



Building the Kingdom of God

Growing up on a farm with a ranch component, once or twice a year we would move cattle - always across a busy highway. It became an event where all the neighbors with horses would show up to demonstrate their cowboy skills. Now some of the farmers had not ridden their horse since the year before. Sometimes it was like a rodeo as the neglected horses did not like their rough day of work. The partnership with the neighbors was one of the most valuable times of friendships and fellowship, especially around the cowboy lunch prepared by the host family. Ranches in our area still have that partnership with some of their neighbors and it still works.

In the Christian faith, partnerships are more important as the benefits not only help today but may have eternal returns. I believe the Baptist Association can be one of the greatest partnership components to the Christian life. As a teenager my family tried to attend 20 meetings of the Plains Baptist Association in Curry County, New Mexico. My Mom and Dad took the entire family to 10 regular Baptist Associational meetings

and 10 Baptist Youth Rallies. The focus of my family and my home church at the time was connected to the Baptist Association. I found connections to Christians in most every church that was a part of the partnership.

The Kingdom of God is not built on a Lone Ranger type of process. Pastors and churches that go it alone are not following the Biblical pattern as God calls His Church to love one another and to work together in building the Kingdom of God. Missionaries like Paul and Silas, brought a connection of all the churches they touched to focus on each other.

I may not be the greatest missionary; however, my goal is to build partnerships with individuals and churches in order to strengthen God's Kingdom. What about you? Are you ready to strengthen the partnership found in association with other churches? I think there is still value in the association.

You could be a part of the partnership of unity in building the Kingdom of God right where you are!

Keep looking up
Dan Pearce



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*Serving
Others in
Jesus Name*

Eastern Border Baptist Associations Newsletter



VBS TRAINING – APRIL 24 FBC CLOVIS - 6-8:15 PM

This year's theme, "game on", invites your kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, our players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them his ultimate playbook.

FREE dental, vision, & general medical clinic coming to Clovis April 7-8 & Roswell April 14-15.

NMMOM is coming to our side of the state! Clinics will be expanded to include vision and general medical care in our remote areas.

Chuckwagon Dinner with Live Music

Forrest Community Church, Forrest NM
April 21st • 6PM



Joel Moore is cooking, Neal Delk & friends will play music, Richard and Geri Gomez will speak about Freedom Ranch. This is a benefit for the Freedom Ranch, they are doing great work in our community!! No set donation, Ya'll just come!

Pastor's Wives Retreat • April 20-21 • Portales

A time of relaxation, renewal, fellowship, prayer and fun for all pastor's wives. Contact Connie Dixon at 575-760-1603 or cdixon@nmbch.com for more information.



EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING **EBA**

Mark McAfee, preaching
April 10th at Sandia Baptist Church

Executive Board Meeting at 5 pm
Meal at 6 pm
Meeting at 7 pm



Eastern Border Associations

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Prayer Meeting:
Mondays 10:00 Sandia, Clovis

TBA website: www.yourtba.com
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Prayer Needs

- Churches that are plateaued
- Pastors that are discouraged
- Pray for Revitalization of Christians and Churches

Looking Ahead

April 7-8: NM Mission Of Mercy/Remote Area Medical Clinic

April 10: EBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Sandia, Clovis

April 20-21: Pastors Wives Retreat - NM Baptist Children's Home - Portales

April 21: Chuckwagon Dinner, Forrest Community Church, 6PM

April 24: VBS training, – FBC Clovis - 6-8:15 PM

Budget At A Glance

Tucumcari Baptist Association:
Ending Balance ...\$16,351.18

Eastern Baptist Association:
Ending Balance
February 28th\$258.06