

MISSION MESSENGER



Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands **FIRM** in the heavens. Psalms 119:89
June, 2010

Well, summer time has come around again. It is time for all the “busyness” to catch up with us again as we have Vacation Bible School, Preteen camp, youth Camp, Mission Trips and many other “summer” activities”. One of the activities coming in just a couple of weeks is the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fl. June 15th and 16th. Pray for this convention as there will be a vote on the report of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report. This report will, if adopted, shape the future of our Missions Boards for years to come. Pray that GOD’s perfect will is accomplished in this endeavor.

As we prepare to go back to Mescalero, New Mexico, some have questioned “what benefit does this bring back to our association?”. In truth, this endeavor brings no real dollars in benefit to our association but, returns many times over the blessing of serving GOD with those that need to hear the Gospel of Truth. We adopted this mission 6 years ago as a partnership mission, to help them develop the ministry and facilities to attempt to reach the people of the Mescalero Apache tribe. There have been many trials over those six years but there have also been many victories. The Church is in far better shape both physically and spiritually than it was 6 years ago, in part, thanks to the efforts of so many of you who have given both time and money to this effort. We have seen several people come to know Jesus as Lord through he Bible school and revival and personal witnessing efforts on the reservation. I ask you one more time to consider taking your VBS Offerings and giving them to the effort at finishing the work in Mescalero. We give because Jesus gave. We go because Jesus said to go. We still need workers for the Vacation Bible School and for the construction in Mescalero July 24th thru 31st. (see article and information elsewhere in this publication)

Let me encourage you to plan now to “GO ON A MISSION TRIP TO SOMEWHERE” this summer. You will be blessed by being a blessing to others.

In Christ’s service,

Brother Charles

Mescalero VBS Planning Meeting

Tuesday

June 15, 2010

7:00 PM

FIRM Area Office
100 N. Central
Cameron, TX

This meeting is for all those who think they might want to go or who are definitely planning to go.

“God Will Take Care of You” *By Helen Yeakley*

Every Christian has a testimony. And I suppose the longer we walk with the Lord, the more testimonies we have. When Reba and I talked about my writing my testimony, I decided to write about a real turning point in my life.

First we have to go back a few years. I trusted Christ as my Savior as a young child around 9 yrs old. I truly felt convicted and put my trust in the Lord. However, because I was young, Satan began to use that to place doubts in my mind of my true salvation. He would put suggestions in my mind like, “You were so young, how could you know what you were doing?” This was robbing me of the joy of my salvation. This actually went on for years, and I agonized over it.

It was in the early 1980’s and I was praying that the Lord would give me peace about my salvation and would fill me with His Spirit. I know that I was saved but I just did not have the peace that I needed. Then an unusual thing happened. Just out of the blue, two tumors grew very quickly in my abdomen. The doctor felt positive that the tumors were not malignant because of several different reasons and also because they grew so quickly, I had to immediately have surgery. I was scheduled to go to the hospital the next day to prepare for surgery the following day.

The night before, we attended a birthday party for a friend, in their home, and many of our church family were there. The party turned into a prayer meeting on my behalf. I went home afterwards, went to bed and began to pray. Almost immediately, like I was literally hearing the voice of God, came the words, loud and clear to my heart: “Be not dismayed what-e’er betide, God will take care of you; Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, Thro’ every day, o’er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.” I began crying because I knew without a shadow of a doubt that I was His child and He would take care of me. And I was filled with the most wonderful, indescribable peace (the peace that passes all understanding). From that moment on, I did not care one way or another whether I lived or died, I knew I would be with the Lord and He would take care of my family...

When I began to awaken from my surgery, I remember each member of my family, one by one, kissing me. My daughter was crying when she kissed me. I knew then that I did have cancer and it was malignant.

From then on, my life was one close walk with the Lord. People would come to visit me, not knowing how to handle it or what to say, and they would find me just bubbling over, filled with the Holy Spirit and Christ’s love. After a week or so, Lester felt that maybe I didn’t understand that I really did have cancer, and he felt it was his duty to tell me. Bless his heart. I looked at him and said, “I know it, but who cares...God will take care of me.” God did heal me and it has been 26 yrs since my year of Chemotherapy. God answers prayer but not always how we would expect an answer. Romans 8:35, 37-39 is one of my favorite scriptures. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution,.....

July Pastor Anniversaries

	yrs
Wayne Kirk-Marlow	9
Eldon Alfred-Crossroads Community	6
Artis Edwards-New Beginnings	5
Jim Houser-Blue Ridge	4

July Birthdays

	Date
Luther Shelander-Mt. Zion, Rockdale	2
Moses Vaca-Primera, Cameron	9
Ashley Reeves, FIRM	9
Gary Samford, FBC Lyons	11
Treva McCracken-Friendship	13
Cathy Byrd-Mill Creek	18
Sherry Williams-Common Ground	23
Carol Mahr-Cowboy of Lee County	24
Wendy Lawhon-House of Worship	25
Pam Cox-Davilla	30

July Wedding Anniversaries

	Date
Gary & Darlene Maroney-FBC Cameron	2
David and Pam Cox-Davilla	9
Dave & Michelle Lucus-FBC Milano	9
Mark & Debbie McBride-Knobbs Springs	11
Artis & Windgale Edwards-New Beginnings	31

July Association Meetings

Falls Association will meet July 12 at Primera Marlin at 6:15 pm. Buddy Sipe is in charge of the program with a patriotic theme.

Independence Association will meet July 15 at 6:00 pm at Providence. Walter Sensat is in charge of the program on prayer.

Robertson Association will meet July 20 at 6:00 pm at FBC Wheelock. Jim Manning is in charge of the program on evangelism.

