

*Serving
Others in
Jesus Name*



Eastern Border Baptist Associations Newsletter



A recent article in psychologytoday.com talks about the need for touching of infants, "Babies who are not held and nuzzled and hugged enough will literally stop growing and if the situation lasts long enough, even if they are receiving proper nutrition-die." This could be an underlying factor from years ago with under-loved people who are crying out and carry a gun to kill people just to get attention. This is a huge crisis as 2018 has been deadlier for school children than deployed service members in harm's way according to the Washington Post. That explains a great deal about the world today. There is a problem not as visible, but just as destructive in the life of our churches.

When a new Christian comes on the scene, the Bible calls them a babe in Christ. The reality is, sometimes we so neglect a new-born Christian that they stop growing. Many time's new believers are dipped and dropped. Discipleship should be 80% love and 20% teaching and training. Love is the key to helping a new believer begin to mature; without love, they wither on the Vine.

Summer is a season of winning new Christians; mainly through the Vacation Bible Schools. It is a grand opportunity to help infants in Christ develop in their faith but there

must be loving follow-up within **hours** of the conversion and not within **weeks or months** to be effective. Can you imagine a new-born baby neglected for even a few hours? Yet many churches fail in this area. Many pastors and church leaders take time off following a great VBS or a Revival where new Christians are won to Christ. This is the most crucial time for a new Christian.

This neglect could be the deep-seated under-lying issue that causes church problems many years later in church fights or church splits. Spiritual neglect has been running rampant. Even if a pastor or church leader needs time away, the church needs to have a back-up plan to love on new Christians and begin "The Discipleship Process".

At one of our Associational Churches, there is a little lady that never shakes hands. She comments that shaking hands spread germs. Then she breaks into a smile and says, "You can spread love with a hug". If a church has lost its first love, then it shows up in everything they do! If a plan of discipleship has no love in it, then it is not discipleship at all.

It's time to go out and love people on purpose in everything we do!

Keep looking up
Dan Pearce

Did You Know...

...NM Baptist Disaster Relief (NMBDR) has been deployed to 2 events in our area this year? The first part of April, one of the NMBDR Mobile Field Kitchens was in Clovis. We prepared meals for the volunteers and directed patient parking for the Remote Area Medical Clinic on this chilly weekend. And in May, the Laundry Trailer was in Clovis – this time we provided laundry services for residents of the Clovis Apartments who were displaced due to a fire. This was the first time this new trailer was deployed (other than for training) in New Mexico!

Childcare services will be provided by DR volunteers at the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas the week this

issue is being printed. There is another mission opportunity to help with feeding at the Father and Son Camp at Sivells June 28-30- for this event, you do not have to be DR credentialed. Contact Elaine for more information to volunteer with this camp.

Unfortunately, there are expected to be a lot of fires (due to drought conditions) and hurricanes this year. We've already seen flooding in other parts of the country from the first named storm of the season. Even as this article was being prepared, emails were issued putting NMBDR feeding, chaplain, and communication volunteers on Stand By status due to the Ute Park, NM fire.

Prayer Needs

- Pray for the loving Discipleship of every believer. Especially those won through VBS.
- Summer Missionaries around the world that they would become effective and brought home safe.

Looking Ahead

- August 19:** TBA Sunday School Leadership Class – meal 5:30; training 6-8, location to be announced
- August 20:** EBA Sunday School Leadership Class – meal 5:30; training 6-8, location to be announced; Spanish training available
- October 9:** EBA Annual Meeting – Calvary Portales
- October 16:** TBA Annual Meeting – Immanuel Tucumcari



2018 BCNM Summer Camps

- June 18-22:** Connections Camp – Sivells
: Indian Family Camp – Inlow
- June 25-29:** BCNM Student Camp 3 – Inlow
- June 28-30:** Father and Son Camp – Sivells
- July 9-13:** Worship4Life & Student Leadership Camp – Inlow
- July 16-20:** Children's Missions Camp – Inlow
- July 23-27:** Children's MusiCamp – Inlow
- Aug 31-Sept 2:** Deaf Camp – Inlow

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Prayer Meeting:
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Budget \$ At A Glance

Tucumcari Baptist Association:
Receipts\$1,573.02
Disbursements\$1,800.00
Ending Balance
May 31st.....\$11,888.68

Eastern Baptist Association:
Balance Forward
May 1st.....\$-46.88
Receipts\$9,552.44
Disbursements.....\$8,989.85
Ending Balance
May 31st.....\$515.71