

TOM'S THOUGHTS

The decreasing hours of daylight, the beginning of school, and soon the Labor Day weekend each in their own way mark the end of Summer. I enjoyed this Summer with all the camps, as we saw lives changed. As they say, changed for eternity.

Additionally, I am very grateful to have been able to fill the pulpit for several churches in our Association. While I enjoyed the special times of being able to worship in the churches, I also am exceedingly grateful to have been able to give their pastors time away. Often it can be difficult for pastors to take time away from their churches. So I am very

blessed to be able to give the gift of time off. To all the churches who Karen and I visited, thank you! Each visit was very special to us.

As I have noted previously with the pastors, we have changed the format of our Executive Board meetings. We have gone to a less frequent schedule, meeting four times a year. Our next Executive board meeting will be on October 1st. We will have a special guest, Dr. Hance Dilbeck, the new BGCO Executive Director-Treasurer. There are two special business items which require our action: approval of the 2019 Budget, and the 2019 Annual Calendar. We will provide lunch. The meeting will begin at 10 am and

will be at First Baptist Church in Guymon.

On September 22nd, there will be a special evening for pastors and their wives; **Panhandle Pastors Encouragers Banquet**. Dr. Ted and Jerri Kersh will be the hosts for the evening and the special speakers. This event will be held at First Baptist Church, Guymon, beginning at 5pm .

Then on November 4th we will have our Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at First Baptist Hooker. We will have a special speaker, Randy Caddell, for the pastors and staff and all who wish to attend the afternoon session.

in His Love,
Tom Freeman, Interim Associational Missionary

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Above & Beyond Offering 2017 receipts

\$29,683.57 to date

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CALENDAR EVENTS

September

- 3 Office Closed, Labor Day
- 9-16 Season of Prayer for Edna McMillan Offering and Oklahoma Missions
- 22 Pastor's/Minister's & Spouse's Dinner, with Ted Kersh 5-7 p.m. Guymon, FBC
- 27 ACP due in office

30 Turpin BC at GBC

October

- 1 Executive Board meeting at Guymon FBC , 10 a.m. Dr Dilbeck will be our guest
- 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 BGCO Annual Meeting, Edmond, FBC

21-22 Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 5-6 RITS (DOM-meeting) OKC
- 13 Christmas Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., TBA
- 20—Jan 2 Office Closed, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

PANHANDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

GIBSON BAPTIST CAMP

As it is said, "It began with a bang." The first camp was "Freedom Crossroads". Ninety plus children and adult leaders unloaded from buses, vans and cars and immediately began to explore every part of the camp. After their period of explorations, they began to cluster together into groups for the scheduled times of learning, fun and creative activities. The theme of the summer was quickly declared by this first group of campers and was a theme that was echoed by the rest of the camps through the next three months. The theme was: **Jesus**. The summer was all about Jesus. One of the leaders of this group was a former acquaintance, Dr. Jack Jacobs, formerly Pastor of First Southern in Liberal. It was good to work with him and his wife again.

Between the first and second week, we were privileged to host Turpin Mennonite and Methodist churches, who conducted their Vacation Bible School here at camp. This was a wonderful group of leaders and children. Arriving mid-morning, they managed to include the five sessions along with times of fun and creative activities. Their favorite, as was with all the camps, was the "Slip and Slide."

Then we came to the Girls. Their camp was like the others busy with activities. It was the hottest of the camp weeks. In spite of the failing pool, the girls were able to enjoy one day in the pool. It was a great camp. The highlight of the camp came at the end, when we were handed the camp offering, over Three hundred dollars for the purchase of a new sound system. My regret was they were not the first to use it. Sorry girls. The sys-

tem has a special new case to keep it protected.

Then came July, and Boys camp. They were the first to use the new sound system. As He had with the Girls, the Lord enable a special grace. They too were able to use the pool. I will confess that I believe the leaders seem to make the biggest splashes. The evenings were pleasant, and as it was with all the other camps, the times of worship was all about **Jesus**.

