



Ritchie's Ramblings

Recall the old saying "You don't realize what you have until it's gone." That describes Coach. We can't wait to have him back. Sandra Whiting has had her hands full with Coach's surgeries, recoveries, and keeping this place rolling. Her dedication to Paisano and to me personally is unmatched. We're all grateful to the Paisano family for your constant support in making our work possible.

Projects addressed include new lower well house plumbing; all staff row cabins, bed babies nursery, preschool, and museum painted; addition to the cook's cabin; and continuing upgrade of water and sewer systems throughout the camp.

My family and I remain very grateful for the opportunities Paisano has given us. We look forward to seeing everybody at general encampment this year. To quote Chris Lacy, "We will have camp!"



What a blessed year we've had at Paisano! From the mild winter and extra rain to Coach David Whiting having both his knees replaced, God has had His hand on us. The staff has been busy getting ready for 2020. Larmer Lethco, whose family has ranches in West Texas for many decades, is helping with projects, and we're pleased to have Pam and Dib Hampton living and working at Paisano. With them, there's nothing that can't be done.

Paisano Chooses New Superintendent

"Paisano's new Superintendent Bryan Ritchie is doing a superb job!" reports Properties Committee chair JL Davis. After serving as interim, the Executive Board elected Bryan to the position at the end of the 2019 encampment. Although Bryan has worked at Paisano for the past 6 years, many have not had a chance to meet him, his wife Micaela "Mickey" or their children—daughter Tannin and sons John and Ty.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 28, from 2-3, we'll officially welcome Bryan Ritchie and his family with an all-camp celebration. Born and raised in Alpine on the RRR Ranch, Bryan knows Paisano and the area well since his grandfather Bill Sohl attended the encampment for many years.

Future Encampment Dates

July 26-31, 2020
 July 25-30, 2021
 July 24-29, 2022
 July 23-28, 2023



President's Passage

Then the Lord said to him, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you." Genesis 31:3

"Out of sight, out of mind" is an oft heard statement about how we frequently neglect things when we aren't thinking about them. Generally, we hear those words following the discovery of something that has gone wrong or should have been done but wasn't.

For many of us, Paisano Baptist Encampment is out of sight most of the year, but it's never far from our minds. Recently, as I drove down the road, I realized I had had a dream the night before of being at Paisano, and it felt good.

Folks on the Executive Board and those Vice Presidents who oversee committees surely know what I'm talking about. They have the task of supervising Paisano's operation year around. Your Vice Presidents—Buddy Baldrige, Kelly Barnett, Wade Cline, J.L. Davis, Kathy Hillman, Chris Lacy and Bruce Lampert—along with Secretary Kelly Herzog have specific responsibilities and serve as faithful volunteers whenever called upon. While out of sight, the camp is never far out of mind for these individuals.

But what actually makes things work is that Paisano is never truly "out of sight." We have some of the best "eyes" on the property. The staff, led by Bryan Ritchie, has been hard at work taking care of the camp's physical needs. We cannot express our gratitude enough! When you see them, smile and say a great big "thank you!"

What a blessing to know that the Paisano Family never needs to worry about the encampment we love being "out of sight" or "out of mind"

We hope you, like returning nurse Alex Wagner, are making plans to set aside that special week in July and join Paisano friends and loved ones in reunion for worship, Bible study, and fellowship

See you soon!

Bill and Phyllis Collins

Youth Notes

Alex Bingham, youth pastor at First Baptist Brownwood, will lead youth. He served three summers at First Baptist Midland under John Elliott and worked with the Rec Team at Paisano. Alex says, "This will be my fifth summer at Paisano, and I couldn't be more excited! I fell in love with the people and atmosphere that first week helping with Day Camp."

In the meantime, he graduated from Howard Payne University with a BA in Bible and continues to work on an MA in Youth Ministry. Alex believes that "Paisano is a place where God's Spirit longs to be, it's a place where renewals begin, a place where family, friends and strangers alike can experience Jesus's love first-hand. I'm looking forward to serving you and your children this year at camp. Please be in prayer with me and all the staff as we prepare."

Alex Bingham



Alex Bingham far left with the FBC, Midland Rec team

Gifts Galore

As we assemble the gift shop inventory, we have exciting designs and other great additions planned. If you have items to contribute, bring them and we will put them in the store. Remember, 100% of all proceeds go back to Paisano. Contact us at Krista and Chris Powell, kpowellfnp@gmail.com to share your questions or ideas. See you soon!

Recreation

Recreational Activities, under the direction of John Elliott, will be from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Volleyball will be on Monday with sign-ups on Sunday. Basketball and 3K Run (foot or bicycle) on Wednesday and Dodgeball on Thursday. The REC Team will organize outside games for younger children from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

Money Matters

Last year and the current year to date have been good financially for Paisano. We were \$4,000 in the black in the fiscal year that ended August 31, 2019, due in large part to the Board decision not to start major projects to give new Superintendent Bryan Ritchie time to get his feet on the ground. He has done a super job!!!

