



Living on the farm as a young man was full of adventures. There was always an exciting adventure right out the back door of the farm house. There was always a war going on. My brother and I would be at war with wasps, red ants, jack rabbits, coyotes and sometimes with each other. I remember trying to destroy a red ant bed with fire crackers but did not have enough fire crackers! I never did win that war.

In the Old Testament, most of the battles were physical as men and women fought and died. In the New Testament age Christ changed things from a physical system into spiritual system. The battle ground changed from an earthly battle field to one within our minds. Jesus said in Matthew 5:21-22, "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder... but I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty.'" (New American Standard Bible) Jesus focused on what was happening in the mind. Jesus spoke to issues of adultery, retribution, and unforgiveness. Jesus taught us a new way of thinking about others, even to changing our enemies into our friends.

Today temptation is in my mind – not like the battles of my childhood or the battles of the Old Testament. I have fought the battle in my mind of things I want changed in other people and in my own selfish behavior but the Holy Spirit has shown that He wants to change me. I have tried to blame others and the Holy Spirit shines His cleansing light into my mind, showing me that my attitudes, motivations and actions are the real enemy. I will never have peace until I learn how to love my neighbor as myself.

This is the most difficult war I have ever faced; it is the war in the inner man. I agree with Paul in Romans 7:24 -25, "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!..." (Christian Standard Bible)

You may be at war today. Peace comes through the power of the cross of Jesus Christ and His resurrection. Find lasting peace in Jesus Christ! He is the only answer.

Keep looking up,
Dan Pearce



February 2017

Serving Others in Jesus Name

Eastern Border Baptist Associations Newsletter

EBA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
 April 11th
 Emmanuel Portales
 Executive Board 5:30 • Meal 6 • Meeting 7

Two VBS Preparation Events Are Coming Soon

You will have an opportunity to browse thru the different VBS materials offered by Lifeway on **Monday, March 20**. Lifeway representatives will set up displays in the Fellowship Hall at Sandia, Clovis for you to begin reviewing at 6 pm. This will be like the well attended event they had last year.

VBS training will be provided by Baptist Convention of New Mexico on **Tuesday, April 25** at Central, Clovis. (Room TBA). This will begin at 6 pm. This will be particularly useful training if you plan to use Galactic Starveyors VBS materials.

Classes available include: Directors/ Pastors, Music, Missions, Crafts, Snacks/Recreation, and age-based (Preschool, 1st-2nd grade 3rd-4th grade Preteen), Leading a Family Experience, and more. Training will be available in Spanish.

For more information, contact Krista Peterson 505-924-2333 kpeterson@bcnm.com.



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February 27-28
Sandia Baptist Church
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Prayer Meeting:
 Mondays 10:00 Sandia, Clovis

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Prayer Needs

- Defend churches and leaders fighting spiritual battles.
- Lord will send godly spiritual pastors to all our churches

Looking Ahead

- Feb 27-28:** NM Evangelism Conference – Sandia, Albq.
- Mar 5-12:** Week of Prayer for Anne Armstrong Easter Offering
- March 20:** Lifeway VBS Materials Preview session - Sandia, Clovis 6 pm
- April 11:** EBA Semi-annual Meeting – Emmanuel Portales Executive Board 5:30; meal 6; meeting 7
- April 25:** VBS training from BCNM; Central Clovis 6-9 pm

Budget At A Glance

Tucumcari Baptist Association:	Eastern Baptist Association:
Receipts\$1,726.55	Balance Forward
Disbursements\$1,500.00	Jan 1st.....\$2,634.89
Ending Balance	Receipts\$8,442.04
Jan 31st.....\$17,529.12	Disbursements\$9,998.20
	Ending Balance
	Jan 31st.....\$1,078.73