



July

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Upcoming Events



4th	Independence Day
5th	Pastor's Fellowship LBA @ 11AM
12th-16th	KBA Youth 2
19th	Pastor's Fellowship Heavener FBC @ 6:30pm
26th-30th	KBA Children's 2



Sow to Grow

By: Bentley Hill

Things in the garden are ready for harvest: new potatoes, lettuce, green beans, and strawberries. Most of us have childhood memories of planting, hoeing, and harvesting the wonderful treats the garden provided. I can still remember the smell of freshly broke ground and the feel of it on my bare feet. These were great times of working together as a family.

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Paul reminds us of the importance of the law of the harvest. He says, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." Paul's agriculture illustration reminds us of several truths about sowing and reaping.

- 1) We don't normally reap more than we sow. It would be ridiculous to plant one bean and expect a whole field, like in *Jack and the Beanstalk*.
- 2) We don't normally reap something we didn't sow. It would be equally ridiculous to plant a bean and expect golden ears of corn to break forth.
- 3) We don't normally reap immediately after we sow. Growing requires hard work and incredible patience.

The parallels between gardening and sharing the Gospel with others are easy to see. If we want to witness a big harvest for the kingdom of God, then we must sow bountifully, investing in that which is eternal. God does love cheerful givers who sow to grow His kingdom and not our own. Keep sowing seeds because God's harvest is coming.

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Springhill Baptist Church Outreach Free Oil Change

Every 3rd Saturday of each month
We need no less than 2 days notice before the 3rd Saturday
to obtain the correct oil/filter
Contact Don Alexander @ 479-652-2086 for more
information and directions.

Greetings from



Independence Day is quickly approaching. Time flies by so fast it seems. As we spend time with friends and family this 4th of July, let's remember what all we have to be thankful for. The freedoms we enjoy came with a price starting at the cross of Calvary. Blood has continually been shed for our freedom through the years. Sometimes I feel as though people have too much freedom when it's so easy to end a pregnancy. Because of a mother's freedom to choose, some babies will never experience the freedom we know and love today. But because of the same freedom, Choices exists to help woman choose to have their babies and either parent them or place them for adoption. Twenty plus thousand adoption request go unanswered each year because abortion is so prevalent in our society. We are a much needed ministry! In John 3:16 the Bible tells us that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believed in Him would not perish but have everlasting life! Do you think God would have spared His son if only one soul was going to be saved? Remember we all have a choice! At Choices we feel that if one baby is saved during the time God blesses us to be open, then our existence is not in vain. There have been several babies that will know life because of our ministry here. If you need to know the love and forgiveness of Christ in your life, feel free to call 8us anytime, we will gladly share His love with you! If you or someone you know is experiencing an unexpected, unwanted pregnancy, please let us help you with information so that you can make an informed decision. Please feel free to share who we are and what we do. I am available to you to answer your questions or to speak with your church, youth group or at schools (board permitting). Just call me 918-649-3650. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

In His Service,
Angela

Thank you to the churches that took up offering on
Mother's day.

Albion
Calhoun
Friendship
Heavener Trinity
Hodgen
Hontubby
Liberty Hill
Page
Southside



Meet the Pastor

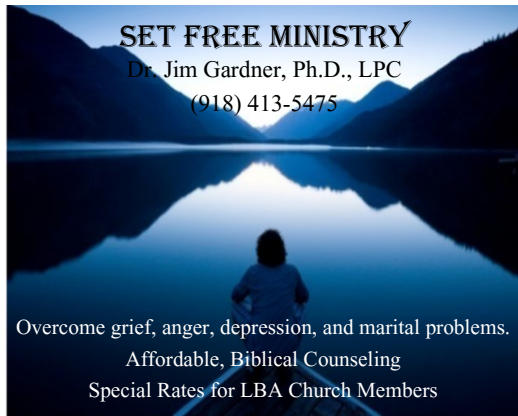


Clay Phillips is the new BCM Director at Carl Albert State College. He is originally from Heavener, Oklahoma and is a 2009 graduate of Carl Albert and was active in the BCM as a student. His wife Lindsey is from Valliant, Oklahoma and they have been married 8 years. They have three children: Cohen (5), Laetyn (2), and Cantyn (1). Clay and his family are all excited to be home and serving the LBA in this important position!

