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Superintendent's Report by Robert G. Slaton

IT IS TIME TO REAP THE HARVEST

In Matthew 9:37, 38 Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest. This statement by Jesus expresses clearly His desire and purpose for His disciples. When Jesus and the religious leaders of His day looked on the crowd of ordinary men and women, they saw them differently. The Pharisees saw the common people as chaff to be destroyed and burned up; Jesus saw them as a harvest to be reaped and saved.

Because the harvest is plenteous, it is urgent that we be involved in reaping it before it is too late. Dr. Wilder, a dynamic missionary leader in India, was dining with three naval officers. During the course of the conversation one of the officers remarked, "Why don't these missionaries stay at home and mind their own business?" Dr. Wilder replied, "Suppose you were ordered to take your battleship to Constantinople tomorrow, would you choose whether to obey or not?" The officer retorted, "If we are ordered to go, we must go, even if every ship is sunk and

every sailor killed." "Quite right," said the missionary. "I have orders from the divine government: 'Go and preach the gospel to every creature.'" Our business is not to question; our business is to obey.

According to Ralph D. Winter, founder of the U. S. Center for World Missions, there are about 16,750 hidden groups-people groups among which there is no viable church. Our task today is to plant a New Testament church among every people group, which in turn has the potential for evangelizing that group. Look at the harvest fields. The thickest field of our day is Asia. Sixty-three percent of the world's population lives within a 3,000 mile radius of Hong Kong. That's almost two-thirds of the world's population, and only 1 percent claims to know Christ! The problem is that there are not enough workers. God is calling young men and women to volunteer for missionary service. If it isn't God's will for you to go to the mission field, then it is God's will for you to send those who are willing to go. We must pray and give and leave the results to God. On one of the New Hebrides, in the South Pacific, is the lonely grave of a Presbyterian missionary, the Rev. John Geddie. A marble slab bears the following inscription:

"When he came here,
There were no Christians:
When he went away,
There were no heathen."

Nearly every week missionaries call wanting to book missions services in West Texas. My response is that it is up to each pastor to decide how many missions services he will have and who he will support. It is my sincere desire and prayer that our pastors will open the doors of their church to as many missionaries as possible. As District Missions Secretary, I have committed myself to having an open district for missionaries. The danger of an open-door-policy is that we might possibly neglect our West Texas missionaries. Please make room on your calendar for our missionaries. They are some of the best in the world and they are worthy of your support.



West Texas Assemblies of God SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

September 14-15, 2009



MONDAY NIGHT'S SESSION—7:00 P.M.
LOGOS BIBLE SOFTWARE
Presentation & Training
Advanced Technology for Eternal Truth



TUESDAY

Holy Spirit Seminar

Ervin Asiatico, Speaker

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

This seminar is designed to equip you, your pastoral staff, and church in becoming more successful in praying people through to this glorious experience.



SUBJECTS COVERED

- * What the Bible Teaches Concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - * The Baptism in the Holy Spirit—
Is it optional or a command of the Lord?
 - * Answers to your questions concerning the Holy Spirit
 - * Why You Need the Holy Spirit Baptism
- * The various depths of growth after the initial Baptismal experience
 - * Why people fail to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

SCHEDULE

Monday—September 14
7:00 pm—Welcome & Logos Training

Tuesday—September 15
8:30 am: Fellowship/Coffee/Donuts
9:00 am—noon: Session 1
12:00 noon: Lunch provided by the district
1:00—4:00 pm: Session 2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please dress casual and comfortable
for all sessions.

A nursery will be provided.

Budget for the School of Ministry—\$3,500
A free-will offering will be taken.



Glenn R. Beaver
Secretary-Treasurer

Secretary-Treasurer & Director of Church Ministries

2010 Law Changes

I.R.A. & Roth I.R.A.

I recently received this article from Craig Rinas with the SAGU Foundation. I trust this will be useful information as you evaluate your plans for the future. Proverbs 27:23-24 states, *“Know your sheep by name; carefully attend to your flocks; (Don’t take them for granted; possessions don’t last forever, you know)”* The Message.

“With some laws changing on January 1, 2010, you need to know how they will affect you and what your options will be. The link below is a great article that provides good information on converting an I.R.A. into a Roth I.R.A. and if it is right for you. No matter what age you are, this article helps explain the question of traditional or Roth retirement accounts. If you have had questions about these types of accounts, please take the time to read the below article.

Are you ready to retire?

If you have any questions about this article (traditional, Roth, or tax diversification) or your retirement accounts in general, please contact me or your financial planner. (Craig Rinas, Certified Financial Planner™ crinas@sagu.edu.”

There are other options which are available when considering investment or retirement plans. A couple of those options are AG Financial Solutions at : <http://www.agfinancial.org/ME2/Audiences/Default.asp> and Church Extension Plan at <http://www.cepnet.com>.

Before making any decisions concerning your investment or retirement accounts you should consult with a Certified Financial Planner. Proverbs 24:6 states, *“For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety”* KJV.

Tidings Now Available Online

To view the Tidings online just go to the district’s website at: wtaog.org and click on the Newsletter link.