For the first half of the current year, we are running a slightly above breakeven.

Hopefully, we can continue that trend. By the way, we accept contributions to Paisano at any time during the year.

Below is a brief Income Statement for last fiscal year. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Buddy Baldrige at bb.baldrige@gmail.com.

See you soon. July will be here before we know it.

The Paisano Foundation

The sole purpose of the Paisano Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the IRS Code is to provide financial support for Paisano Baptist Encampment to ensure the long term stability of the camp. Contributions are tax deductible. The Foundation has no operational involvement in Paisano, but Board policy is to donate half of the annual earnings to the camp while reinvesting the other half in endowment. HighGround, formerly the Baptist Foundation of Texas, holds the funds.

Please consider leaving the Foundation a bequest in your will or making a current gift, but please don't contribute to the Foundation what you would otherwise give to the camp. Donations to Paisano finance the annual operating budget while the Foundation's funds are used to improve infrastructure, such as roads and water, and to meet special needs and cover extraordinary expenses such as ice storm damage.

For further information about the Foundation, contact Rick Gray at (512) 482-0061.

Missionary Moments

With decades of experience in the pastorate and 21 years as missionaries with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board in Asia, Grace and Ying Kai currently serve as Executive Directors of T4T Global Missions. In T4T (Training for Trainers), the Kais have developed one of the most fruitful methods for church planting and disciple



training in the world. Every year more than 20,000 believers across the globe receive their T4T training and with it experience life transformation as disciples of Jesus Christ. Come learn how these "retired" missionaries witness to the lost, train the saved, and multiply the Biblical, reproducible pattern.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations." Matthew 24:14

	Budget	Percent
9/1/18 -8/31/19		
Income:		
Contributions	390,405	98.34%
Other Income	<u>6,606</u>	<u>1.66%</u>
Total Income	\$397,011	100%
Expenses:		
Administration	30,324	37%
Camps	818	0.21%
Kitchen	63,019	15.87%
Program	15,956	4.02%
Maintenance	69,278	22%
Personnel	<u>213,567</u>	44%
Total Expenses	\$425,990	98.98%
Net	\$4,049	1.02%

PAISANO PASTORS



Photo Left to Right
all have the last name Brooks
yes even Brooke Brooks!
Abigail with Josie, Graham, Casey, Melanie,
Duane, Brooke, Chase

The Paisano family looks forward to Duane Brooks joining us to once again preach after teaching Bible study last year. Dr. Brooks has served as pastor of Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston for 42 years.

Born in Amarillo into an Air Force family, Duane spent his early years across the world, including Alaska during the great Anchorage earthquake. At age seven, his family moved to Germany for a four-year tour and returned again for four more years after a brief time in Washington. He was baptized at Faith Baptist Church in Einsiedlerhof, West Germany and graduated from high school in Great Falls,

Montana, where Highland Baptist Church licensed him to preach at age 16 and ordained him at age 18. He twice graduated from Baylor (BA 1985; PhD 1991) and once from Southwestern Seminary (M.Div. 1987). Prior to Tallowood, he pastored in Mart, Rosebud, and Cedar Park.

Duane and Melanie Jo Freeman married in 1984. Their oldest son Graham and his wife Abigail reside in Houston with Melanie and Duane's first grandchild Josie. Their son Chase and his wife Brooke live in Katy while daughter Casey attends Baylor University.

Matt Snowden, pastor of First Baptist Church of Waco since 2010, returns to Paisano after a two-year absence. Matt was born in Meridian, Mississippi, and educated at William Carey University, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor. Dr. Snowden has added teaching "Living the Kingdom" in Truett Seminary's DMin program to his pastoral responsibilities ministering in a welcoming congregation deeply involved in the community and in missions.

Matt and his wife Meredith have two teen-agers Molly Katherine (14) and Wes (13). Meredith teaches youth Sunday School and Mission Friends at FBC as well as kindergarten at Live Oak Classical School. Molly Katherine excels in art, choir and tutoring students at J.H. Hines Elementary while Wes enjoys playing the guitar and all sports, especially basketball at Live Oak. The Snowdens have all fallen in love with Paisano and look forward to a week of worship, fellowship, and family time.



From left to right: Wes, Meredith, Molly Katherine and Matt Snowden

Family Hour

During family hour, Kelly Barnett will explore "Families that Pray Together" by examining Jesus' prayers as well as other types of prayers including adoration, confession, praise, and petition. He will review these Biblical examples in light of incorporating aspects of prayer into family devotional time.

