

BRO RALPH'S REFLECTIONS

Many of you know that this will be my last article as your Associational Missionary. Six years ago we came to the Panhandle. We have enjoyed being here and working with some of the greatest pastors and people that I have ever worked with, you have prayed and encouraged greatly. I hope you will do the same for the next missionary. I'm not completely sure what the future is going to be for us as we begin this new season in our lives. We have already scheduled some reviv-

als for this fall and next spring. I am hoping that will be the direction we go, but I am leaving that up to the Lord. If you feel led of the Lord, we would be excited to come back for revivals or Bible studies here in the panhandle. God has used us in that area for a number of years, hoping He will continue.

My prayer for the Panhandle Association, is that you would become even more evangelistic in the future as you try to win the panhandle to Jesus.

We continually praise

the Lord for the accomplishments that have been made over the past years, and for what He is going to do in the future in your lives and churches and in mine.

It will probably be somewhere between 6 months to a year before we are completely moved. We need prayer for our house to sell and pray for us going back and forth, from here to Blue-jacket.

Sandy and I thank you so much for your prayers and letters and fellowship over these six years. Thank You.

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**

\$27,483.00 to date

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 know yours!**

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CALENDAR EVENTS

July

28 Personnel Committee, 5 p.m.

August

6 Women's Ministry Planning, 11 a.m. Mar-la's

13-14 Turpin Mennonite Church @ GBC

8 Budget Committee meeting, 3 p.m.

15 Executive Board, 10 a.m.

18 Connect I Sunday School Conference,

6:30-9:00 p.m. Hooker FBC

September

5 Office Closed Labor Day

10 PSC Annual Meeting, GBC

19 Executive Board 10 a.m.

October

10 Office Closed Columbus Day

16 Annual Meeting, Guymon FBC

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HISPANIC MINISTRY

The world is going through rough times. Times in which it is very hard to survive in some parts of the world. Sadly, we are seeing it hit home too. Our country, the land of the free and home of the brave is being hit with acts of violence and hatred. People have lost all discernment.

1 Timothy 2:1-4
I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;² For kings, and for

all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;⁴ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Paul encourages Timothy to intercede for ALL men. As believers we have the opportunity to help improve our society, country and the whole world, even though it

might sound difficult and hard to pray for evil, violent and wicked people who do not acknowledge God in their lives. We need to continue praying for them.

Above all, we need to pray for the leaders of our country and the world. Pray so that God may give them wisdom to make good decisions. Criticism won't change the situation, but prayer will. We will be able to see God's power working in them if we as believers don't faint and continue praying, believing that God will work in the middle of this chaotic world.

Paul mentions three important reasons to pray for our leaders: 1, that we may lead a quiet and

peaceable life in all godliness and honesty

2. it is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior

3. He wants all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth

God does not want anybody to be lost, but to be saved and to know Him, His truth and righteousness. May we as believers have the discernment needed to make good decisions and stand firm in our beliefs. May we continue to trust in the Lord even when it seems that we are alone in this world. May we have the strength and love to pray for our leaders and the leaders of the world.

May God Bless the United States of America.

Bro. Moises Avalos

Don't put your pastor on a pedestal where he can be knocked off.

Put him on your prayer list where he can be lifted up.

NEW PRAYER LIST:

