

Frontier and Energy Basin Baptist Association's Newsletter

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Director of Missions Thoughts: Mark Porter

Mike Simmons, Pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cedar Hill, Texas, (upper left) brought the message during Frontier's Association Mission Banquet. There were between 30-40 people in attendance. Mike brought a message from John Chapter 4 and challenged everyone to share the gospel with those you know and the importance of co-operation.

Frontier Association is certainly bless to have a partnership with Hillcrest Baptist Church. They have sent teams every year to help with Frontier Day Ministries, VBS, prayer walking, etc., and is a strong supporter of our new work starts. Hopefully this year we may be able to send a group to be a part of their Love Out Loud Ministry, September 24th. This is in the beginning stages but you can check out this outreach by going to their web page at hillcrestbc.com.

Also I would like to say thank you to everyone who provided food for the mission banquet especially Pit Crew Barbecue who provided the meat.

Other reports were given by the Marty Rodstat, Zack Edwards, both church planters in Frontier Association and Aaron Bell, BCM director at LCCC.



Thoughts by Church Health Strategist: Max Janzen

As Christ began building His church through His Spirit-filled disciples, we see eleven traits listed in Luke's account from Acts 2:4-47 and 4:32-37. These are the symptoms of a healthy church that he lists:

1. **Constant additions by salvation**
2. **Devoted to teaching**
3. **Devoted to fellowship from house to house**
4. **Devoted to communion**
5. **Devoted to prayer**
6. **Filled with fear and wonder**
7. **Sharing together financially to meet needs**
8. **Devoted to meeting together in the temple complex**
9. **Gladness and simplicity of heart**
10. **Praising God**
11. **Favor with all the people**

Let's look at the second of them briefly, within our context, and with a charge from God's Word.

Devoted to teaching

Mark Dever, senior pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington D.C. wrote the book, *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*. He states that, mark one of a healthy church is, **expositional preaching** - "that preaching which takes for the point of a sermon the point of a particular passage of

Scripture." His second listed mark is, **commitment to a biblical theology** based on God's character and His ways. Both require strong devotion to the apostles' teaching as found in the Bible. Acts 17:11 tells of the Bereans who hungrily sought to verify truth from God's Word. 2 Timothy 2:2 instructs that we accurately, faithfully and intentionally teach what we have been taught, fulfilling Jesus' great commission to teach all that He commanded. And Psalm 119:105 encourages that we can rely on God's Word to show us how to function. A church that emphasizes teaching the scriptures well and dynamically says to people, "God has the way!" and says to God, "Your Word is our lantern."

In our association, Trinity Baptist Church in Laramie has focused on solid, accurate teaching and has seen numerical growth as a result. Teachers have trained teachers who have started new classes. People want to be taught the truth consistently, thoroughly and accurately. In your personal life can you say, with your church and on her behalf, "Your Word is my lantern!" He will bless you with solid growth that provides a great foundation and a healthy church.

Frontier Baptist Association Church Health Event

March 19th , 10AM—2PM, at Sunny Side Baptist Church in Cheyenne, Lunch will be provided

Come and learn things that can help your Church grow. Church health is a way of understanding growth that views the church as a living organism. The focus is not on numerical growth, but on improving the health of the church, with the understanding—impressively documented by research—that when a church is sufficiently healthy, numerical growth will follow. Marvin Owen will be 12 Keys to an Effective Church, by Kennon Callahan, and I will have several of these books on hand for you to glean through.

Please let us know how many people you will bring from your church so we can know how to plan for lunch. E-Mail me at porterma@yahoo.com or call [307-638-8100](tel:307-638-8100)

Free book. 12 Keys to an Effective Church, by Kennon Callahan, for each church that attend!

Pray, Pray, Pray

Please pray for those going to Haiti from First Southern Baptist in Rawlins. They will be leaving Friday, February the 11th and will return Friday the 18th. Dave Stillie, pastor of First Southern will be leading a team to work children ministries. He reported that the Baptist Churches in Haiti alone have experienced 165,000 baptisms in the past year.

Revival! First Baptist Church in Rawlins had a revival service (picture right) this January with Jack Martin as the Evangelist. They reported two salvation and baptisms as well as four rededications. God is really moving at Wamsutter so keep praying for them. Dean Switzer is the pastor there. (Picture right) shows a good attendance waiting for the revival to start at Wamsutter.



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News from University of Wyoming BCM

Dear Friends,

It has been a great few weeks back at school. I would like to share with you just a few of the things God is doing through the BCM here at the University of Wyoming. Although we have only been back in school a short time, we are already seeing great things happen.

This semester we are starting a new outreach called, "World View". Our hope is to bring in other student groups (Chinese Student Organization, African Student Organization etc.) to come and share with us their perspective on life, school, and what it is like to be here in Wyoming. Through this gesture, we hope to learn more about their culture and heritage in order to build meaningful and lasting relationships. As we get to know them, they will get to know us, and the number one thing these students will learn about us is how important our relationship with Jesus Christ really is, and how he desires to be in relationship with them as well. The Gospel is powerful, and it is most powerful when seen through the lives of his children.

Last semester we began an internet-radio show on Campus. Daniela Ribeiro and Andrew Smyth hosted the show every week to broadcast the Gospel over the internet. This semester Daniela is leading this up again with another student in our group and we are excited about the opportunity to share the Gospel to such a broad audience. If you are interested in listening you can go to www.uwyo.edu and search for ASUW radio. They air every Monday from 3-4pm.

This semester I will continue taking the group through the Gospel of John. The key theme is, "who do you say Jesus is?" My desire is to equip these young people with the truth, so that they might be strong in the Word, so that they can stand fast when people question, or attack them because of their faith. These students are bombarded with false teaching about Jesus, the Bible, and truth. It is my job to encourage and disciple them in the faith. One verse that keeps coming up in our group is found in 1 Peter,

"[14] But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, [15] but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, [16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame" (1 Peter 3:14-16 ESV).

Please continue to pray for our students. Pray that they will be a light in the darkness, and that many will see and come to believe through testimony. Since the start of this semester, we have seen our meeting grow from 6 to 18. God is at work.

In Him,

David Martin

Director

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

University of Wyoming

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

(Romans 11:36 ESV)