As a son of a farmer I have loved the time of the harvest. My Dad died 13 years ago yet he still speaks to me in my memories. The focus of his life was first on the crops in the field but at the end of his life it was on a great spiritual harvest. It was the greatest delight of his life. His greatest harvest was the investment he made in others, a spiritual harvest that is growing more valuable each day. He had an ability to ask or say something that made you remember that God was working in your life. I now see that he still guides me through the many questions that reverberates in my memories.

My dad had an incurable blood disease for twelve years before the Lord took him home. In those years he sought to invest in the lives of others. He started with his children and grandchildren but also looked for others that he might share his life with. Every morning he said, "let us do something for the Lord today - this could be my last." His focus was rarely on himself but was looking for someone to bless.

I can remember the many widows in the church that he became their "Mr. Fix-It". It did not matter if it was a simple job like a leaky faucet or replacing the roof he would do it at no cost to them. Some of the widows took advantage of him so that he would stop by to visit. He was never bothered by their ploy. He brought the life of Christ to every situation.

He loved the food closet, so when the food bank was developed in Clovis he served as a volunteer as well as being the one to give food away to the needy almost every week until his death. He would tell about how Jesus Christ had made a difference in his life and point them to his Savior.

Two days before his death he attended church even though he may have felt the worst of his life. Worship of a risen Savior and being with God's people was a great priority.

I stand on my dad's shoulders and try to follow his lead and hope that his investment will have a good return in me as I focus to be like him. I now see much of the harvest of the life of my dad in the lives of men that he influenced that serve faithfully in churches all over the place.

What kind of harvest are you looking for? What kind of seeds are you planting today?

Sincerely, Dan Pearce

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Serving Others in Jesus Name

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

First Baptist Church, Grady October 11th Meal at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm



TUCUMCARI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

First Baptist Church, Logan October 18th Meal at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm

Baptist Convention of New Mexico Annual Meeting



October 25-26. Taos, NM

Ministry ♥ House Yard Sale • Aug 26-27

WE NEED pre-priced items and volunteers to set up and work the yard sale at 2904 N Prince.

Set up at 6 am and sale from 7 till 2.

Disaster Relief Ministries

Do you want to know more? Do you want to volunteer? Does your badge need renewed? Do you want to CELEBRATE & THANK GOD for this ministry? Then come to the D.R. Celebration and Training on August 25-27 at FBC, Belen! Contact Elaine at the associa-

tion office for more details.

-Did You Know...

Eastern Baptist Association and Tucumcari **Baptist Association**:

Two groups of 42 Southern Baptist churches on the Eastern side of New Mexico cooperating in fellowship, mission projects and theological integrity. Within the associations, we give support to one another and hold each other accountable to fulfill God's purpose for our churches.

Annual Church Profile

The purpose of the Annual Church Profile (ACP) is to help you and your church get the right information, and get it fast! The ACP is a way for you to retrieve accurate information about your church when you want it and need it. You will find this especially helpful when you desire to review your church's progress in specific ministry areas. ACP packets will be mailed to the churches soon!

Prayer Needs

Keith and Kristi - for a place to minister Lindy Pate Mike and Laura Boling Needs in our churches

Looking Ahead

Aug 25–27: Disaster Relief Training and Celebration – FBC Belen

August 26-27: Ministry House Yard Sale

Sept 9-10: .COM Missions Conference

Oct 11: EBA Annual Meeting – FBC, Grady Oct 18: TBA Annual Meeting – FBC, Logan

Oct 25-26: BCNM State Convention, Taos

Budget 🔇 At A Glance

Tucumcari Baptist Association:

Receipts\$1,530.42 Disbursements\$3,450.00 Ending Balance July 31st\$17,309.00

Eastern Baptist Association:

Balance Forward July 1st\$2,366.14 Receipts\$8,240.99 Ending Balance July 31st\$1,160.41

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