After girls camp was a very special event, a wedding. A grandmother who used to cook at the camp along with her daughter who helped her mom by doing dishes, hosted a wedding for the granddaughter/daughter. The Tabernacle and the dining room were transformed. The event was witnessed by an overflow crowd.

The following Sunday evening, the leadership of the next and final week-long camp arrived. Monday morning the girls and boys, who mostly came from the Amarillo area arrived. Like the other camps, their time was filled with activities, crafts, and Bible study. It was a privilege to get to know, become friends and work with this group of leaders. Many of their young adult leaders, grew up attending our camp. It is an amazing heritage, and it is also seen in the other camps as well. Children attend the camp and later become leaders for other children.

The camps were over, however there has been more, the Turpin Mennonite church came for day camp. This has been a tradition for many years, and includes a special noon meal. Our camp Chef, Virgil offered them a menu with dishes and flavors from the German heritage.

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
SEPTEMBER

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
2	Galen & Danna Smith	Wheless BC, Pastor & wife
4	Rachel Townsend	Guymon, FBC Mission Pastor's daughter
5	Moises Avalos	Hooker, FHBC Pastor
8	Clayton Carter	Guymon, FBC, Pastor's son
10	Sherry Hartley	Felt, FBC, Pastor's daughter
12	Galen Smith	Wheless BC, Pastor
13	Joshua Henson	Hooker, FBC, Youth & Music Minister
15	Anna Krenzin	Guymon, FBC, Family Pastor's daughter
22	Tenyon Moore	Guymon, Sunset Lane, Pastor's son
24	Rebeka Townsend	Guymon, FBC, Mission Pastor's daughter
26	Darren & Malinda Carpenter	Texhoma FBC, Pastor & wife
27	Lydia Townsend	Guymon, FBC, Mission Pastor's daughter
28	Todd & Terra Carr	Balko BC, Pastor & wife
30	Orden Hartley	Felt, FBC Pastor
30	Mike McReynolds	Hooker, FBC, Pastor

SAVE
THE
DATE

Women's Event
Saturday, October 6, 2018
Turpin Baptist

Featuring
Melinda McGlasson

Joy
John 15:11



Hereafter

The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. No matter where I am— in the bedroom, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement — I ask myself, 'Now what am I here after?'" -copied

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

Tyrone BC
Gary Stone, Pastor

Pastorless churches

Hardesty, Bethel; Guymon, Grace Southern; Goodwell BC

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



Bro. Gary Stone

lost his wife, Gudny, August 16th. He is pastor at Tyrone.

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

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This group was followed by members of Fellowship Baptist Church of Liberal. They had a father- son gathering. Their time began on Friday afternoon with a time of fun, recreation and then an evening of worship, with music and the word. This was a very special event, as we watched the fathers and sons enjoy their time together in their activities and worship.

As I write this, there is one more event. It will be a sleep over. However it too is a heritage event. For generations the Gibson family for which the camp is named, has gathered together to put on a breakfast. For many years it was at the Saturday of the Pioneer Day in Guymon. With the change of the Pioneer activities, the family began to share their love for people with a breakfast in Perryton at Wheatheart Celebration. On Thursday, August 23rd the family will begin to gather and will enjoy the camp for their family gathering.

As I close, I am reminded of a Scripture, that is one of my favorite, **1 Cor. 10:31... "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."** My prayer had been back in April and in the months of preparation, the camp would be a place which would promote the fulfilment of this truth, and I believe this camp season has been just exactly what this verse call for us to do.

in His love,
Tom your Interim Camp Director

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**Season of Prayer for Oklahoma Missions
and Edna McMillan Offering
September 9-16, 2018**

pray about what God would have you give to this offering, a portion goes toward the ministries of:

**State Goal:
\$1,100,000.00
Give till it hurts!**

- Spiritual Awakening
- Sunday School
- Church Multiplication
- Pastor Leadership
- Hunger Funds
- Prison & Jail Ministries
- Ethnic Ministries . . .