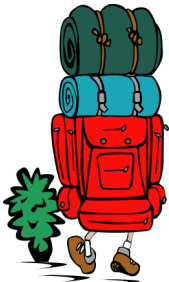


May 23-27: Beaver FBC  
Boise City FBC  
Hooker FBC

June 6-10: Felt FBC  
Goodwell BC  
Guymon Sunset

June 1,8,15,22,29: Guymon  
Grace

June 20-24: Guymon FBC



## Falls Creek Dates

June 27-July 1: Goodwell BC;  
Texhoma FBC

July 11-16: Beaver FBC

July 25-30: Boise City FBC  
Felt FBC

***Let us know of your dates!!***

## Summer Camps

Girl's Missions Camp: June 27-30, 2016

For girls finishing 1st grade—6th grade

\$115.00

Your church office has the forms and information; we need numbers by June 16

***Director :Tricia Gray***

Boy's Missions Camp: July 11-14, 2016

For boys finishing 1st grade—6th grade

\$115.00

Your church office has the forms and information; we need numbers by June 30

***Director:Tim Baldrige***

## Do You Seriously Think God Can't Use You?

Noah was a drunk

Abraham was too old

Isaac was a daydreamer

Jacob was a liar

Leah was ugly

Joseph was abused

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer

Rehab was a prostitute

Jeremiah and timothy were too young

David had an affair and was a murdered

Elijah was suicidal

Isaiah preached naked

Jonah ran from God

Naomi was a widow

Job went bankrupt

Peter denied Christ

The disciples fell asleep while praying

Martha worried about everything

The Samaritan woman was divorced

Zaccheus was too small

Paul was too religious

Timothy had an ulcer

Lazarus was dead

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Office hours: 9-noon & 1-5  
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."

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

**Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Galatians 6:4**