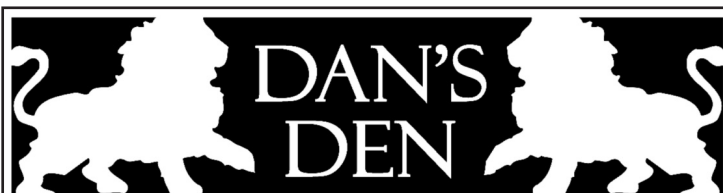


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Eastern Border
Baptist Associations
Newsletter



How will you be remembered?

If you could choose a phrase to put on your tombstone, what would it be? I want to have Disciple-maker on my tombstone. I made a change of focus over these past 10 years because Discipleship was on the back burner of my life, just simmering, and it needed to be on the front burner, the main thing. I realized that winning people to Jesus is just the beginning of the basic command of Christ. The churches that are not making Disciples seem to be winding down and are not developing leaders for the next generation. Our only hope is to do what Jesus said, "Make Disciples of all nations".

My Dad had chronic leukemia which was taking his life away over more than 10 years. He knew that his days were coming to an end and he developed a saying. He said, "This could be my last day, let us get something done for Jesus today". As a result he and my Mom began to invest in the lives of young couples - that was Discipleship. Those young couples are the leaders of today in my home church.

Sometimes we make Discipleship a hard, difficult thing that takes years of training to do. It is not. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". Christ does the work, we need to be willing to follow.

Every now and then I stop and look back to see if anybody is following me toward Jesus and every time my heart is filled with joy. Join me in the greatest journey of life.

Keep Looking Up,
Dan Pearce



**Serving Others
in Jesus Name**

Two Evangelism Training Opportunities:

• **Four Fields Training** will be held at FBC, Tucumcari on April 19 at 1:30 pm.

In New Mexico, due to Catholicism, Native influences and New Age beliefs, there are places where the soil is very hard and the seed of the gospel is not easy to plant. This training will help church leaders and members have confidence and know how to sow the seeds of the gospel.

The training will follow four steps, replicating the steps that farmers take to sow a field. Keep in mind that these events are trainings, not seminars or lectures. Seminars are for gaining knowledge. Trainings are for gaining tools. Prepare to be trained up and sent out to put into practice what you've learned.

EBA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

✱
APRIL 26
AT HIGHLAND, CLOVIS

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Executive Board 5 pm,
meal 6 pm, meeting 7 pm

Special guest will be Joseph Justiss, who will give a report on his up-coming missionary service period in Jerusalem. Kevin Welborn, pastor of Highland, is the scheduled speaker.

GO YE THEREFORE, and teach all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU:
and, lo, I am with you always,
EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD.
Matthew 28:19&20

Prayer Needs

Churches without pastors in our associations:
Arch, Belen, Elida, House, New Testament & Parkland

Did You Know?

New Mexico Baptist Disaster Relief is part of the 2nd largest disaster response organization that exists to help victims of natural and man-made disasters in North America and overseas: Southern Baptist Disaster Relief.

The ministry of SBDR has grown out of the natural desire for Christians to reach out in love and action, meeting the urgent needs of hurting people in crises. Perhaps the logo itself says it best. The arch of the Southern Baptist Convention is our worldwide link. The wheat is a symbol of physical



help, and the fish is the symbol of spiritual help.

Thinking about becoming a volunteer with Disaster Relief? Does your badge need to be renewed? Do you want to celebrate what God has done through Disaster Relief? Join us at our annual celebration and training April 23 - 25 at First Baptist West, Albuquerque.

• **4 Views: The Key to Sharing Christ with Other Faiths** led by James Walker at FBC, Tucumcari on May 6 at 6:30 pm.

It does not have to be hard to start gospel conversations with people of other faiths and religions. Once you learn the "4 Views" you are ready to start.

This training introduces the basic tenants of the four major worldviews (Monotheism, Atheism, Polytheism, and Pantheism) as the simple key to deciphering all American spirituality today. This "missing key" is the critical first step for building an evangelistic relationship with those of other faiths.

The number one reason Christians don't witness is fear of not having the answer to a hard question. We can eliminate the fear factor by having one simple answer to respond to any "hard question" critics of Christianity may ask.

Looking Ahead

April 19: Four Fields Disciple-making Training – FBC Tucumcari; lunch at noon, training at 1:30

April 23-25: Disaster Relief Celebration/Training – First Baptist West, Albuquerque

April 26: EBA Semi-Annual Meeting – Highland; Executive Board 5 pm, meal 6 pm, meeting 7 pm

May 4: TBA Executive Team Meeting – FBC Tucumcari 7:00 pm

May 6: James Walker – Key to Sharing Christ with Other Faiths – FBC Tucumcari 6:30 pm

June 11-13: Ute Lake Camp Meeting

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TBA website: www.yourtba.com
EBA website: www.easternbaptist.net

Budget \$ At A Glance

Tucumcari Baptist Association:

Income	\$1,507.71
Expenses	\$3,850.00
Ending Balance	\$15,735.52

Eastern Baptist Association:

Beginning Balance	\$- 3,906.29
Income	\$14,301.20
Expenses	\$17,639.70
Ending Balance	\$- 7,244.79