Extended Deadline for 403(b) Retirement Plans

Another item of importance is the fact that the IRS has extended its 403(b) written plan requirement deadline from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. According to Kyle Dana, Senior Vice President Retirement Solutions, with AG Financial Solutions, these guidelines will affect: (1) Any church or ministry that has one or more employees participating in a 403(b) plan; (2) Any church or ministry that allows employees to defer funds from their own pay and/or provides an employer contribution; (3) Any church or ministry that has one or more employees that have made a contribution to a 403(b) post 2004. If you have questions about this written plan, you can contact Kyle Dana at (417) 520-2631 or email him at kdana@agfinancial.org

MINISTER RECORDS

Credential Change:

Ivan Wade, License

Transferred In:

Freda Bryant (L) Rocky Mountain

AVAILABLE FOR MINISTRY

Gene Benningfield	806.456.2029
Simon Beteta	432.689.0966
Ismael Bihl	432.263.2097
Kelly Breckenridge	806.787.0355
Harry Coons	432.955.0697
Paul DeWolfe	806.934.2082
Larry Gilliam	903.826.9605
Rick & Tori Mitchell	806.241.1259
Z.A. Myers	806.216.0252
J.C. Owen	432.550.5804
Forest Srader	505.628.8650
Todd & Angela Starnes	806.771.8887
Marcus Tanner	903.330.1560
Kevin Vander-Plas	806.797.5972
Steven Villines	503.551.9610



BIBLE INSTITUTE OF WEST TEXAS

Courses for September 19, 2009

Certified Ministry Level:

Relationships and Ethics in Ministry

Facilitator, Glenn R. Beaver

License Level:

Introduction to AG Missions

Facilitator, Jannetta Fairbanks

Ordination Level:

Advanced Ministerial Internship

Facilitator, Tom Lakey

Courses for October 24, 2009

Certified Ministry Level:

Beginning Ministerial Internship

Facilitator, Robert Burns

License Level:

Conflict Resolution

Facilitator, Robert G. Slaton



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GO AND PRAY...
2K/INGS22-13a

STL/BGMC Bike Ride

09.30 thru 10.02

Midland to Del Rio & river rafting down the Devil's River

What?
A day of giving that will make STL history.

When?
9.9.9 is Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

The Challenge?
If 90,000 AG students (just 1 in every 4) gave an extra \$100 to STL on 9.9.9 there would be an additional \$9 million to strategically meet our missionaries' equipment needs, accelerating the spread of the gospel and the fulfillment of His cause.
9% of this would equal the total amount given in all of 2008!

West of 50's Camp

Roaring Springs Camp & Conference Center

October 13-16



Speaker: Howard Burroughs
Former South Texas AG District Superintendent

Cost: \$45 per person

National Sunday School Day - September 27th

Youth & Children's Worker Conference

Roaring Springs Camp & Conference Center

Rod Whitlock Darren Daugherty

October 9-10

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



The smile on one little girl's face named Carly, was enough for me to realize that after months of planning, raising the needed funds, shopping till I dropped and working harder than I had worked in quite awhile was more than worth the pain my body was feeling after ten days at Pleasant Hills Children's Home. On behalf of Carly and nine other beautiful little girls "thank you" for helping to make their home beautiful as well as comfortable.

Becky Nenstiel
Women's Ministries
Director



*Thank you to all you provided
house hold goods and
offerings for the
Dorcas Room Rally.*

Women's Ministries Retreat

*The Intentional Woman -
Intentional in Relationships
October 16 & 17*

Registration \$40.00



*Speaker
Arlene Allen
Natal Women's Director*

You will make your own hotel reservations.

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

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| October 1 | North Plains, First AG, Amarillo |
| October 2 | East Plains, First AG, Crosbyton |
| October 5 | South Plains, First AG, Lamesa |
| October 6 | Pecos, First AG, Midland |
| October 8 | West Plains, District Auditorium, Lubbock |
| October 9 | El Paso, Bethel Family Ministries |

*El Paso Rally begins at 6:30 p.m. and all other rallies begin at 10:00 a.m.
Mailings with specific details have been sent to Pastors
and Women's Ministries Coordinators.
Budget: \$14,400*

MEN'S MINISTRIES



FCF Fall Powamu and Family Camp

**Hidden Falls, Texas
September 18-20**



Mark Stripling
Men's Ministries
Director

All FCF members and their families are invited. Competitions include Black Powder rifles, Hawk and Knife throwing, skillet toss. Primitive camping, leather craft, and cooking over a campfire are all a part of the FCF experience. If you are interested in becoming member, we invite you to attend the Saturday events.

... PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ...

Women's Ministries Pleasant Hills Children's Home Project

LEWIS COTTAGE – houses young girls!



The Pleasant Hills Children's Home project was a huge success. Lewis Cottage received a beautiful makeover thanks to the overwhelming generosity from the churches in West Texas. \$32,000 was given for the project to paint the inside of the cottage, build new kitchen cabinets, purchase carpet, tile four bathrooms, purchase new beds and dressers, a new front door, a new refrigerator, sink and commodes. The cottage also received new towels, sheets, quilts, light fixtures, new dishes and wall decorations. Individual churches purchased televisions, tables, lamps, sheets and made quilts for each girls' bed. Over a 10 day period 44 people worked at the cottage. Thank you to all who prayed, gave offerings and were a part of the work team. – Becky Nenstiel, Women's Director

Spur First Assembly: The Lord has richly blessed the ministry of Bro. & Sis. Robert Wright and the congregation in Spur. During recent months two church buildings located side by side have been donated to them. One of the buildings is now a distribution center for helping the needy in their community and also is used as a fellowship hall. Once a month the church gives at least 50 boxes of food to families in need and more often if there is an urgent need. The other building is a lovely brick church where the congregation now meets. Bro. Slaton dedicated the church August 16. The service was followed by a lovely potluck meal.



Prayer Needs: Wanda Pollard is recovering from a corneal transplant (August 21).

With Christ: Gary Fortenberry (age 44), Christian Ed director at Lubbock First, went to be with the Lord August 8. His wife Julie is the daughter of Neil & Andrea Unwin. Pastor Eddie Lee's father passed away. Please pray for these families during this time of bereavement.

Wedding: Congratulations to Michael Stripling and Stevi York who were married August 22. Michael is the son of Mark & Debbie Stripling. Davis & Cris Workentin (youth pastor, McCamey) were married July 18.

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