



Enon Baptist Association Newsletter

DOING MINISTRY TOGETHER | FEBRUARY 2024

Evangelism Is Still at the Heart of Oklahoma Baptists

In a few weeks, Oklahoma Baptist will gather to be encouraged and challenged about the role of Evangelism in our churches. Begin praying about how you can share Jesus with others.

Make plans to attend the Advance Conference (formerly known as the State Evangelism Conference) on March 4 and 5th. This year's conference will take place at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in OKC. The theme is "Together".

We all know the need for evangelism. All of our churches could use encouragement when it comes to sharing our faith. I want to encourage you to attend and consider bringing a couple of church members.

The speakers for this year's event include:

- Dr. Major Jemison, pastor of St. John Church
- Dr. Tony Evans
- Dr. Shane Pruitt with NAMB
- Dr. Fred Luter Jr., former president of the SBC

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
5700 N. Kelly, OKC, OK 73111

Monday 9AM – 9PM
Tuesday 9AM – 4PM

Executive Board to Meet at MSC

Reminder- the next Executive Board Meeting is on Tuesday, February 6th, beginning at 11:00 AM. The meeting is being hosted at Murray State College on the Ardmore Campus. The campus is located at 2901 Mt. Washington in Ardmore. We will enjoy lunch, then have our business meeting. There will also be time for a tour of the campus.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 5 – Priority of Preaching, @ Quail
- Feb 11, 14 – Youth Rally at Milo/FBC Wilson
- Feb 12 – PC Brett Alberda
- Feb 16-17 – DR Training @ Falls Creek
- Feb 19 – PC Bill Black
- Feb 26 – PC Brett Selby
- Feb 27 – Outdoorsman Night @ Emmanuel
- Mar 4 – Childrens Ministry Meeting @ Enon
- Mar 4-5 OK Baptists Advance Conference

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We are always grateful for the moments we can celebrate years spent at a church and another year of life to serve the Lord.



Proverbs 22:17
"A merry heart does good like medicine"

Church Anniversaries:

Feb 7th: Glynn Baker is celebrating 8 years of service as the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Ratliff City.

Birthdays:

Feb 9th: Trent Daniel, pastor of Rawhide Church in Ardmore.

Feb 23rd: Kent Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church in Healdton.

We pray February is a good month for our churches.

May God give you encouragement as you gather each week in worship together.

We pray new families visit your congregation and that they instantly feel at home.

Childrens Ministry Meeting

Time to start planning for VBS and Summer Camps.

While it seems like summer is a ways off, the time to start planning is now. On March 3rd Enon is hosting a quarterly Children's Workers meeting at the Enon office beginning at 3pm.

During this meeting, we will focus on the themes for VBS and Associational Children Camp for the coming summer. We encourage you to bring everyone who participates in each of these events for your church.

We realize not everyone uses the same VBS material, and several churches attend camps other than ACC. This will still be a worthwhile time to share strategies for staffing volunteers and recruiting children to attend these events.

If your church hasn't participated in VBS or summer camp recently. We encourage you to come and consider teaming up with another congregation.

DR Training @ FC

We have been working to get training closer to home for the Disaster Relief Ministry. On February 16 & 17 there will be a training opportunity taking place at Falls Creek. Please contact Jay Austin at 580-228-4707 for more information.

If you have been considering getting involved in Disaster Relief Ministry, this is a great opportunity to learn more.

Atlas Project Success

We want to continue to thank you for your continued support of the Atlas Project. Below you will find a picture of the next bathroom being built at an elementary school. Your financial support allows our team to build relationships with teachers while meeting a practical need for boys and girls at school.

Pray that this building will open the door for us to share the Good News with students, parents and teachers.



In and Around Enon

Here's whats happening in and around the Enon Baptist Association

Last month, a **Youth Rally** scheduled for the middle of January was canceled due to winter weather. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 11th, at 6:30, located at Milo Baptist Church, and Wednesday night, February 14th, at 6:30 at FBC Wilson. This is part of a movement our churches have witnessed in the Western part of Carter County, where several teenagers have come to faith in Jesus. If you have questions, please contact Andrew Jarboe at 405-4012935.

