



Ritchie's Ramblings

Weather warming and days lengthening mean only one thing—camp is almost here! What a blessing to see everyone last year, and we look forward to camp week this year. We still need a lot of rain, but we got a little more than last year, and compared to 2021, winter was very mild.

The staff and I stay busy with normal chores of fixing and replacing water lines as well as sewer lines. We have replaced a sewer manhole and added a new one to hopefully remedy some past problems. We also installed a sprinkler system around the tabernacle, not to mention numerous smaller projects.

I personally could not be more impressed or pleased with the staff's work. From Coach's daily obedience to the

growth and the overall look of the grounds to Dib's constant dedication to taking care of whatever needs arise, I have never met two with better work ethics. With the addition of Larmer Lethco to the crew, there's really no job we can't tackle. His ability to run, maintain and work on all the equipment has been a true blessing as you will see with the road improvements.

As always, Sandra Whiting really stepped up to fill a lot of spots amidst a year of change. She truly is a wonderful one of a kind. Without these four, Paisano would not be what it is today. So if you see them around, please thank them for the love and dedication they bring to Paisano. Bryan Ritchie, Superintendent

President's Passage

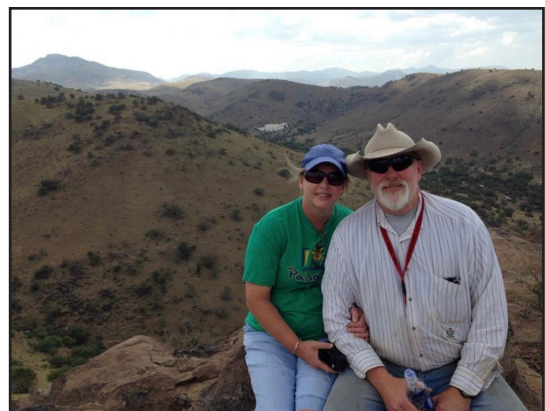
Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you." Genesis 31:3

People often ask, "What do you and Phyllis do in the summer?" We always respond, "Well, normally we go to Paisano." Then my thoughts immediately turn to my mom and dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and the place we feel especially close to the Lord.

While the rest of the world is trying to "get back to normal," I realized that last summer we were able to return to normal because my family and I got to go to Paisano! Last summer there were some folks who couldn't attend camp for various reasons, so in effect, they have not had a West Texas slice of normal for almost 3 years.

Paisano Family, whether you experienced General Encampment 2021 or haven't stood on Paisano's "holy ground" since 2019 or before, set aside the last full week in July and join us once again as we "give ourselves to the apostles teachings, the breaking of bread, to prayer and to fellowship!" See you in July!

Bill and Phyllis Collins



"... We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:4b NIV



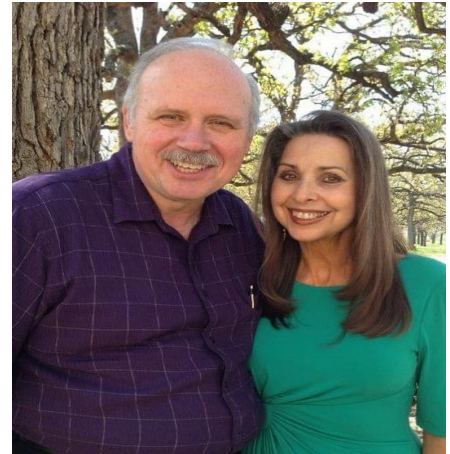
Gifts Galore

As we assemble gift shop inventory, we have exciting designs and new ideas. If you have items to contribute, bring them and we'll put them out. Remember, 100% of all proceeds go to Paisano. We also need volunteers, so plan to work a shift or two. It's fun.

Jana and David Bevill

Missionary Moments

With more than half a century working with students and leading worship, Rick and Carol Eubanks bring their expertise to Paisano this summer. Rick serves as National Network of Youth Ministries State Coordinator for Texas, part of Links International USA, a missions organization in 62 countries. Declaration Church in Spring, where Rick is resident missionary,



operates as their base.

For 22 years, Rick ministered as worship/student pastor at Crestmont Baptist Church in Burleson where he originated and co-founded "See You at the Pole." They have also served at Grand Parkway Baptist Church in Sugar Land and Oak Grove in Burleson. Throughout his career, Rick has trained youth leaders from Singapore to Siberia and annually leads four or more mission trips.

