

TOM'S THOUGHTS

The other night, when I laid my head down on the pillow, I began to pray and remember the day. A series of thoughts came to mind. I had gone through the whole day without personal interaction with other believers, other than my wife. While it has happened before, in my reflection on this occasion, I had a strange feeling. As I continued to think about the day, I also realized that I had only had contact with one or two non-believers and on this day without any spiritual conversation.

As I continued to reflect, I was reminded of the truth found in Genesis 2. This is when God observed, **'... it is not good for man to be alone.'** We are designed, "hard-wired", to be social beings. And while our relationship with God is all-sufficient, He has also created us to have need of social interaction with others as a

means of emotional support. As I laid there, I continued to think through this, I thought this is why God created families.

Then the thought came to me that this is also why God has created the church. While the family provides a social support based on flesh and blood, the church provides a much more needed spiritual support based on our connection with each other through the Holy Spirit. This support is designed by God to help us to **'...bear one another's burdens...'**, to be encouragers to each other in the best of times and the most difficult of times, and to enable spiritual growth with discipling and admonishing one another in our spiritual lives.

Next my mind returned to those who I had interacted with, I thought of the couple of people who I suspect are not believers. As I did I sensed the need to reflect: how did

I handle that relationship? Was I spiritually sensitive to their need? Did it miss and opportunity to converse with them concerning the spiritual needs of life?

The last thought I remember, was I sensed the Lord was reminding me of the importance of my relationships, with family, church family and the unredeemed. Years ago, my employer at the time had a slogan for our business, "The Purpose is People". Over the years in the ministry, no matter the calling, this slogan has stayed with me. And I suspect this was what the Lord was encouraging me about as we met late that night, and by extension all who read this. May we be reminded in our day to day lives, "The Purpose is People."

in His Love,
Tom Freeman, Interim
Associational Missionary

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Check out our website!
www.pbaok.org

**Above & Beyond
Offering 2017
receipts**

\$28,250.39 to date

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CALENDAR EVENTS

August

- 3 Personnel Committee, 5:00 p.m.
- 6 Budget Committee, 3 p.m.
- 11 Disaster Relief training, 8 a.m. -1 p.m. Enid, Emanuel BC
- 11-12 **Tentative** Turpin Menonite Retreat @ GBC
- 17-18 **Tentative** Fellowship

Baptist Church Men's Retreat @ GBC

18 PSC Annual meeting, GBC, noon

20-22 DOM Retreat, Falls Creek

September

2-5 Season of Prayer for Edna McMillan Offering and Oklahoma Missions

3 Office Closed, Labor Day

27 ACP due in office

October

1 Executive Board, 10 a.m. Dr Dilbeck will be our guest, meeting at Guymon FBC

6 Women's Event, 9-:30, Turpin BC

8 Office Closed, Columbus Day

13 **Tentative** Wedding @ GBC

November

4 Fall Back, set clocks back 1 hour

4 Annual Meeting (**note date change**), Hooker FBC 3 p.m.

5 Office Closed, Annual Meeting evaluation

12-13 BGO Annual Meeting, Edmond, FBC

21-22 Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DISASTER RELIEF

Panhandle Baptist Association Disaster Relief is alive and well and ready to respond when needed. Earlier this year we were called to Kenton to help feed firemen and volunteers that were fighting the fire in the Black Mesa area. In July some of our membership were able to share about some of the different areas of disaster relief at the Tyrone Vacation Bible School and on August 12

we will again be helping feed the OPSU football team breakfast. As always, we would welcome new members and the Northwest Area training will be held Saturday, Au-

gust 11 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid. Any member who has a badge that needs updated will need to attend. Badges are now good for 5 years.

Offering a cup of cold water in His name,
 Dick Fischer,
 Panhandle Baptist Association Disaster Relief Blue Cap



**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
 AUGUST**

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	Mark McDonald	Beaver, FBC Music Minister's husband
3	Joshua & Blair Henson	Hooker, FBC Music & Youth Minister & wife
10	Dan Cox	Turpin BC Pastor
15	Deborah Rice	Kenton BC, Pastor's wife
16	Orden "JT" Hartley	Felt, FBC Pastor's son
21	Kelsey Broaddus	Boise City, FBC Secretary's daughter
24	Gayla Hartley	Felt, FBC Pastor's wife
30	Danae Moore	Guymon, Sunset Lane Pastor's wife
30	Matt Townsend	Guymon, FBC Missions Pastor

14th Annual Cook-Out
Panhandle Seniors for Christ
anyone 55 or older
Saturday, August 18, 2018
Noon

Gibson Baptist Camp
Menu: Pot Roast w/ Carrots, Potatoes, Onions;
Salads, Hot Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake

\$10.00 plate

Entertainment by
Off the Wall
from Turpin

Reserve your space by August 12th with your church office
or Sr Adult leader.

Reservations due to office by Monday, August 13th,
580.338.6259 or pbaok221@gmail.com

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

*Texhoma, FBC
Darren Carpenter, Pastor*

Pastorless churches

Hardesty, Bethel; Guymon, Grace Southern; Goodwell BC

Other Scheduled Events at Camp Gibson:

Freedom Crossroads: June 11-16 (88 in attendance)

Turpin (2 churches) VBS: June 20 (40+ in attendance)

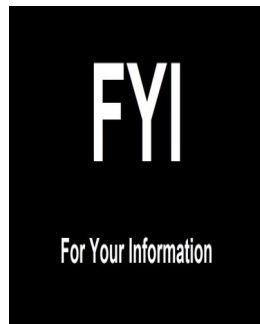
Wall-Byrd Wedding: July 13-15 (85 stayed the weekend)

Camp Good News: July 16-20 (91 in attendance)

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**



Free to a Church:

24 Channel Peavey Mixer (model # Infinity Series 2002) and 4 Peavey Speakers (light in color)

Contact: Sunset Lane Baptist Church 580.338.6667

24 channel Allen and Heath Mixer, good quality, 4 channels do not work.

*Contact: First Baptist Church, Boise City
580.544.3001*

How is Norma?

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal, and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful, I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're welcome. Is Norma your daughter?" The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me anything!"

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



Known dates:

VBS

In the books: VBS reports can be entered at
www.sbclifeway.com or mailed to the PBA office

Next years theme:
In the Wild!



GIBSON BAPTIST CAMPS

Girl's Mission Camp: June 25-28 (92 in attendance)

Boy's Missions Camp: July 9-12 (63 in attendance)

Day Camps: June 9 (9 in attendance)
July 21 (6 in attendance)

