



Making Disciples (Part 5)

Your son takes Drivers Education at School. He memorizes the laws of the road, passes his tests, and logs in the required driving time. What comes next? He signs up for another class. Maybe he even retakes Drivers Education.

What's wrong with this? Look, I believe in education. But there comes a time when one must do what he has learned to do, or else the education is in vain.

I've been sharing with you the essential elements to making disciples, the crucial components in scripture to the growth and development of Christian believers. To review...

- **Disciple-making is intentional.** You must have an intentional path for leading persons from new born faith to spiritual maturity.
- **Disciple-making is biblically based.** Books and resources are nice, but life-changing discipleship occurs when you lead people step by step through the teachings of scripture, considering in each text what God in His word is calling you to do or be.
- **Disciple-making is relational.** Honestly, it is less about the curriculum and more about the disciple-maker sharing life with the disciple.
- **Disciple-making is experiential.** People become disciples when they do more than store biblical truth in their heads. They must practice and do, at the encouragement of modeling leaders, what scripture says.

Which brings us to my fifth point. **Effective discipleship produces observable outcomes.** One would be crazy to take Drivers Ed and *never* get their license. Class after class with no action is a colossal waste. And yet, how many believers spend years in Sunday School with little maturity or ministry to show for it (I know. I'm in trouble now).

So, what are the outcomes? First is obviously a growing love for the Lord (Matt. 22:38). This fuels obedience to Biblical teaching (Matt. 28:20). And those who obey will pass along what they learn to others, so new disciple-makers emerge and new groups form (2 Tim. 2:2).

To honor God by following the Great Commission, we must lead toward these outcomes. The good news is that the Holy Spirit will do the work. But we must be His faithful instruments.

May your church be a place of effective disciple-making!

Bro. Jim

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association news & prayer

Administrative Team Meeting

The next Administrative Committee Meeting will be **June 13th**, 10:00 AM, at the BBA Office. Meetings are open to participation from interested persons within the association.

Bi-State School of Ministry

Registration is open for the Fall Semester of the Bi-State School of Ministry, offering college level training for ministry. Fall courses include:

Begins Monday, August 21, 6 pm

Ministry Foundations - A study of the call to ministry and foundational abilities necessary for fruitful ministry, taught by Dr. Jim Turnbo. In Jim's previous work as a missionary to Native Americans, a large part of his assignment was "raising leaders from the harvest." Anyone exploring God's call, either to vocational ministry or lay Christian service, would benefit from this class.

Begins Tuesday, August 22, 6 pm

Introduction to the Old Testament - A survey course through the Old Testament scriptures taught by Dr. Bill Steeger. Dr. Steeger is an Old Testament specialist with a special gift for communicating the richness of Biblical narrative. Preachers, ministry leaders, and Bible study teachers would all benefit from this course.

If you are interested in either of these classes, contact the BBA office or Ministry Training Director, Paul Burkhalter, at 903-826-4489.

2017 BBA Children's Camp



There is still room available!

For more information or to receive a registration pack, contact the BBA Office.

2017 BBA Navajo Mission Trip

June 24-30, 2017

Window Rock, Arizona



Cost is \$200, includes transportation, meals on site (except on free day), and supplies. Families are

welcome, but children should be old enough to participate. Children 12 and under must be in the company of their parents. Youth are welcome with an accompanying sponsor. Volunteers are needed for: Basic Construction, Foot Care, Bible Clubs, & Support Crew.

Itinerary:

- Saturday, 6/24, 5 AM - Depart
- Saturday, 6/24, 10 PM - Arrive at Gateway
- Sunday - Wednesday, 6/25-6/28 - Serve
- Thursday, 6/29 - Free Day
- Friday, 6/30, 5 AM - Depart for home
- Friday, 6/30, 11 PM - Arrive in Texarkana

Interested persons should contact Dr. Jim Turnbo by email at: jimturnbo@bowiebaptist.org

D-Life

Looking for a tool for effective disciple-making? How about church revitalization. Consider D-Life. D-Life is a relational disciple making approach where groups of 3 to 8 men or women commit together to do several things:

- Read a chapter of the Bible daily
- Meet for an hour once weekly for fellowship, accountability, prayer, and Bible study
- Complete a ministry project at least once every two months
- Multiply / form a new group at least once every year

Several BBA congregations are launching D-Life. If you would like to explore how D-Life can bless your church, or if you are interested in joining a D-Life group, contact [Bro. Jim](#).



