First, let me say just how honored and humbled I am to be your Director of Missions. As I write these words, I have been on the job for a day and a half. I have already had the opportunity to visit with several pastors and staff members, and plan to visit more with each passing day.

Second, let me thank you for your words of encouragement and support, but most of all for your prayers. This has been a very exciting time for me and my family, and at the same time very stressful. There are so many changes and so many things to tend to after eighteen years at the same church and the same parsonage. There are still so many things to tend to, as we still need to move into another house.

Third, let me express my excitement as I look forward to serving alongside the churches in our association. I believe great days are ahead for the “greatest association in Texas”, to quote one of my predecessors, Bro. Norris Cash. My friend, Dr. Carol Norton said that being D.O.M. of this association was the greatest job in the world. Dr. Lash Banks said that he expects to hear of great things from all of us in the future. I agree with all of these godly men, and I feel very blessed to be counted among them. I pray that I will be able to earn your trust.

I look forward to worshipping in every church in our association as quickly and as often as I am able. I want to get to know you and I want you to get to know me. Our association has meant a great deal to me personally and professionally over the past eighteen years, and I pray that I can help in some way to see you enjoy that same associational experience and even better.

I am already hearing some very powerful things that the Lord is doing in our churches and in ministries around our county. I know that the Lord desires to see the lost saved and the saved revived. May the Lord use us, working together, to see that happen.

Serving Christ and His Churches,
Bro. Bobby Fletcher

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY
Summer Enlistment

High School graduations are taking place throughout our association this month. Every summer we attempt to contact as many high school graduates as possible to encourage them in their walk with the Lord and to invite them to be involved in Baptist Student Ministry if they are planning to attend college. BSM organizations exist on over 100 college campuses in Texas and over 900 campuses throughout the United States. Please contact us if you know of any students planning to attend any college campus this fall and we will do our best to share with them how they can be involved in serving Christ on the campus through BSM. You can also register new college students with our statewide BSM organization at www.texasfreshmen.org

International Student Ministry
Ministry Project Opportunity

Every year we attempt to provide new international students with a welcome kit as a way of introducing our ministry to them. Currently, we are in need of the following items:

- Deodorant (for men)
- Deodorant (for women)
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

We are expecting to provide kits to approximately 50 students next September. Please contact Brad McClenny or the BSM if you or your church can help by donating any of these items.

ANNIVERSARIES

33rd	**Doug Grissom**, pastor, Twin Cities, 6/9/76
22nd	**Jimmy Tarrant**, pastor, Van Alstyne FBC, 6/21/87
18th	**Sammy Garcia**, pastor, Camino Real, 6/1/91
16th	**Rusty Waller**, pastor, Gordonville FBC, 6/9/93
9th	**Griff Servati**, students, Van Alstyne FBC, 6/1/00
4th	**Michael McMinn**, youth, Hagerman, 6/1/05
3rd	**Patrick Mead**, pastor, Fairview, 6/18/06
3rd	**Tan Flippin**, education, Parkside, 6/26/06
2nd	**Brandon Bentley**, youth, Faith Fellowship, 6/1/07
2nd	**Dennis Stewart**, pastor, Cherry Mound, 6/10/07
1st	**West Robertson**, youth, Howe FBC, 6/1/08
1st	**Jason Thurston**, students, Sherman FBC, 6/1/08
1st	**Jason Young**, students, Parkside, 6/5/08

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903.476.5525

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903.786.2823
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IDA BAPTIST
7056 FM 697
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903.813.3263
Interim: Jack Washington

