

## WINDOWS 2011

Moving is an adventure. It is also a crisis! The process of leaving one place of 26 years and beginning a work in another is a challenge on many levels. When was the last time you have gone through a quarter of a century of stuff trying to decide what to keep and what to throw away? Many times I felt like the old west prospector searching for gold nuggets among all the 'stuff.' I just pray I have kept the right things and thrown away what was truly not needed. Time will tell! Now I live in the land of boxes with each one a surprise.

Change is challenging. Physically the last two months have been exhausting. Move this, pack that, many late nights now trying to get it all organized. Emotionally it has been a roller coaster. I am truly excited about the challenges of the new ministry as a Director of Missions. One of the best questions I have been asked is if I have found a routine yet. No, and I am not anticipating finding one anytime soon. I look forward to the ebb and flow of the work but not a rut.

Thanksgiving is always appropriate! The Area Board members have been very helpful in this move and especially our chairman, Rick Burton of Friona. Their calls of encouragement have so often come at just the right time. Charles Davenport has done a fabulous work as the Interim Director of Missions. His quality of leadership has in many ways made this extended time without a DOM go smoothly. Dr. Gene Meacham, my predecessor, has been so supportive and helpful. His openness about the work here has been and will be such a great help. Do pray for Gene and Lavonne that their retirement might be God-blessed in every way! Susan Barkley, our Ministry Assistant, is a great asset to God's work and has proved to be invaluable to me in making this transition.

Congratulations to Dr. Stacy Conner as he celebrated 20 years of ministry at FBC Muleshoe. It was a joy on my first Sunday as the new DOM to be with this fine pastor and church. Also, please take a close look at the front page. There you will find four new pastors in our area. May God bless them and their churches.

So what will this new DOM do? I have two pressing goals immediately before me. One is to visit with as many of our pastors, staff and churches as possible. Much of this will be done by telephone at first. Second is to understand as quickly as possible God's direction for this work. I will pray and listen to the Lord. However, I believe very strongly the Lord will be speaking to you. So I will be asking you what you are sensing to be God's direction for Caprock Plains Area churches and associations!

Lester Griffin  
Director of Missions



Mark your calendar now for the  
**African American Fellowship Conference**  
**July 5-7, 2011**  
**Lubbock Memorial Civic Center**  
**1501 Mac Davis Lane**  
**Lubbock, Tx 79401**

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PASTORLESS CHURCHES

#### Caprock Association

FBC Roaring Springs  
Primera Muleshoe  
FBC Farwell  
Primera Dimmitt

Please notify us of all updates!

#### Staked Plains Association

Templo Lockney  
Trinidad Olton  
Jericho Plainview  
Northside Plainview  
FBC Tulia  
FBC Plainview  
FBC Lockney

### PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY NEWS

Michael Wright, Plains Baptist Assembly's Executive Director, recently resigned his position. A Search Committee was elected and has begun the search for a new Executive Director.

Committee members are Connie Butler (Llanos Altos), James Caddell (Lubbock), Will Fish (Staked Plains), Tim Franks (Caprock), Gene Hawkins (Lubbock), Mike Holster (South Plains), and Duane McQueen (Lubbock). Perry Gilbreth is the Board President and serves as ex-officio member. Mike Holster is the chairman for this committee.

If you have questions, please contact the committee member who is representing your association.

**Connie Butler (Llanos Altos) @ (806) 997-7931 or 789-7870**  
**Tim Franks (Caprock) @ (806) 983-3755**  
**Will Fish (Staked Plains) @ (806) 684-2582 or 292-4497**

If there is someone you know would be interested in applying for this position, please have them send their resume to :

**Mike Holster, Box 1286, Levelland, Tx 79336.**

The committee's greatest need is the prayers from the churches, so please be praying for them. They have met four times and will be working hard to fill this position as quickly as possible, but also working cautiously in doing this. Finding an Executive Director by this Summer will be nearly impossible, but it is their goal to have someone on staff by this Fall.

### Special Friends Camp at Panfork June 3-6, 2011

Contact: Joburta Helms  
708 N El Paso  
Tulia, Tx 79099  
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Camp Pastor  
Eddy Helms

Arts & Crafts  
Fishing  
Recreation  
Helpers & Buddies  
Cabin Parents  
Snacks

A camp for people with special physical and/or mental needs. Buddies (high school age and older) serve the campers during this week on a one-on-one basis.

### Summer Camp Schedule

Check out the Plains Baptist Assembly website at [www.pbacamp.org](http://www.pbacamp.org) or call 806-983-3954 for more information.