FOCUS on the ministry

Churches Seeking Staff

Please continue to pray for the numerous churches in the Association that are seeking staff members.

Pastor:

Malta Victory City

Worship Leader:

Hooks FBC

Youth Leader:

- Highland Park (903-792-6996)
- Flower Acres (903-824-8412)
- Korean Mission
- Myrtle Springs
- New Boston FBC
- Midway FBC

(Send resume to 1415 FM 2148, Texarkana, TX 75501, ATTN: Youth Minister Search Committee)

For more information, you may contact the respective congregations with the information provided, or contact the BBA Office.

2017 Summer Mission Trips

Please share your plans with the BBA Office if your group is planning on serving on a summer mission trip. We would love to pray for you and share with others how God is moving.

If you are seeking a place to serve, you may contact the Association about the following partnerships:

Navajo Nation

June 24 - 30 BBA Mission Trip
Window Rock, Arizona

July 4 - 10 Myrtle Springs,
Nahodishgish, New Mexico

Brazil

July 6 - 19 Liberty Eylau
Manaus, Brazil

Runnin' WJ Ranch Annual Barrel Race

Volunteers Needed



Runnin' WJ will be having their annual barrel race June 8-11 at the Four States Fairgrounds Entertainment Center. If you would be willing to help, please contact Sam Clem at sclem1513@aol.com, call Patti at 903-244-2306, or click [here](#) for more information.

2017 Region 10 RA Summer Camp

Lakeview Baptist Assembly
July 7-10, 2017
Cost **\$155.00**

For boys who have completed grades 1-6

Camp Pastor: Peter Nestler,
Tulsa, OK

Camp Music: Jason Chism,
White Oak

Camp International

Missionary: Al Hoopes,
Philippines

Camp Home Missionary:
Texas Baptist Men Water
Ministry

For more information contact
Charlie Jones at 903-746-
2048 or by email at
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Registration Deadline:
June 19, 2017

Evangelism Event Trailer

Several churches have already reserved the BBA Evangelistic Event Trailer for their events this year. It is an excellent tool to connect your church with unbelievers.

To secure the trailer for your event, please contact the BBA office. When scheduling the trailer, make sure you allow time for training.

Thank You from 1st Choice

1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center wants to thank the Bowie Baptist Association and all the churches and individuals who helped make our Walk/Run for Life a success. We truly appreciate your support!

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JUNE 2017

- 5-9 NetXtreme 1
- 9-13 NetXtreme 2
- 13 Administrative Team Meeting
BBA Office, 10 AM
- 13-14 SBC Annual Meeting
Phoenix, AZ
- 18 Father's Day
- 24-30 BBA Navajo Nation Mission Trip
Window Rock, Arizona

JULY 2017

- 4 Independence Day
BBA Office Closed
- 11 Administrative Team Meeting
BBA Office, 10 AM
- 12-15 BBA Ignite Camp 1
- 15-18 BBA Ignite Camp 2
- 18-21 BBA Ignite Camp 3
- 25 Executive Board Meeting
BBA Office, Noon

FRIENDSHIP CENTER JUNE

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- Circle J Cowboy
- Everett
- Moss Springs
- Buchanan FBC
- Gravel Hill
- Plantation
- Cross Pointe
- Highland Park

RUNNIN' WJ RANCH

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These churches have been asked by the Friendship Center to get involved in the food drive for this month. The Center needs all kinds of canned goods, flour, corn meal, dried beans, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, baby foods and formulas, and diapers. Any effort made for the Friendship Center will be appreciated. Some churches have chosen to include the Friendship Center in their annual budget and send a monthly check for support. Runnin' WJ Ranch needs financial support, volunteers, and supplies as well.