

## Why We Need Each Other

Dear Beloved Churches,

On April 1, 2018 we celebrated the glorious day of the resurrection of our Lord. This is a worship that goes from now into eternity. The joy of knowing our Lord is not only alive but made everything possible for us to stand guiltless before the Father is a song that will never get boring. Praise the Lord that we are right before God through Him.

Yet the cross also has a horizontal element to it as well. Through the cross, our earthly distinctions and barriers are overcome by the blood of Jesus. We now consider brothers and sisters those whom we had nothing in common with. This, I believe, must always be the heart of local cooperative ministry.

As I mentioned last month, we are no healthier as an association than the health of our local congregations. This association is not independent of the church but a ministry of the church. We must continue to come together to support and work alongside one another.

It has been a joy seeing this become a reality. We had a beautiful time of worship and business in February at Pleasant Green Baptist in Hobbs. There I mentioned that this congregation had a baptistery that was in disrepair. Our SEBA churches stepped up to support it. One local church took up a love offering and raised some \$3,500 for the project. Another individual donated another \$500 towards the project. Another church stepped in to do the demolition work necessary so that a local contractor could repair it. These things help me see my vision of “Churches working with churches” become a reality.

Please let us know how we can continue to support cooperative ministry. With the summer months coming up, there is need for us to work together with Vacation Bible Schools. We have a block party trailer ready to be used by you all as well, so just fill out the form on our website at [www.seba-nm.com](http://www.seba-nm.com).

We would also like to welcome Pastor Adam Mosser and his family to First Baptist Church of Tatum. Adam began his service as pastor on April 1—Easter Sunday. We look forward to a long and fruitful ministry with Adam at Tatum.

We also welcome Pastor Chad Wease and his wife Jennifer to Lovington. The Weases come from Kentucky and will begin their service at Hillcrest Baptist Church on April 8. Welcome!

Please also pray for Pastor Randy Leake of Open Arms Fellowship. Randy was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer last year, and sadly it has returned. This time he has cancer in both lungs. He will be going to doctor's appointments throughout April. Please pray for healing and strength for Randy. Please also remember his wife Melissa as she is caring for him. This, again, is why we need each other. The cross makes us right with God and neighbor, so let us continue to love, support, uphold, and serve alongside each other. If I can serve you all in any way, please let me know.

Yours in Christ

—Dr. Danny Kirkpatrick, Associational Coordinator

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## Numerous SEBA churches rally together to support a member SEBA church.

Local SEBA churches rallied around a need at a member SEBA church. Through this partnership, several churches offered their skillset and financial support to repair the baptistery at Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church in Hobbs. Over \$4,000 was raised for this project with money to spare for further repair work on this historic facility. After demolition, a local contractor will go in to reinforce the existing baptistery and build new steps to its entrance. We praise God for cooperative ministry opportunities such as this!



Pictured left are students from Taylor Memorial Baptist Church who worked (or perhaps better said—enjoyed) doing demolition work at Pleasant Green Baptist Church on Good Friday, March 30.



# Pleasant Green Hosts Community Easter Egg Hunt That is All About Jesus!



Pictured left is Brother and Sister Elizabeth of Pleasant Green Baptist Church sharing the true meaning of Easter. This was followed by an Easter egg hunt with prizes to follow. SEBA is supporting this church with facility repair in its baptistery.

### Leadership Team

Associational Coordinator—Dr. Danny Kirkpatrick  
Moderator—Stewart Sherrill  
Vice-Moderator—Matt Thackerson  
Treasurer—James Francis  
Church Revitalization—Jody O’Briant  
Community Outreach—Randy Leake  
Leadership Development—open  
Church Planting—Larry Wood  
Trustee—Matt Price  
Trustee—Scotty Gandy  
Trustee—Otto Terrell

### Mail To:

The block party trailer has come to SEBA! Thanks to your giving, we are the proud new owners of this trailer and everything inside. It is complete with everything you will need for a block party or an awesome VBS party. To learn more about it or reserve it, please visit [www.seba-nm.com](http://www.seba-nm.com). Contents include:

- Sturdy, durable trailer
- Bounce house
- Grill
- Cotton candy machine
- Canopy, tables, and chairs
- Snow cone machine
- And lots of fun games!



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