TRINITY BAPTIST
2627 Loy Lake Rd.
Sherman, TX 75090-2519
903.892.1568

News From GBA Churches
Around the County

BELLS FBC...needs a bivocational music minister.
BETHEL...is seeking a part-time youth minister.
CHERRY MOUND...is seeking a part-time youth minister.
COLLINSVILLE FBC... Chris Lovejoy has resigned. The church is looking for a Music/Education minister.
DIXIE FRONTIER... George Carter has joined Dixie as their associate pastor.
EAST SHERMAN...is searching for a part-time youth minister. The church is going on a mission trip Elk City OK.
ELMONT...is searching for a part-time youth minister.
EMMANUEL...is needing a part-time youth minister.
FAIRVIEW...minister of education Jeremy Woods has resigned to become a pastor in Okla.
FOREST AVENUE...is seeking a minister of music.
GEORGETOWN...has called Chris Lovejoy as minister of worship.
IDA...has called Jack Washington as interim pastor.
HAGERMAN...is seeking a part-time minister of music. Send resumes to *hagermanbap@msn.com*.
PILOT GROVE...celebrated their 151st anniversary & homecoming on May 3rd.
POTTSBORO FBC...is in need of a keyboard player and a used van that is in good condition. The church will be hosting a children's camp June 11-13. Contact Crystal Parks, 903.786.9449 for more information.
SHERWOOD SHORES FBC...is searching for a part- time music minister.

VBS

VBS DATES FOR 2009

If you would like to add your church to the list of GBA churches that are having VBS this summer please email Shirley at the GBA office—*svestgba@verizon.net*

OPPORTUNITY—Ambrose Baptist Church needs help with conducting their VBS. If you can help please call Bob Rowe, 903.429.6935.

Ambrose, no date set yet, 903.429.6935
June 1-5, Sherwood Shores FBC, 903.523.5056
June 15-19, Howe FBC, 903.532.5504
June 15-19, Parkside, 903.465.1686
June 15-19, Southmayd, 903.893.0857
June 15-19, Whitesboro FBC, 903.564.3546
June 15-19, Whitewright FBC, 903.364.2479
June 21-26, Crutchfield Hts., 903.892.9600
June 21-26, Trinity, 903.892.1568
June 22, Cherry Mound, 903.465.1660
June 22-26, Dorchester FBC, 903.476.5525
June 22-26, Elmont, 903.482.6356
June 22-26, North Park, 903.892.8429
June 22-26, West Sherman, 903.892.1889
July 6-10, Faith Fellowship, 903.465.5171
July 12-16, Collinsville FBC, 903.429.6742
July 12-17, Bells FBC, 903.965.4813
July 13-17, North Hills, 903.564.5574
July 19-24, Forest Avenue, 903.892.3506
July 27-31, Gunter FBC, 903.433.3335
August 3-7, Antioch, 903.965.7312

The GBA Properties Team is in the process of getting the Lakeside Property ready for the summer. If any of the churches are interested in helping please call Steve Kretzer or Delbert Vest at Parkside Baptist Church, 903.465.1686. We are in need of someone who is interested in mowing, cutting/ trimming trees, painting, cleaning bathrooms, cabins, dorms, etc. If anyone is interested in volunteering as the Camp Host for the summer please call Steve Kretzer.

NEWSLETTER EMAIL

To be good stewards of the resources we have GBA would like to start emailing as many newsletters as possible. But in order to do this we need email addresses. Please send them to *svestgba@verizon.net*. Please do this as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

MISSION NEEDS

The Lord is doing great things and opening many doors in the Native American culture and communities. Bill and Bettye Roberts have long served as Mission Service Corps volunteers and now also serve as the Directors of the Native American Partnership Missions. They are involved in VBS, Backyard Bible Clubs, church construction work, and so much more.

They need more volunteers to join with them in ministering to the Native American tribes. Partnering churches and individuals are needed and welcome.

NEEDS:

PEWS OR CHAIRS, BAPTISTRY, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM FURNITURE for a Baptist Choctaw Church being built in Okla. Call Bill Roberts, 903.364.2515, if you can help.

COOK STOVE for an Indian Church in Elk City, OK. Call Roland Ouellette, 903.892.6171, if you can help with this need.

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21 Father's Day
23-24 Southern Baptist Convention, Louisville, KY

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6-10 RA Camp, Lake Lavon
14 GBA Monthly Meetin (business mtg.), Liberty Lighthouse, 10:00 a.m.
27-30 Area II Pre-Teen Camp, Lake Lavon

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