



Change is the word of the day. The North American Mission Board (NAMB) is focused on Church Planting. This is a good focus. The focus is going first toward the larger population areas of the nation and confronting lostness by starting new churches that normally reach more than existing churches. The NAMB is moving more money toward the new churches. That leaves Eastern Baptist Association (EBA) and Tucumcari Baptist Association (TBA) at a point of a decision. Since the greatest population in our area is cattle we will not be one of the areas of focus for starting new churches. We can assist the North American Mission Board by praying and sending out leaders and resources to help other areas start new churches. We can start some new churches in our state and Association.

For six years the NAMB and Baptist Convention of New Mexico (BCNM) has provided \$32,000 in money and health benefits to the EBA. Those gifts from NAMB and BCNM will probably be lost as of January 1, 2012. TBA is also supporting EBA monthly by sending, at present, \$1,100. The partnership with TBA works as I am the missionary in both areas. EBA churches gave just over \$70,000 to the Eastern Association. Our total budget for 2010 is \$112,954, but this does not include health benefits.

Over the years the Associations have been dependant on support from the BCNM and NAMB. They are helping us now to become independent. It is time for our EBA to decide to move to full support of all Association ministries or to change them. Some of the discussion is about: a larger area for the missionary, a reduction of ministry or our churches giving more to the Associations, both EBA and TBA.

Let me say, as your missionary, this is not about me. I am committed to stay in this ministry and I love being in my home area, but I am at God's command. What this process is about is, 1: What kind of an Association do we want? 2: What will the partnerships of our churches be when we are no longer here? 3: What will we be left to hand off to our children of the Association? May 10th is an important meeting for the Association.

Nothing has changed in Heaven, Jesus Christ is still on the throne. Jesus is not surprised by any of this and Jesus will lead us if we follow Him.

I love you,
Dan Pearce

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."*
Psalm 119:105

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On Mission With God

Sportsman Kingdom

April 2, 2011 in Portales at ENMU CLUB.

Sportmen's Kingdom is a outreach program to reach lost people for Christ. It is an opportunity for our church people to bring their lost friends to a project of interest to outdoorsmen. We have invited a well know hunter and fisherman to be our featured speaker, Bobby Brasher. Check out his website at www.outdoorministrynetwork.com. There will be conferences of multiple interests and many prizes offered at the meeting. There will be a great meal. The tickets will soon be available at the cost of \$25.



Unity Conference

Unity Conference is an Area Wide Conference to promote Unity in the Churches. This is a need for every church. Join us April 30, 2011 at Parkland Baptist Church in Clovis. The speaker will be Blake Coffee who is a mediation attorney from San Antonio, TX. Check out Blake's website www.christianunityministries.org.

Blake has lead this conference for several years in churches and associations. He is a strong Baptist layman with vast experience in church mediation.

Registration is important and the cost of \$10 is for the materials and a noon meal. Send Registration and money to 1100 W. Manana Clovis, NM 88101.

The BE THE MAN Conference was a well attended with 64 men and a few ladies for support in the kitchen. There were 10 churches involved.

Heaven came down to meet with our men. Plans are being talked about for next year.

HEART MEDICINE



PROVERBS 17:22

Bloopers:

- "If across-the-board salary raises are not approved for District Five teachers, several have threatened to abandon their pests."

- "The refreshment table was superintended by Mrs. Smith, overflowing with sweets and sandwiches."

- "Mrs Jones will sink two numbers. She will be accompanied by the choir."

- Paper-clipped special in a lunch menu: Southern-Style Manhattan Clam Chowder.

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Prayer Needs

Alan McAlister and Dan Pearce - Mission trip to Kenya
March 21-April 1, 2011

Opportunities for the Association: changes at hand.

Belize Trip: Over 100 teachers going the first week of August.

Looking Ahead

April 2: Sportsman Kingdom event in Portales at the ENMU CLUB.

April 30: Unity Conference at Parkland Baptist Church in Clovis.

May 1: HIS Space Prayer Conference, Central Baptist Church.

May 10: EBA Semi-Annual meeting at Calvary Baptist Church in Portales. Executive board meeting at 5:30pm, meal at 6:15pm and main meeting at 7pm.

Budget \$ At A Glance

Beginning Balance	\$221.06
Income	\$8,270.58
Expenses	-\$8,834.77
Ending Balance	(\$343.13)
Contingency	\$2,184.93
Disaster Relief	\$2,786.24
Evangelistic Trailer Fund	\$1,984.72
Ministry to Churches	\$5,222.22
EBA Savings Account	\$7,895.94