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WAYLAND ON MISSION

July 2-24
Kenya

Dr. Don Raney, FBC Petersburg, is participating in this trip. He will be teaching at the Wayland Campus while he is there. Please pray for him and the rest of the group.

July 31-August 9
Macedonia, Kosovo & Greece

For more information, contact:
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Wayland Baptist University
1900 W 7th St CMB #344
Plainview, Tx 79072
Email: shawr@wbu.edu
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST...

August 1: Uncommon Leader Training, FBC Littlefield, 9:30 AM
August 5: Los Planos Fellowship, Primera Iglesia, Floydada, 7 PM
August 22: Caprock Fish Fry, FBC Floydada
August 23: Area Committee Meeting at Area Office, 10 AM
August 27-28: FBC Earth 85th Anniversary Celebration

We will have further details in the August newsletter for these events. If you need more information, contact the Area Office at 296-2751 or email us at caprockplains@nts-online.net

Remember that *Annual Church Profiles* will be coming to the Area Office soon and I will be mailing them to your church. Please get these to your church clerk or the person responsible for completing them. They are due back here *immediately* following your final reporting Sunday so that I can prepare the information for the **Annual Associational Meetings** which are in **October**. If you enter your data online *I will still need a copy* of your report here at the Area Office so I can get your information into our annual reports. I always appreciate your help with this.

Susan

CHURCH SECRETARIES RETREAT
JULY 13-15
WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

If you are a secretary or ministry assistant for a church or religious institution and you haven't signed up yet for the Church Secretaries Retreat, then you need to call Micheal Summers at 291-1165 or email him at summersm@wbu.edu.

Don't miss this special time of fun, fellowship, inspiration and a time to learn some new skills or sharpen some old ones. If you have other questions, you can call Susan at 296-2751.

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.

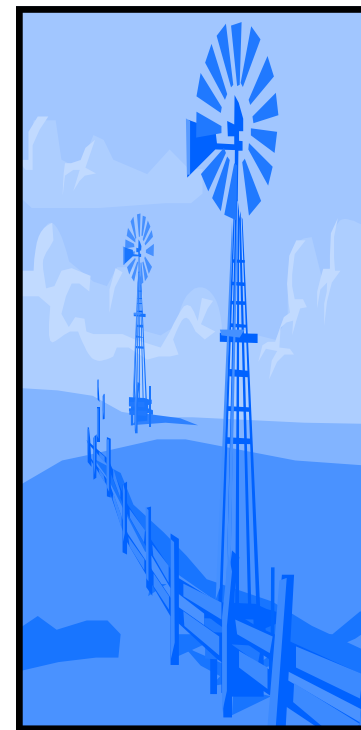
If you have an interest in a future email version of this newsletter, please call 296-2751 or email caprockplains@nts-online.net.

Thank you!



African American Fellowship Conference
July 5-7, 2011
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
1501 Mac Davis Lane
Lubbock, Tx 79401

Contact: Nebra Robinson at 214-828-5131
or email nebra.robinson@texasbaptists.org



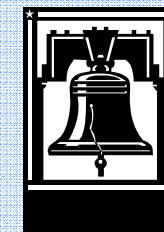
25th Annual
Texas
Bivocational and
Smaller
Membership
Conference

July 8-10, 2011
University of Mary Hardin-
Baylor at
Belton, Texas

Featured Speaker
Dr. Paul Powell

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Windows on the Area
July 2011

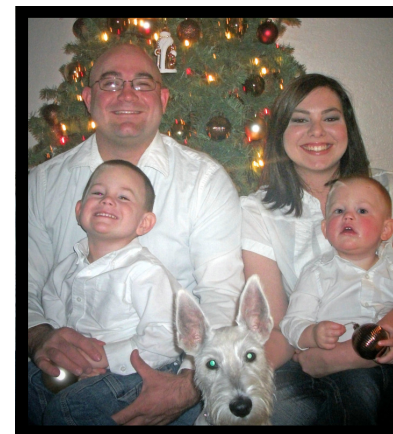


WELCOME NEW STAFF TO THE AREA

It is always exciting for us to hear that a church in our area has called a long-awaited and prayed for staff member. FBC of Farwell welcomes a new Senior Pastor, **Russ Ponder**. Russ is not new to their congregation. He served as a youth pastor with them until 2005. He has been serving recently at FBC of Hamlin, Tx. Russ is married to his wife, Kim, and they have two sons. Branson just graduated and Pearce will be a senior this year. Russ will preach his first sermon at FBC Farwell on July 24.



Bobby Fortner has been called to Northside Baptist Church of Plainview as pastor. Bobby was born in Lubbock and is a graduate of Wayland with a degree in Christian Ministry. He is currently working on his Master's degree in History at Wayland, with the goal to teach history at the university level and to pastor bivocationally. Prior to Bobby's call to the ministry he served as a Lieutenant of correctional officers and as a police officer in Lubbock. He served as a youth pastor at South Park of Lubbock and at FBC of Lorenzo. He also served as ministerial supply for UMC of Lubbock during his education. He and his wife Bethany are the proud parents of two young boys.



