

TOM'S THOUGHTS

This coming weekend, we will celebrate the first of three special patriotic holidays. They are Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day. I had not really considered these three as being together, until my first pastorate. On my first Memorial Day in the community, I was privileged to bring the message for the community Memorial Day service. In my preparation I spent time researching the history of the holiday, which encouraged my passion for the holiday.

Memorial Day was first called Decoration Day, a day that was set aside for the remembrance of those who died in Civil War. There are many stories and cities who lay claim of the beginning of this holiday. However the most likely story is, in the years after the Civil War, various ladies groups, mothers, and widows gathered in their communities to decorate the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers.

The following year, May 5, 1868, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed and was first observed May 30, 1868. On that day, the observance was marked by the placing of flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Then in 1915, a distinctive symbol was added to the observance of Memorial Day, the red poppy. This flower quickly became a special symbol, and grew in popularity. In 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization began selling red poppies for donations and in 1924 disabled members of VFW began making artificial red poppies for sale.

In time, like many holidays, the original reason for the observance waned, as the holiday became a time of honoring all dead and not just those fallen in wars. The real distraction of the holiday came in 1971, when the National Holiday Act was enacted. This bill moved the annual observance to the fourth Monday in May, and became one of sever-

al new three day holiday weekends.

Soon Memorial Day became an unofficial beginning of summer, with many doing more celebrating, and not so much commemorating. So sadly this holiday has become less and less patriotic, and less and less a holiday that recognizes the men and women who have given their lives for our country.

I am thankful that in many communities, several organizations take the occasion to place the American flag at the grave of those who served our country. Personally this practice helps to remind us and return us to the original meaning of the holiday, our honoring those who gave and serve their country... our country.

May I also remind each of us on June 14th to display our flag, the symbol of our country, the American Star and Stripes, as we celebrate the second patriotic holiday.

In His Love,
Tom Freeman, Interim
Associational Missionary

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CALENDAR EVENTS

May
28 Office Closed, Memorial Day Observance
30 DEADLINE for Day Camp, June 9

June
9 Day Camp, 10 a.m.— 3 p.m.
10-11 WMU/Pastor's Conference, Dallas TX

12-13 Southern Baptist Church Dallas TX
11-15 Freedom Crossroads Camp GBC
13 DEADLINE for Girl's Missions Camp, June 25
20 **Tentative** Turpin Mennonite/Methodist VBS at GBC
22 Women's Event Planning 11 a.m., Guymon Ambassador Inn

Restaurant
25-28 Girl's Missions Camp
27 DEADLINE for Boy's Missions Camp, July 9

July
4 Office Closed, Independence Day
9-12 Boy's Missions Camp
11 DEADLINE for Day Camp, July 21

14 Wedding @ GBC
16-20 Good News Camp, GBC
21 Day Camp, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
26 Personnel Committee, 5:00 p.m.

August
6 Budget Committee, 3 p.m.
11 Disaster Relief training, 8 a.m. -1 p.m. Enid, Emanuel BC
18 **Tentative** PSC Annual meeting, GBC

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

This past year felt like one of the fastest I have ever experienced. I cannot believe that the spring semester is over. Looking back on everything that happened in the Fall and Spring I can understand why it seemed to fly by. There was never a dull moment. I am excited about what God did through BCM on campus this past year.

Most importantly we saw several students come to know Jesus as

their savior. That is first and foremost the reason why we are on campus. If nothing else happened, that would be enough, but much more took place.

We had students involved in ministry all over campus, and the state. We served over 5000 plates at our free lunch this past year. Many Students were involved in small groups and worship each week. In addition to all that I was able to con-

tinue to do weekly devotions to the football, baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball teams. Without a doubt the Word is being shared on campus and God is doing great things.

All that to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our PBA churches. Without your continued prayer, financial, and serving support BCM would not be able to do what we have done. God has used all of you in a

way that has eternal significance. I never cease to be amazed and humbled by the love and generosity of our churches. God Bless You!

In Christ,
David Coffey

BCM Director OPSU

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

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
5	Linda Hughhins	Guymon, FBC Music Minister & wife
5	Miguel & Lilliana Facio	Beaver, Hispanic Mission Pastor & wife
6	Orden & Gayla Hartley	Felt, FBC Pastor & wife
6	Mike & Jenny McReynolds	Hooker, FBC Pastor & wife
8	Brynnleigh Vickrey	Forgan, FBC Pastor's daughter
10	Melissa Carter	Guymon, FBC Pastor's wife
11	Todd Broaddus	Boise City, FBC Secretary's husband
12	Graciella Amaya	Guymon, FHBC Pastor's wife
16	Walker Thompson	Keyes, FBC Pastor's son
20	Caleb Krenzin	Guymon, FBC Family Pastor's son
20	Gary & Gudny Stone	Tyrone BC Pastor & wife
30	Cooper Bulls	Boise City, FBC Pastor's son

BCM Needs: We are planning to replace the people mover with a new 15 passenger van; estimated cost will be \$23,000. 00 We have been promised a matching donation amount \$12,500.00 towards the purchase. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity.