June 13-16	Girls Camp—LABA GA (Grades 1-6)
June 20-23	Girls Mission Camp—Caprock GA (Grades 1-6)
June 27-July 1	Youth Camp (Week 1)
July 4-8	Youth Camp (Week 2)
July 13-16	RA Camp
July 18-21	Camp Xtreme (Boys/Girls Grades 4-6)
July 28-31	FBC Floydada Kids Camp
September 9-10	WMU Retreat
October 7-10	RA Camp—O-Rama



### LOCAL VBS DATES!



Here are some of the VBS dates that we have been made aware of. I am sure there are many others. Get involved in VBS at your church!

May 30-June 3	FBC of Hale Center
June 12-16	FBC of Olton
June 13-17	College Heights Bapt Church of Plainview
June 27-Jul 1	FBC of Plainview
July 17-22	Primera of Floydada
August 1-5	FBC of Lockney

SAVE THIS DATE!  
JUNE 10-12, 2011  
**CAMPAMENTO FLOYDADA**

Hispanic Youth Camp at PBA!  
For more information:  
Campamento West Texas  
5825 34th St  
Lubbock, Tx 79407  
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"Therefore let us move BEYOND the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God." Hebrews 6:1

### GIRLS MISSIONS CAMP 2011 June 20-23, 2011 Plains Baptist Assembly Floydada

*SET SAIL....From the sunrise in the east to the sunset in the west, may the name of the Lord be praised. The Lord is honored over all the nations. His glory reaches to the highest heavens. Psalm 113:3-4*

Camp Pastor: Tim Franks, FBC Floydada  
Music Leader: Terry Simmons, FBC Floydada  
Missionaries: Students from Wayland, recently returned from a trip to Israel

Girls (who have completed grades 1-7) and Leaders: Don't miss this exciting opportunity. For information, contact: Kim Vaughn at 2781 CR 31, Petersburg, Tx 79240, call 806-983-2656, 806-241-4002, or email [kim@hurstfs.com](mailto:kim@hurstfs.com)

Glorieta Conference Center  
1-800-797-4222  
[glorietaconferencecenter.org](http://glorietaconferencecenter.org)  
Check the website for the calendar of events.



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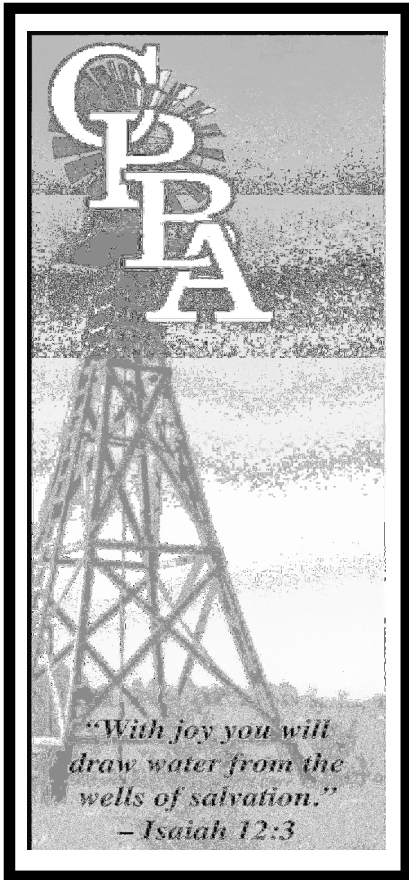
Dr. Lester  
 and  
 Betty Griffin



CAPROCK PLAINS BAPTIST AREA STAFF  
 Dr. Lester B. Griffin—Director of Missions  
 Susan Barkley — Ministry Assistant  
 Katie Trimble — Webmaster  
 John Silva — New Church Start Consultant/Hispanic Church Consultant

**Access Event Information through Available Websites**  
 There are several websites available to help you check on upcoming events for the summer and all year round for all age groups. Go to the website at [texasbaptists.org](http://texasbaptists.org), then go to **Events**, and look through the list of events. Details are given under each link to **Event Information**. If you cannot locate information, contact Texas Baptists at 1-888-244-9400 and they will assist you in getting more information.  
 There is also a website for Southern Baptists of Texas at [www.sbtexas.com](http://www.sbtexas.com). Both websites will help you find activities for your group or congregation.  
 For nationwide or worldwide opportunities:  
 North American Mission Board at [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net)  
 International Mission Board at [www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)  
 Southern Baptist Convention at [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net)  
 Baptist World Alliance at [www.bwanet.org](http://www.bwanet.org)

**DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS**  
 With the many ongoing relief efforts around the world, there are several opportunities for you to participate in giving towards meeting the needs of those suffering from loss of family, home, employment and the long process of cleanup and getting back to normal again. These include Texas Baptists (BGCT), Texas Baptist Men (TBM), Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and others. For more details go to [texasbaptists.org](http://texasbaptists.org)  
 Disaster Response  
 Texas Baptist Missions Foundation  
 333 N Washington  
 Dallas, Tx 75246-1798



# Windows on the Area... June 2011

**Welcome New Pastors!**

FBC of Olton called a new pastor, **David Azam**, who will begin June 12, 2011. David and his wife Meghan are from Denver City. They have two young children. David has a Masters of Divinity Degree from Logsdon Seminary and Masters in Christian Ministry from Wayland. Pray for his family as they make the move to Olton.