A licensed marriage and family therapist/supervisor, Dr. Barnett holds five degrees,

has taught on the college level and is a retired United States Army chaplain (Colonel). While pastoring First Baptist Fort Davis in 1990, the Mississippi native attended his first encampment. Since 2011, he has served as pastor of The Worship Place in Sun City. Kelly and his wife Coletti have two children and four grandchildren.



Front: Son-in-Law Paul Michael, Logan, Katelyn, Coletti, Ellie, and Kelly
Back: Luke and Addie

Children's Church

Children's Church will be held in the Edwards Building Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Girls and boys should be going into the 1st through 6th grades. Those who attend youth OR preschool activities in the morning are not eligible for children's activities in the evening.

Sunday through Tuesday, the boys and girls will rehearse to sing during the family service in the tabernacle on Wednesday evening. Kat Mills will again direct the Children's Choir, and Holly Hillman Smith will be responsible for Children's Church activities. Encampment preachers, the Bible teacher and Paisano president will bring Bible lessons.

Individuals or families are needed to assist from 7:30 pm until after worship Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Volunteers may serve more than once. A family or several families could take a night. For details or to volunteer, contact Holly at hillmansmith@gmail.com.



Paisano's Board of Directors meets in May and July but works the whole year through

Museum Musings

There is no better place than Paisano to be reminded of how from generation to generation we have experienced God's faithfulness! Come visit the museum and reflect on how God has so richly blessed our families, our friendships, and our worship through gathering together at Paisano. Help us carry forward the faith and traditions we hold dear. Share with us the year you and/or your family first came to Paisano. "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Psalm 89:1



Program Highlights

Detailed program available in the camp office

Sunday, July 26

10:30 a.m. Informal Worship with Allen Lane, Kelly Barnett, and Dianne Edwards Brown (Tabernacle)

6:00 p.m. First Meal Served

7:00 p.m. Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal (nightly)

7:45 p.m. Children's Activities (nightly except Wednesday)

8:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Tuesday Afternoon, July 28, 2-4 p.m.

Welcome Celebration for the Ritchie Family
2-3 p.m.

Museum Open 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 p.m. All-Paisano Family Worship with Children's Choir (nursery provided)

Thursday, July 30

8:00 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, July 31

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service

Lunch Last Meal Served



No cabins are available for General Encampment, but RV sites are \$95 for the week. (At this point there are a few available.). Those who rented a site last year should respond very soon to reserve the same site for 2020. For reservations, contact Sandra 214-769-6426 or gdwhiting@bigbend.net

TEACHING GOD'S WORD

Randall O'Brien returns to lead Bible Study after a 17-year absence when he was Religion Department Chair at Baylor. In the ensuing years, Dr. O'Brien served as Baylor's Provost and in 2008 became President of Carson-Newman University in Tennessee. After retiring in 2018, he and his wife of 44-years, social work professor Kay Donaho O'Brien, moved to Ames, Iowa, where they attend First Baptist Church.

A native of McComb, Mississippi, Randall graduated from Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Yale Divinity School with additional study at Harvard and Oxford. The Vietnam War veteran and Bronze Star recipient has been pastor or interim pastor of 20 churches and remains a popular writer and preacher.

Kay and Randall have three children and four grandsons and a granddaughter: daughter Elise and husband Sean Tilson; daughter Shannon and husband Eric Evans and their children Alyosha Daniel, Moses, Taavi, Oscar, and Thea; and son Kris.



Music and Family Worship

"Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people." Psalm 149:1

There is just nothing quite like it. It's not like my church exactly, and it's probably not the same as yours—worship at Paisano is simply unique. And that's one thing that draws us year after year.

Even though we embrace a variety of worship styles, camp takes us back to our roots. We return to the hymns that shaped our faith along with newer ones that bless us now. We love the Paisano setting that evokes memories and brings calm to our souls.

Put that together with outstanding Bible teaching and preaching, add in fellowship with family and friends, blend in connection with our heritage, and it's no surprise our beloved camp is as vibrant and meaningful as ever. It's simply an oasis experience.

The Paisano choir gathers each evening at 7 p.m. to prepare for evening worship. If you're a "regular" or a "rookie" to Paisano or the choir, consider this your personal invitation to sing with us. By the way, you're welcome to go to the head of the supper line so you can enjoy your meal before choir. We're also planning a great Wednesday family celebration and will observe Communion on Thursday.

Nancy Russell and Russell Gunstream will lead worship at the instruments. Both morning and evening services feature solos and ensembles, so please contact me if you have interest and ability in sharing your talent.

See you soon!

Jim Cleaveland

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Fuzzy Friends

With the exception of necessary service animals, Paisano discourages individuals from bringing pets to the encampment. Under Paisano Policies adopted in 2014, pets must be under physical control while on the grounds and should only be in personally owned cabins. They should not be brought into Paisano-owned facilities such as the dining shed, tabernacle, nursery, museum, gymnasium, etc. Thank you for helping us by adhering to our Board-adopted policies.