Rick and Carol both studied music at Texas Wesleyan University, and Rick added a master's from Southwestern. The couple has two daughters, both married to Houston-area ministers, and five grandchildren.

Stupendous Students

Micah Matthews will be back again to lead youth activities. He has served at Calvary Baptist Church in Rosenberg since January 2016, currently as Student and Missions Pastor. Micah graduated from Houston Baptist University with a BA in Christianity. He and his wife Amber welcomed their first child, Laney, in June of 2021, and she made her first trip to Paisano at just 7 weeks old. The Matthews' family is very excited to be back to serve at Paisano this summer!

The Paisano Foundation

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the IRS code, the Paisano Foundation has only one purpose: to provide financial support for Paisano Baptist Assembly and ensure its long-term stability. The Foundation has no operational involvement, but the Foundation Board's policy is to donate half of the annual earnings to the encampment to address specific needs while investing the other half. High Ground, formerly Baptist Foundation of Texas, holds the funds. The Paisano Foundation provides funds for improvements to infrastructure such as roads and water and meets extraordinary needs such as damage caused by ice storms or helping cover a major shortfall created by a worldwide pandemic. For example, when general encampment was cancelled due to COVID, the Foundation's gift allowed Paisano to make payroll and pay expenses.

Please consider leaving the Foundation a bequest in your will or making a current gift, but please don't contribute what you would otherwise give to the budget, especially in these challenging times. The Foundation's goal is to significantly increase endowment to meet infrastructure needs and provide for emergencies well into the future.

Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible. For further information contact Rick Gray at 512-482-0061.



Bryan, Mickey, Sandra, David aka Coach, Larmer, and Dib work hard keeping Paisano's buildings and grounds in great shape. They have completed many projects, including cutting down and removing a dead tree over cook shed, repairing waterlines, and tending to roads, sewer issues, and the sprinkler system at the tabernacle. Pat these folks on the back when you see them because we will be ready for camp!
J.L. Davis, Properties Committee

Money Matters

Thankfully, Paisano has weathered financial challenges created by the COVID pandemic. We have seen faithful giving by our loving Paisano Family and are greatly indebted to the Paisano Foundation for supporting the encampment during this difficult time.

After a net loss of \$30,518 in 2020 and some belt-tightening, God sustained us and continued to bless us in 2021:

Total receipts \$494,606.17
Total expenditures \$414,905.71
Income vs. Expenditures \$79,715.46

At the halfway point of the 2022 fiscal year, faithful giving continues. Receipts are ahead of expenditures but most of Paisano's expenses come in July with general encampment. In the meantime, remember we can give anytime year-round online at www.paisanoencampment.org OR by mailing a check to Paisano Baptist Assembly, P.O. Box 973, Alpine, TX 79831.

PAISANO PASTORS

Dr. Matt Snowden and the entire Snowden family “are thrilled” to come back to Paisano. Matt continues to pastor First Baptist Church of Waco and this year enjoyed teaching two doctoral seminars at George W. Truett Theological Seminary where he earned his DMin. Matt and his wife Meredith met at William Carey University before attending seminary in her native New Orleans.

Meredith teaches youth Sunday School and Mission Friends at FBC as well as kindergarten at Live Oak Classical School. Wes (15) loves playing sports for Live Oak and made 2nd Team All-District in Varsity Basketball. Molly Katherine (16), who likes to babysit in her free time, picked up a new sport this year and played Varsity Girls Soccer for Live Oak.



Dr. Collin Bullard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Longview, moves from leading Bible study to preaching this summer. He earned his bachelor’s in biblical languages from Oklahoma Baptist University, a Master of Divinity from Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor, and a doctorate in New Testament from Cambridge. First Baptist Church of Woodville ordained the Oklahoma native who served as their pastor from 2014-2019.

Collin and his wife Candice agree that Paisano was “a very special time for our family last year. It was a time to disconnect from the outside world and focus on family, friends, and the Lord. The kids--Asher (10), Burke (7), Annie (5) and Jack (3)—can’t wait to climb ‘Fat Man’s Misery’ again, and we will definitely be ready to compete in another epic dodgeball tournament!”