1. MY WANTS God's will in my life
2. My Pastor & his family
3. My Church

Pray for our Church of the Month
Tyrone, Gary Stone, pastor

Pastorless churches
Guymon, SLBC, David Moore is transitional interim

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

AUGUST

Date	Name	Church	Date	Name	Church
9	Blair Henson	Hooker FBC, Music & Youth Minister's wife			
10	Gudny Stone	Tyrone, Pastor's wife	3	Jason & Ashley Johnston	Balko Pastor & Wife
11	Jeff Bradley	Beaver FBC, Pastor	3	Joshua & Blair Henson	Hooker Youth & Music Minister & Wife
12	Jeremy & Ginny Krenzin	Guymon FBC, Family Pastor & wife	9	David & Rachel Hall	Forgan Pastor & Wife
12	Danna Smith	Wheless, Pastor's wife	10	Dan Cox	Turpin Pastor
13	Eldon & Rhonda Hoover	Beaver FBC, Youth Minister & wife	11	Ariel Hall	Forgan Pastor's daughter
15	Tom Freeman	Guymon Grace Southern, Pastor	13	Ezekiel Johnston	Balko Pastor's son
16	Abby Knight	Goodwell, Pastor's daughter	15	Debbie Rice	Kenton Pastor's Wife
17	Cheryl Brooks	Guymon Grace Southern, Music Minister's wife	16	Orden "JT" Hartley	Hooker Pastor's son
19	Matt & Debbie Bolinger	Beaver FBC, Secretary & husband	22	Daniel Avalos	Hooker Hispanic Pastor's son
25	Miguel Facio	Beaver Hispanic, Pastor	24	Gayla Hartley	Felt Pastor's wife
27	Matt & Kari Townsend	Guymon FBC, Missions Pastor & wife	27	Enoch Johnston	Balko Pastor's son
28	David & Danae Moore	Guymon Sunset Lane, Interim pastor & wife	30	Danae Moore	Guymon, Sunset Lane Int. Pastor's Wife
31	Carson Bolinger	Beaver FBC, Secretary's son	30	Kari Townsend	Guymon, FBC Missions Pastor's Wife
31	Abigail Coffey	BCM Director's daughter			
31	Jenny McReynolds	Hooker FBC, Pastor's wife/secretary			

2016 FINANCES	MAY	YTD RECTS
Balko Baptist	188.43	793.31
Beaver, FBC	0.00	6,083.11
Beaver Hispanic	0.00	240.12
Boise City, FBC	934.95	5,439.02
Boise City, Hisp	50.00	250.00
Clearlake Baptist	0.00	438.00
Felt, FBC	798.58	4,898.35
Felt, Hispanic	0.00	50.00
Forgan, FBC	398.57	1,602.85
Goodwell Baptist	184.10	1,973.35
Guymon, FBC	339.00	2,949.00
Guymon, FHBC	0.00	302.37
Guymon, Grace	757.02	2,296.84
Guymon, Sunset Lane	653.31	2,776.38
Hardesty, Bethel	195.68	1,155.34
Hardesty, FBC	0.00	0.00
Hooker, FBC	0.00	4,030.99
Hooker, FHBC	0.00	163.69
Kenton Baptist	302.02	1,536.76
Keyes, FBC	0.00	2,450.39
Texhoma, FBC	199.50	1,136.72
Turpin Baptist	0.00	1,212.94
Tyrone Baptist	159.39	695.03
Wheeless Baptist	0.00	1,074.85
BGCO	218.33	1,091.65
Other Income	75.92	8,694.87
Interest Income	.32	1.65
GBC Income	4,150.16	12,303.00
Total:	\$9,605.28	Total: \$65,640.58



May 31, 2016 Balances		
PBA/GBC Checking:		
Beginning Balance (04/30/16)		\$5,739.53
Total Income:	\$ 9,605.28	
Total Expenses	\$ 14,872.38	
Ending Balance (05/31/16)		\$ 472.43
Special Funds balance:		
Disaster Relief Balance		\$1,979.24
Mexico Crusade Balance		\$ 1,168.50
GBC Major Improvements		\$ 7,019.90
Panhandle Hispanic Missions		\$16,145.07

Panhandle Baptist Association
Executive Board Minutes
May 16, 2016

In attendance: Tom Freeman, Guymon Grace; Brad Vickrey, Forgan FBC; Jerry Rice, Kenton BC; Jeff Bradley, Beaver FBC; Darren Carpenter, Texhoma FBC; Orden Hartley, Felt FBC; Eddie Knight, Goodwell BC; Ralph Heiney and Lula King, PBA office.