FBC of Earth has called a new pastor, **Robbie Boyd**. Robbie and his wife Paula have moved from Snyder where Robbie recently served as discipleship/outreach pastor. Both graduated from Howard Payne. Robbie has attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Rockbridge Seminary. They have three grown children, one grandchild and one on the way.

Seth Ward Baptist Church of Plainview welcomes their new pastor, **Brent Anderson**. Brent and his wife Jane have two grown children and one grandchild. They have been serving for the past 15 years as construction missionaries, living full-time in their RV, traveling all over the country, building and remodeling churches.

Pictured here with Dr. Griffin at the recent Uncommon Leader training at Plains Baptist Assembly is **Patrick Adair**, new pastor at FBC of Matador. Patrick is married to Jeni and they have a young daughter named Sheridan. Patrick recently served at FBC Waco as a youth minister and attended Truett Seminary.

**WAYLAND ON MISSION**

**June 9-17, 2011: Israel July 2-24, 2011: Kenya July 31-August 9, 2011: Macedonia, Kosovo & Greece**

The Wayland Mission Center, in partnership with Baptist churches, associations, agencies, conventions, the global Baptist community, and the greater faith community, serves as a rallying point to encourage, educate, empower, equip and inspire student and west Texas churches to be the presence of Christ throughout the world.

For more information, contact Dr. Rick Shaw at: Wayland Baptist University, 1900 W 7th St CMB #344, Plainview, Tx 79072, by email at: [shawr@wbu.edu](mailto:shawr@wbu.edu), or by phone at: 806-291-1162

**Bibles for Mexico**  
 Bro. Miguel Contreras, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista of Plainview, distributed over 325 Bibles to new believers during his December trip to his hometown area in Mexico. Future plans are to start a new church for these new believers. Be in prayer for Miguel and this ministry opportunity. You can make your contribution to "Bibles for Mexico" in care of Caprock Plains Baptist Area at 2301 Utica, Plainview, TX 79072.

If you have information of upcoming events, please let us know at the Area Center by the 25th of each month for publication and distribution before the first of the following month.  
 If you have an address change or wish to be removed from our list, contact the Area Office.  
 If you have an interest in a future email version of this newsletter, please call 296-2751 or email [caprockplains@nts-online.net](mailto:caprockplains@nts-online.net).  
 Thank you.

**STUDENT LIFE CAMP INFORMATION**

For Summer Student Life Camp information contact 1-800-718-2267 or [STUDENTLIFE.COM](http://STUDENTLIFE.COM)

**Pastors & Wives Fellowship**  
**Cena de Pastores y Esposa**  
**Fechas y Lugares: 7 PM**  
**Friday, June 3, 2011**  
**Mision Bautista El Calvario**  
**Kress, Texas**

**Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas**  
**June 26-28-2011**  
 Trinity Baptist Church  
 319 East Mulberry  
 San Antonio, Texas

**"Adelante!"**

Contact: Glenda Juarez at 214-887-5424 or email her at [glenda.juarez@texasbaptists.org](mailto:glenda.juarez@texasbaptists.org)

**25th Annual Texas Bivocational and Smaller Membership Conference**  
 July 8-10, 2011  
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 Belton, Texas

**Featured Speaker—Dr. Paul Powell**  
 Contact Cecil Deadman at 214-828-5293 or email him at [cecil.deadman@texasbaptists.org](mailto:cecil.deadman@texasbaptists.org)

**JUNE 26, 2011**  
**Mission Dignity Sunday**  
 GuideStone's Mission Dignity helps retired Southern Baptist ministers or widows who are living close to poverty. More than 60% of the 2,100 retirees we assist are widows. One of every four is a pastor's widow age 85 or above. First Timothy 5:5 says, "The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help." God is answering those prayers through Mission Dignity and our Southern Baptist family.  
**www.MissionDignitySBC.org**  
**1-888-98-GUIDE.**

**CAMP EXALTED — JULY 11-15, 2011**  
**JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**  
 Highway 80 East, Private Road 7631  
 Hawkins, Texas

A one-week spiritual enrichment experience for African-American youth, grades 7-12, as well as college students, where you can come and have a meaningful, life changing encounter with Christ, as well as fellow young believers.

Contact African American Ministries—Camp Exalted at 1-888-244-9400 or email [carlos411999@yahoo.com](mailto:carlos411999@yahoo.com), [shamecca\\_jones@hotmail.com](mailto:shamecca_jones@hotmail.com) or [texasbaptists.org/campexalted](http://texasbaptists.org/campexalted) for information and registration.