Emmanuel Baptist Church in Ardmore is hosting an **Outdoorsman Night** on February 27th at 7 pm. Dinner will take place at 6 pm. This is an evening of fun for sportsmen of all ages. The speaker is Kenny Mossman, pastor and former Athletics Administrator with Sooner Athletics.

The **Annual Raymond Gary Fish Fry** benefiting the Baptist Home for Girls in Madill will take place on Friday April 19th at 6pm. If you have never attended this event, you have missed out. It is great food, wonderful fellowship and this year entertainment is provided by Black & Jenna Bolerjack. For more information call 580-319-4301.

GuideStone Financial Resources has released its most popular annual publication, the **2024 Ministers' Tax Guide for 2023 Returns** prepared by Richard Hammar, available now for GuideStone members at [GuideStone.org/TaxGuide](https://www.guidestone.org/TaxGuide). The tax guide includes tax highlights for 2023 along with step-by-step filing instructions for ministers' personal taxes and comprehensive examples and sample forms. Additionally, GuideStone ministry partners and church administrators have access to the annual *Federal Reporting Requirements for Churches*. This publication is included in the full tax guide or as a separate electronic copy.

Brother Don Clark and his beautiful wife Merlene have recently moved to Oklahoma City. They are residing at the Village on the Park near their children. We will provide a mailing address when it becomes available. Please pray that their home in Lone Grove sells as soon. Don and Merlene are treasures to the Enon family and we are grateful for the encouragement they continue to give us.



SBC News

Oklahoma Pastor Mike Keahbone nominated for SBC President

NASHVILLE (BP) – Oklahoma pastor Mike Keahbone is the second name to be presented as a planned SBC presidential nominee at the 2024 SBC Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. California pastor Victor Chayasirisobhon announced his intention to nominate Keahbone in a release Jan. 30.

“Mike Keahbone is the real deal, a leader who loves the Lord, loves the SBC, and strives every day to make it better. He is a son of the SBC, and I am convinced he is more than ready to step up and step into the role of president,” Chayasirisobhon said.

Keahbone is the senior pastor of FBC Lawton, Okla. He has served as a member of the SBC Executive Committee since 2021 and is the vice chairman of the SBC's Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force. He was a member for the Sexual Abuse Task Force.

“Mike led student ministries for more than two decades before spending two years as a full-time evangelist speaking at local churches throughout the country as well as multiple camps including Falls Creek and state evangelism conferences,” the release said.

The church recorded 623 people in average weekly attendance in 2023 and 54 baptisms, according to the church staff member.

Keahbone served on the Oklahoma Baptist Board of Directors from 2015-2021, according to the release, serving as vice president from 2017-2021.

MSC BCM News

MSC BCM has officially begun our spring semester! We've had some strong BCM Noonday lunches despite some weather complications in the beginning! Murray State College has seen the impact we are making at their campus and are now trying to plan events around our feedings because we have the most well attended event on the Ardmore Campus! Every week you all take part feeding not only students, but staff, faculty, and families as well! Through your support we are making a big impact on the Murray Ardmore Campus! We are also starting our Bible study through James in February and would appreciate prayers for that because we have students that have never been in Bible study before and they are excited to get the opportunity on their campus! I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for MSC BCM on the Ardmore Campus!

Important BCM Dates:

BCM Basketball Tournament March 1-2
Texas Spring Break Mission Trip March 16- 22
Falls Creek Spring Retreat April 12-14
Canada Mission Trip May 11 -16

Spring 2023 Noonday Dates for Enon Baptist Association Churches:

Feb 6- Ardmore Southwest
Feb 13- FBC Thackerville
Feb 20- Rubottom Wilson
Feb 27- FBC Healdton
March 5- Mary Niblack

March 12- Open

March 26- Oklahoma Baptist University

April 2- Rawhide Cowboy Church

April 9- FBC Marietta

April 16- FBC Wilson

April 23- Open

April 30- FBC Ardmore

Dates can be adjusted for church events. Call Drake at 580-257-9213 for more information and questions or to help fill an open date.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. This ministry wouldn't be possible without you!

Sincerely,

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