Compañerismo

Sunday, July 10

3 PM



at

Jericho Fellowship
1600 Independence

Pastors and Staff: Don't miss this opportunity to attend!

UNCOMMON LEADER TRAINING

First Baptist Church of Littlefield
400 East 6th Street

Monday, August 1, 2011

Begins at 9:30 AM

\$85 for materials and training

\$10 for lunch

This is a world reknown training program by Lewis Timberlake, designed to help participants become more effective leaders. Part of the event helps you to discover your leadership style.

Contact the Area Office at 296-2751 or caprockplains@nts-online.net if you will be able to attend, so that adequate materials will be available.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:



Rain!

“Worst drought in memory!’ I hear the phrase again and again. What I know is dry land fields are empty and irrigated lands struggle. Communities have come together to pray for rain. Some met at a gin near Cotton Center, others at a Methodist church in Crosbyton. I know there have been many others. Water makes all the difference in the world. Rains refresh and give life. It is right to pray and ask of God His favor for, “*He covers the sky with clouds and covers the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.*” (Psalm 147:8)

It is no wonder that rain is often associated with the blessing of God for our lands and for our souls. I pray also for streams of living water to refresh, renew, forgive and empower us individually and as churches.

Camps

We are in the middle of **associational camps**. Girls Camp is passed, but we are in the midst of two weeks of Youth Camp and RA Camp is yet to come. Pray for these camps, their leaders and our wonderful summer staff at PBA. Also remember our selection committee as they search for our new camp director.

Gordon Benson Offering

This year’s Gordon Benson Associational Mission offering for Juarez presently stands at \$2100. We will be presenting this check personally to the El Paso ministry and meeting with the El Paso Association’s Church Starter Mario Gonzales and with the President of the Juarez Baptist Convention during the week of July 17. If you have not sent your offering in or would like to be a part of this offering please do so in the next few days! I believe it would be a great blessing to present a check for more than \$3000. Give it some prayer and join me in giving personally!

Praying for You!

Summer Events are still going on all over the area and state! Summer Camp at **Plains Baptist Assembly** includes the July 4-8 Youth Camp, July 13-16 RA Camp, July 18-21 Camp Extreme, and the July 28-31 Floydada Kids Camp. For PBA information go to www.pbacamp.org or call 806-983-3954.

Calvary Baptist Church of Friona reports results from their VBS, June 20-24. They had an average daily attendance of 94 with 6 professions of faith. They collected a special offering of \$477 to send to City Church of Amarillo, to assist them in their ongoing summer lunch program for children in their area.

Remember to **share your summer event stories** with us here at the Area Center. Our readers enjoy hearing what happened with your group at VBS or at Camp.

Glorieta Conference Center
1-800-797-4222
glorietaconferencecenter.org

Check their website for a complete calendar of events.



PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

The Search Committee has begun the search for a new Executive Director. They do have an interim who will handle the busy summer months.

Committee members are:
Connie Butler (Llanos Altos)
James Caddell (Lubbock)
Will Fish (Staked Plains)
Tim Franks (Caprock)
Gene Hawkins (Lubbock)
Mike Holster (South Plains)
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 are 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.

We have welcomed several new staff members to churches in our area but there are still congregations needing pastors. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their search.

Caprock Association

FBC Roaring Springs
FBC Crosbyton

Llanos Altos Association

Primera of Muleshoe
Primera of Dimmitt

Staked Plains Association

Templo of Lockney
Trinidad of Olton

Jericho of Plainview

FBC Tulia

FBC Plainview

FBC Lockney

Please notify us of any updates!

What’s Happening Around the Area



Les and Betty Griffin recently spent a Sunday morning with the congregation of **Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe**, where Betty even had the opportunity to supply for their music director.

NEW JERUSALEM CELEBRATION

Pastors and churches from the area were invited by Bro. H.K. & Betty Thomas of New Jerusalem Baptist Church to celebrate in viewing the new sanctuary as a **thank-you** for those who assisted during their time of rebuilding. Many were honored for their help, which included monetary gifts for materials or to help with meals for the members of the Texas Baptist Men who came to help with



Betty & H.K. Thomas Jr

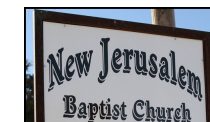


Dr Gene Meacham



New Jerusalem Praise Team

construction. The afternoon of worship featured music from members of their praise group, a welcome and introduction of those attending by Bro. Brian Barkley, FBC Edmonson, a welcome by Dr. Lester B. Griffin, Director of Missions, a stirring message by Dr. Gene Meacham, retired Director of Missions, and testimony and promise of future fellowship by Bro. Will Fish, FBC Kress. The service was followed by a wonderful time of food and fellowship, provided by the ladies of the church.



Pictured here are: Dr Les Griffin, Dr Gene Meacham, Rev. H.K. Thomas, Rev. Will Fish, & Rev. Brian Barkley.



DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS AROUND THE AREA, NATION AND THE WORLD

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 a website at texasbaptists.org or you can mail contributions to: **Disaster Response, Texas Baptist Missions Foundation, 333 N Washington, Dallas, Tx 75246-1798** and designate towards the specific area or need.