Milam Association will meet July 13 at 6:00 pm at Davilla. Roy Martinez is in charge of the program on prayer.

Mission Opportunity

La Mission of Calvert is looking for a team to come to their church and hold VBS. If your VBS workers loved VBS and would like to do it again or if your church is looking for a mission project that is not far away please contact the FIRM office for more information.

Church News

FBC Dime Box-Congratulations to Reuel and Lanelle Cooper who are celebrating 55 years of marriage on June 24th. Knobs Springs celebrated their 155th anniversary on May 23rd. Their church added 14 new members in April and in July they are sponsoring a mission trip to Llano, Texas where they are expecting 375 youth to go on mission for a week.

FBC Hearne has added 2 new members by baptism and one by statement.

Tanglewood has added 2 new members by statement. Senior deacon, Bobby Phillips, celebrated his 90th birthday with a surprise party given by the church.

House of Worship in Brenham is seeking a contemporary music leader. Please contact the church for more information.

Cowboy Church of Lee County had 90 people attend their first trail ride and added a new member as a result of their first calf roping. They are now averaging 108 in attendance.

First Baptist Thrall and Worship At The River had 600 people attend and baptized 4.

Upcoming Events

July 5-16, Southern Gospel School of Music at Navarro College

July 6,13,20,&27 Christian Concerts on Kemah, TX boardwalk

July 5, 8, 11: Student Life at Austin College

July 5 & 12: Lifeway Family Ministry Camp at Glorieta

July 9-11: Bivocational and smaller church conference at Mary Hardin Baylor

July 12-16: Super Summer at Hardin Simmons

July 19-24: SWU Worship in Kerrville

July 20-23: Alleluia Voices at Baylor

July 30-31: Un Vaso Para Honra in Ft. Worth

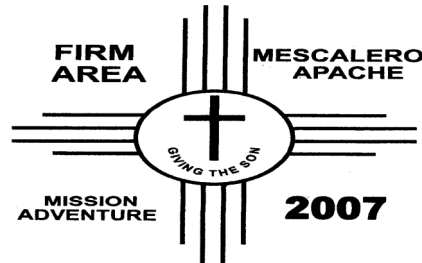
Aug 1-5: Student Life at Tx Women's Univ.

Aug 2-6: Lifeway Worship Leader Conf at Glorieta

Aug 13-14: Childhood Ministry Summit at Dallas Baptist Univ.

Missing

The yellow gold dolly with the flip down shelf that was in the inflatables trailer is missing. If this was accidentally left at your church, please contact the FIRM office at 254-697-6505.



GOD has called one more time for us to go back to Mescalero, New Mexico, and conduct Vacation Bible School, nightly revival services and to do some construction as well as finish the small playground. The pastor of Mescalero Mission, Zack Mallott has phoned several times in the past two weeks requesting help with these projects this summer. Two other groups that were scheduled to come have cancelled for many different reasons and he is hoping we can come back again. Please pray about whether or not GOD is calling you to go. The mountain air will be fresh, temperatures moderate and fellowship wonderful.

We need about 15 VBS workers and helpers. We need construction help and painters. Plans are to remodel the kitchen and serving area as well as paint the fellowship area, hall and classrooms as well as the youth are planning to finish the playground area. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn at Ruidoso. Make your plans now to be part of this trip. July 24th through 31st 2010. We have tried to hold down the cost as much as possible but with fuel, food and hotel costs increasing, we have had to increase the cost slightly. (see reverse for details and to register) I hope you will join us! Call 254-697-6505 if you want more details!

Bro Charles Cole

Attention: VBS Directors and Workers

Please save your Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS Material and Decorations for us to use in the VBS that we are planning for Mescalero.

Mescalero Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

*Date of Birth: _____

*Beneficiary: _____

*Social Security #: _____

*These 3 items are for mission trip insurance.

Please reserve space at the hotel for me. I will stay in a room: (please check preference) All rooms subject to availability.

_____ 2 people to a room \$420.00 per person

_____ 3 people to a room \$320.00 per person

_____ 4 people to a room \$280.00 per person

_____ I will provide my own housing. \$150.00 per person

\$50.00 deposit required with reservation. Balance due by July 22, 2010.

My preferred roommates are: _____

*Every effort will be made to honor room assignments, but cannot be guaranteed except in family situations.

Signature: _____

Return Registration Form and Deposit to FIRM Baptist Area, PO Box 192, Cameron, TX 76520

Trip Dates: July 24 thru July 31, 2010

Vacation Bible Schools

Milam County Cowboy– July 31	Primera Cameron-June 7-14
FBC Franklin-June 14-18	FBC Rockdale-June 20-24
FBC Hearne-June 14-18	FBC Cameron-June 7-11
Cottonwood-June 13-17	Mt Zion, Rockdale-June 22-26
FBC Lott-June 7-11	FBC Calvert-June 21-25
FBC Bremond-June 7-11	FBC Somerville-June 14-18
McDade-July 11-15	Meadowbrook-July 19-23
FBC Thorndale-June 28-July 2	FBC Giddings-June 21-25
Knobbs Springs-August 1-5	Dime Box– July 11-15
Davilla-June 14-18	FBC Thrall– June 21-25
Calvary Brenham-June 28-July 1	FBC Marlin-July 18-22

Remember that the FIRM Office has 4 foot wide butcher paper to use for VBS decorations.

July Prayer Calendar

July 1 –10 Pray for our Country that revival will occur from coast to coast.

July 11-17 Pray for our single staff churches that their pastors will continually feel the presence of God.

July 18-24 Pray for rain and cooler than normal temperatures so that our farmers may have good crops after several years of drought.

July 25-31 Pray for the Mescalero Mission Trip, for safe travel, for the workers, for the Indians, and for God's kingdom to be increased during this week.