

*Serving
Others in
Jesus Name*



Eastern Border Baptist Associations Newsletter



Stress is a natural ingredient in life. The reaction to stress reflects a person's view of self and God. Faith is tested according to the level of stress of the day. Job had never faced a day of stress by losing his children and his fortune all in one day. The future seemed to be cut off all in one day and uncertainty firmly established itself. It is remarkable that Job responded with "Naked I came out of my mother's womb and naked I shall return: the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord". Job was focused on the problem of the day yet he remembered that God was present, Job looked up.

In my feeble attempt to handle my stress early in ministry, I did not look up, I simply looked inward. I found I had nothing in-

side that could stand up to the stresses of a growing ministry. The first indicator of burnout was loneliness. I had left God out in facing my difficulties and it began a downward spiral that consumed my life and ministry.

Most of the time I close my article with "keep looking up", which is not just an empty phrase but a reminder to me and everyone who will grasp, God is our only hope.

So, the next time stress grows and life is hard, remember Luke 21:28 "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh".

Do you have your head down or are you lonely today? Keep looking up
Dan Pearce

The annual meeting is a time for messengers who represent local churches to elect the executive team and conduct business of their association. Any authority given to the association ultimately comes from the local churches that choose to cooperate with the association. Attendees also hear reports of what has been accomplished in the last year.

It's not all business at the meeting, though. We also worship together through music and the preaching of God's word, helping us focus on the ultimate reason for why the association exists.

The annual meeting is also a time for churches to network with one another, helping each other fulfill the Great Commission throughout our part of the state.

(adapted from BCNM website)



*Please
Join Us!*

**EBA Annual Meeting
Calvary Baptist Church
In Portales on Oct 9th**

**TBA Annual Meeting
Immanuel Baptist Church
In Tucumcari on Oct 16th**



Suggested Donations for each Association:

Eastern Association:

- Taco Seasoning
- BBQ Sauce
- Allspice Season Blend
- Pizza Sauce
- Mayo/Miracle Whip
- Healthy Snacks
- Gallon Zip Lock Bags
- Deodorant
- Parchment Paper

Tucumcari Association:

- Salsa
- Dried Fruit
- Bisquick
- Oatmeal
- Coffee
- Jello
- Relish
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Furniture Polish

Our Disaster Relief Clean-Up Trailer was used in Colorado in July for flood clean-up. This is a thank you letter from a lady that was helped:



All those who came together to help us through this horrific disaster in Paradise Acres, Colorado:

We cannot thank you enough and appreciate so much your help with removal, sifting, love, and witnessing to bring our spirits up which helped us so much. Even today, looking at the signed Bible brings joy to me, just remembering those two days watching the big machine expose what was left of my treasures. Thank you so much.

Love, Peace, and our love of Jesus Christ,
(Name withheld for privacy)

Prayer Needs

- Pastorless churches: FBC Elida, FBC Ft Sumner, and Forrest Community Church

Looking Ahead

October 7: Mission NM Emphasis Day

October 9: EBA Annual Meeting – Calvary Portales

October 16: TBA Annual Meeting – Immanuel Tucumcari

Eastern Border Associations

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Prayer Meeting:
Mondays 10:00 Sandia, Clovis

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



Budget \$ At A Glance

Tucumcari Baptist Association:
Receipts\$1,735.50
Disbursements\$1,800.00
Ending Balance ...\$11,710.48

Eastern Baptist Association:
Balance Forward
August 1st\$(388.39)
Receipts\$9,186.77
Disbursements\$8,293.73
Ending Balance
August 31st\$504.65