Please 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.

Position Opening: First Baptist Church of Beaver is seeking God's leader to serve as our Bi-Vocational Youth Minister. Contact the church for further information: 580.625.3382 or send resume to PO Box 6, Beaver OK 73932

Pray for our Church of the Month

Hooker, First Mike McReynolds, Pastor; Joshua Henson, Music & Youth Minister; Jenny McReynolds, secretary

Pastorless churches

Hardesty, Bethel; Guymon, Grace Southern; Goodwell BC

Other Events at Camp Gibson:

Freedom Crossroads: June 11-16

Wall-Byrd Wedding: July 14

Camp Good News: July 16-20

Turpin Mennonite Retreat: August 11-12

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

PHONE at camp is 580.888.4591



Welcome

To the Todd Carr family as they have been called as pastor of Balko Baptist Church.

"Welcome to the Panhandle"



If you know someone who would like to receive the newsletter, let us know. It is snail mailed, emailed, and posted on our website monthly.

Have you ever wanted to be a frog?

At our summer "Day Camps" children will learn about being F.R.O.G.s, those who Fully Rely on God. The children will enjoy Bible Study, recreation (including swimming), crafts, missions, and music. HELP IS NEEDED, so if you are willing to serve, please contact Karen Freeman at 580.461.9209 or the PBA office.



2018 Finances

April

YTD Receipts

Balko Baptist	454.01	1,220.21
Beaver, FBC	1,505.72	5,510.67
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	416.94
Boise City, FBC	626.69	3,7149.65
Boise City, FHBC	50.00	150.00
Felt, FBC	0.00	2,483.22
Felt, Mission	0.00	0.00
Forgan, FBC	0.00	2,035.08
Goodwell BC	0.00	906.09
Guymon, FBC	315.00	2,947.00
Guymon, FHBC	104.02	336.44
Guymon, Grace	0.00	0.00
Guymon, Sunset Lane	655.20	2,643.84
Hardesty, Bethel	99.38	873.91
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	0.00	2,359.54
Hooker, FHBC	0.00	355.59
Kenton BC	225.76	1,273.92
Keyes, FBC	0.00	2,109.99
Texhoma, FBC	200.09	793.74
Turpin BC	0.00	1,457.52
Tyrone BC	0.00	750.78
Wheless BC	0.00	613.66
BGCO	218.42	873.68
Other Income	89.07	593.25
Interest Income	.78	3.77
GBC Income	492.27	6,68264
Total: \$5,528.17		Total: \$41,529.86



April 30, 2018 Balances

PBA/GBC Checking:	
Beginning Balance (03/31/18)	\$6,698.67
Total Income:	\$ 5,528.17
Total Expenses	\$ 10,050.76
Ending Balance (04/30/18)	\$2,176.08
Special Funds balance:	
Disaster Relief Balance	\$4,099.37
Mexico Crusade Balance	\$1,261.17
GBC Major Improvements	\$35,596.29
Panhandle Hispanic Missions	\$13,304.09

Panhandle Baptist Association
Executive Board
April 16, 2018

In attendance: Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; Mike McReynolds and Joshua Henson, Hooker FBC; Brad Vickrey, Forgan FBC; Michael Carter and Matt Townsend, Guymon FBC; Mark Thompson, Keyes FBC; Trevor Bulls, Boise City FBC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; David Coffey, BCM; and Tom Freeman and Lula King PBA office.

Moderator, Orden Hartley, called the meeting to order. He shared with us from Exodus 3:13-14. Our work, like Moses, is to lead people out of bondages. We represent the ONE who is God, who always has been God and who always will be God. He is a God of Relationships.

Minutes were examined. Jeff Bradley, clerk, moved their adoption. He was seconded by Mark Thompson. Motion approve.

Financial Report provided by Tom Freeman. Trevor Bulls moved its adoption and was seconded by Brad Vickrey. Motion approved.

Old Business

Operations Manual updates/revisions were presented for approval. (They had been provided at the last board meeting, so everyone has had a month to look them over.) Trevor Bulls made a motion to strike the requirement for a 2 week notice before a board vote to terminate the Camp Manager (This is on page 5; Section 8; Subsection C). Mark Thompson seconded the motion and it passed.

With that amendment made, Trevor Bulls then moved the adoption of the manual revisions as printed. Brad Vickrey seconded the motion and it was affirmed.

New Business

Letter of resignation from Camp Manager, Tracy Farthing, was presented. Jeff Bradley moved that we accept it. Brad Vickrey seconded the motion and it was approved.