Our moderator, Eddie Knight, led us in devotional thought from Luke 5:36-37. It's easy for churches, like individuals, to lose their focus. It's easy to fall into the trap of worshipping our structure and traditions rather than worshipping our Savior and looking for ways to minister on His behalf. A documentary called "When God Left the Building" addresses this issue well. Eddie then led us in prayer.

Minutes were presented with a motion from Jeff Bradley and a second from Jerry Rice. Motion carried.

Financial Report provided. At this point it looks like we will be about \$2,500 in the red at the end of this month.

Tom Freeman moved the report's adoption with a second by Darren Carpenter. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee provided a written list of candidates for Associational offices. Still waiting on responses from a few folks. There are still several empty slots that we need volunteers to fill. Tom Freeman made a motion to adopt the committee's recommendations. He was seconded by Jerry Rice and the motion was adopted.

An oil company wants to lease our Mountain View property mineral rights. They are offering a three year lease for \$100 an acre (we have 4 acres of mineral rights) per year. This is a total of \$400. If they drill and install a well then there would be royalty payments as well. Most of that land is under the care of the Mountain View Cemetery Association. Tom Freeman made a motion that we deed the mineral rights to that 4 acres to the Cemetery board and allow them to benefit from this proposed lease. Jeff Bradley seconded this motion and it passed.

David Coffey, the new BCM Director, will begin his work here later this week.

REPORTS:

Associational Missionary:

Panhandle School of Theology is morphing into a full On-line training program. Individuals will be able to work directly with Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in enrolling and participating in fully accredited courses on-line. The Association will be transitioning out of the equation.

Camp Gibson Activity

A & B cabins should be ready by camping season. The pool still has issues. After the plumbers thought they had the leak repaired at the end of last week, Kay found this morning that most of the water has once again leaked out. Brother Ralph will be going out there this afternoon and he and Kay will check a couple of valves. Unless one of them was inadvertently left open, they will be dealing with the plumbers about making things right.

Ralph is spending a couple of days a week working with Kay at the camp. They are also rebuilding the rifle range there in addition to other projects. The camp would still like to hire one more worker to assist in the Kitchen.

Spanish Liaison Report

The Beaver Mission baptized 8 new members yesterday.

Senior Committee

Mike Brune has taken over the Bible and Tract Ministry. Orden will continue to oversee that ministry in Boise City.

Other Announcements

We need another member on the Gibson Baptist Camp Committee. Let the Nominating Committee know if you have someone in your church who could fill in.

No Executive Board meeting in July
Lula will be going with the Singing Church Women on their mission trip to Latvia this summer.

Tom Freeman made the motion to adjourn. Orden Hartley seconded it and it was approved
Orden Hartley led us in closing Prayer.

Faithfully submitted,
Brother Jeff Bradley

Summer Camps

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

115 Registered; 14 p.o.f., several other decisions

Director :Tricia Gray

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

105 Registered; 21 p.o.f., several other decisions

Director:Tim Baldrige

We have some "left behind at camp" stuff:
call if you are missing something!



Falls Creek Dates

July 25-30: Boise City FBC;
Felt FBC; Guymon Sunset
Lane; Forgan FBC

Let us know of your dates!!

Let us bow for prayer. . .

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going.

The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed.

The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake them in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord, help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what you are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

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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."**

"The Flag"

Hello, remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you—because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people would line up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally I was leading every one, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your Daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart—remember?

And you, I remember, were standing there, straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart—remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I've added a few more stars since you were a boy and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now, somehow I don't feel as proud as I used to feel. When I come down the street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. You may give me a small glance, and then you look away. I see children running around and shouting, they don't seem to know who I am.

I saw one man take his hat off, then he looked around, and when he didn't see anybody else that had his hat off, he quickly put his on again.

Is it a sin to be patriotic today? Have you forgotten what I stand for, and where I have been? Anzio, Guadacanal, Korea and Vietnam!

Take a look at the memorial honor rolls, and see the names of those patriotic Americans who gave their lives to keep this republic free. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them!

So when you see me, please stand straight and place your hand over your heart, and I'll know that you remembered. I'll salute you by waving back!