TEACHING GOD’S WORD

This summer’s Bible study teacher may be new to Paisano but not to Texas Baptists. Dr. Howie Batson has served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo since 1995 and prior to that was at Meadowbrook in Waco. Although a proud native of Greenville, South Carolina and a business graduate of Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina, he often says, “I got to Texas as fast as I could!” Having earned an MDiv from Southwestern and a PhD in Biblical Studies

from Baylor, he enjoys teaching and writing to bring God’s Word to life. Howie and his wife Lisa, whom he met in 10th grade, are the proud parents of adult daughters Ryan, Jordan, and Chandler. When not doting on grandchildren (two-year-old Rawlins, one-year-old Spencer, and newborn Raines), the Amarillo pastor enjoys architecture, fitness training, nutrition, and—if not thinking about nutrition—cake decorating.



Recreation Schedule:

Monday-Volleyball

Tuesday -No Organized Activities, Enjoy Time with Family and Friends

Wednesday -Basketball/ Foot and Bike races

Thursday -Dodgeball

Day Camp: Monday -Friday: 8:45am-noon

Day Camp Director Evan Shannon and the volunteer team are super excited about 2022. They “had a blast with the kids last year” and look forward to an even better time this year with 1st through 6th graders. Most of those assisting with Day Camp began their Paisano experience while still in the nursery and hope to provide the same lifelong memories for the next generation of children. PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, please remember it is imperative that you accompany anyone you are responsible for to the first day of day camp for registration.

No cabins are available for General Encampment. Reservations for RV sites for 2022 are available at a cost of \$110 with payment due by June 1. For questions, contact Sandra Whiting at 214-769-6426 or swpaisano@gmail.com



Museum Musings

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God....for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.” Philippians 1:3,5. A synonym for museum is Heritage Center, a worthy description of Paisano’s museum where we recognize and celebrate our heritage. This summer, help us remember our heritage and all those who have spread the good news of God in this place. We will place a memory board in the museum where we encourage you to:

- Display a picture of a Paisano loved one who is in the Lord’s presence
- Share how God has touched your life through the encampment’s preaching, Bible study, missionary hour, day camp or youth ministry
- Offer a memory and/or photograph of a life-long friend you met at Paisano
- Talk about the prayer shed, dining shed, recreation time, volleyball or basketball
- Record how God changed your life and gave you the “heritage of Christ”
- Pen a prayer, and
- Thank our God for every remembrance of you.

Future Encampment Dates

July 24-29, 2022

July 23-28, 2023

July 21-26, 2024

July 20-25, 2025



Left to right: Sandra Whiting, Pam Hampton, Dib Hampton, Larmer Lethco, Janie LaBaume, Bryan Ritchie, Mickey Ritchie and David “Coach” Whiting

Family Hour

“Since 2022 is the year of 2’s, this summer’s family hour will focus on 2’s and learning what years of research teach about marriages that last contrasted with those that don’t. Contrary to what most people think, communication is not the key to successful marriage, nor is learning to solve conflict!”

Licensed marriage and family therapist/supervisor and retired pastor Dr. Kelly Barnett will then apply those truths to all relationships, including family, friends, and others. Someone once said, “A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.” For Kelly that has been with his wife Coletti.

Music and Family Worship

As the world begins to seem a little more normal, it’s refreshing to look forward to our special time together at camp. I am excited and privileged to be part of this year’s Paisano family worship experiences.

Beloved accompanists, Russell Gunstream at the organ and Nancy Russell at the piano, will again bless us with their gifts and ministry. In addition to the regular weekly schedule, we will share special worship times: Tuesday Gospel Night, Wednesday Family Night including our children’s choir directed by Rachel Lane, and Thursday Communion.

If you are new to Paisano this year or have never before found time, I invite you to join our great Camp Choir. High school and college students, we would love to have you, too. We meet each evening at 7 p.m. to prepare choral music for the evening services at 8 p.m. To make this easy, you are welcome to go to the front of the evening meal serving line.

We also have opportunities for solos and ensembles during the week. If you would like to share a testimony in song, let me know in advance at jrcleveland@yahoo.com or text/call me at 702-748-1789.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Jim Cleveland

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.