Reports

Associational Missionary/ Camp Report

\$1,238 bid for heater in the Balko Cabin has been received. Matt Townsend, with a second by Mike McReynolds moved we approve this bid. Motion was confirmed.

Repairs have been made in several of the other buildings (Boise City, Beaver, Balko, craft, and DOM cabin). These buildings all have functioning heaters and are now usable year round.

Work is being done to alleviate the sand burr issue.

Shut off valves for hot water heaters in all the building are being installed (This is required to meet code.)

Thermostats are being installed in kitchen, dining room and craft cabin to allow the temperature to be reset to a default position when the building is not in use.

Mission group from Shawnee got the exterior of the Beaver cabin painted. Other buildings need painting and much cleanup around the grounds needs to be done. April 28th has been set as a workday to attend to many of these projects. Work teams from the churches are encouraged and welcome to come work whenever their schedules will permit.

The Boise City Hispanic Church has petitioned the Association for full membership. Trevor Bulls, Jerry Rice, and Miguel Facio have been enlisted to serve as a credentials committee for the Association to meet with this church and come back to us with a recommendation regarding this petition. Jeff Bradley moved that we affirm this process; he was seconded by Matt Townsend and the motion carried.

Trevor Bulls moved that Tom Freeman, as our Interim Associational Missionary would serve as Interim Camp Manager as well. The Personnel Committee should approve a new salary arrangement considering the additional responsibilities of the two positions. Brad Vickrey seconded this motion and it was so ordered.

We have been invited to participate in a Central and Western Kansas Leadership conference being provided at the First Southern Baptist Church of Dodge City on May 5th from 9:00 to 3:00. (Please contact the Associational Office if you plan to attend so they can get numbers to the Dodge city Church.) Lunch will be provided.

Tom Freeman suggested that it might be more productive for us to move to 3 Board meetings a year, plus the Annual. These Board Meetings would take place January, May and September. In the months between meetings each county would have a fellowship gathering for the staff members in their respective counties. Trevor Bulls moved the adoption of this suggestion. He was seconded by Mark Thompson. Motion approved.

Addition to the camp report – the water purification system is not functioning. Pump may need to be replaced.

BCM Report

* Several updates on various pieces of equipment have been made including the purchase of 6 new roasters.

* Bids are being received for replacing the carpet in the dining area. (Hopefully, the BGCO will pay for this.)

* All fluorescent lights are being replaced by LED's. This will save about \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year in operating expenses. First Baptist, Gruver paid for all of this work.

* Plans are being made to install sand volleyball courts.

* Also, looking to put a metal roof on back patio area of the building.

* David expressed his great appreciation to those churches who provided meals on Wednesday Noondays. When he is not tied up serving and cleaning up he is free to visit with and build relationships with students. Last month he was able to get into a conversation with one of the foreign students that led to a gospel presentation. This is how he'd like to be able to use his noonday's time every month.

Brad Vickrey moved adjournment. Trevor Bulls second. So ordered.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeff Bradley

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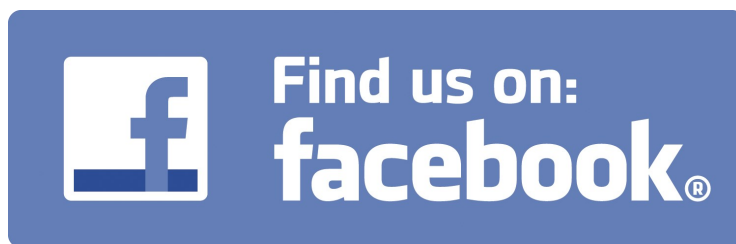
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RETURN ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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Moises Avalos, Hispanic Liaison
Lula King, Ministry Assistant

Office hours: 9-noon & 1-5
Monday—Thursday



Known dates

VBS

May 30, June 6, 13 Goodwell BC
June 4-8 Guymon Sunset Lane
June 4-8 Felt FBC
June 20-22 Guymon FBC
July 2-6 Keyes FBC
July 15-19 Turpin BC
July 9-13 Forgan FBC
July 16-20 Tyrone BC

Falls Creek Dates

July 9-14 Hooker FBC
July 16-20 Forgan FBC
July 22-28 Boise City FBC
July 22-28 Keyes FBC
July 22-28 Felt FBC

Other Youth Camps

June 11-15 Guymon FBC

GIBSON BAPTIST CAMPS

Girl's Missions Camp: June 25-28 \$120.00

Boy's Missions Camp: July 9-12 \$120.00

Day Camps: June 9 OR July 21 \$15.00

All of these camps are for boy's and /or girl's who have finished 1st through 6th grade

Please let us know how many are coming 12 days ahead of camp

Background checks need to be current (ran in last 18 months) on all sponsors 18 years of age or older.