Mexico Mission Trip

The dates of the next trip to Mexico will be the week of October 2-8, 2021. We will travel to Tanguma, Mx. where we will be spending the week at Lugar de Gracia with Pastor Ruben Sanchez and family. We will travel Monday thru Thursday to Ejido San Jose which is about 1 1/2 hours from Tanguma. We will be working on tearing off a sheet iron roof and framing and pouring a concrete roof on the facility. We will also be doing electrical and plumbing work on the facility.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please email Dexter Haskins (dexasuz6@hotmail.com) and let me know of your intentions. The cost will be \$275 per person. You will need a valid Passport and I recommend that you bring your covid shot record as proof of your Covid Immunization. They were not required last week but I would take them just in case. We will be staying in the dormitory at Tanguma which has bunk beds, but I recommend you bring sheets, pillow, and light blanket. We will also need to raise about \$3000 to pay for the work on the roof and plumbing. If your church could provide a love offering to help pay for the materials and hiring of a couple of Mexicans to help with the work, it would be greatly appreciated.



What would Jesus do Today?

By Jim Gardner, Ph.D.

Jesus Loved Sinners

The authorities in Jesus' days complained that He spent too much time with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus said to them, **"It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance"** (Lk. 5:31-32). Jesus spent time with those who were rejected by society, so what would He do today with those who call themselves lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transsexual, or queers? Would He join in with those who want to "celebrate" being LGBTQ and avoid using gender pronouns like we are being told to do?

Jesus Rejected Sin

A woman was caught in the act of adultery and taken to Jesus by the religious authorities.

They asked Him if they should stone her like the law of Moses said to do. Jesus said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7), and one by one, each person left. Then Jesus asked, "Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." He said to her, **"Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."** He did not condemn her for her sin, but he did not deny or celebrate her sin. He told her to "go and sin no more."

Jesus Celebrated Marriage

Jesus also celebrated marriage between a man and a woman. When asked about divorce He said, **"He who created them ...made them male and female and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?'"** (Mt. 19:4-5). Jesus taught that sex was a gift from God to join a man and a woman in marriage and to bear children, who were blessings. He also stated that God created two sexes, males and females, and He affirmed the Law which called adultery, homosexuality and fornication, "abominations" of the nations (Lev. 20:23).

What Science Says about the Sexes

Science confirms what Jesus taught about everyone being male or female. Each male is born with XY chromosomes and each female is born with XX chromosomes and there are about 6,500 physical differences between males and females, based upon their chromosomes. It takes both a biological male and a female to create a child. God also designed children to be raised by a mother and a father. Mothers have unique strengths and fathers have unique abilities, that enable them to raise healthy children. When both parents function properly, children grow up with the best possible upbringing.

Gender Dysphoria

Anorexia is an eating disorder caused by a distorted body image, known as a "dysphoria." Anorexic people believe they are fat, when they are actually very thin. The solution is not to agree with their distorted view or to offer them surgery, but to help change their distorted beliefs and learn to accept themselves as they truly are. The same is true for boys who have "gender dysphoria" and feel like a girl, when they have male genitalia, or vice versa with girls. 95% of children who have such feelings grow out of them, but sex change surgery permanently damages them and leads to suicide attempts around 41% of the time.

Gender Pronouns

The current leaders in the White House want to abolish the use of gender pronouns and words, so that no one is offended. We are no longer being told to just accept LGBTQ people, but to celebrate their differences and not call people men or women. Christians cannot ignore the issues regarding homosexuality, transsexuality and immorality in our country. The Bible calls them "sins" (1 Cor. 6:9-11) and Jesus did also, and said, "The world hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil". The Bible also says that when men contradict the Bible "we must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

What did Jesus do?

Jesus loved everyone but he did not celebrate their sin. He spoke the truth and said that it was wrong to commit adultery or to even look at a woman with adultery in your heart. But Jesus loved sinners so much that He died for them so they could be forgiven. We also must hate sin but love sinners. Calling sin "sin" is not hateful. We must boldly speak the truth in love and tell people that fornication, homosexuality and transsexuality are sins and we must teach people how to be forgiven and to be set free.

Copies of a Booklet on this topic are available at the LBA Office

Set Free Prayer Ministry Topics for this month: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

July 1: Overcoming Sexual Abuse

July 22: Overcoming Addictions

July 8: Overcoming Fears

July 29: Overcoming Divorce

July 15: Overcoming Traumas

August 6: Overcoming Marital Problems

JIM E. HAMILTON CORRECTIONAL CENTER NEWS

Jerry Inman would like to thank everyone who has helped in the past. They were able to get the Christmas Bags into the prison this last year. They are still not able to visit with the prisoners at this point, but they have gotten the ok for the Horseshoe Tournament. I do not have exact dates, but in the month of September there will be a Horseshoe Tournament. The inmates will get to participate and earn prizes. More information will follow as soon as it is available.

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Pastorless Churches

Big Creek
Howe Faith
Pilgrim Rest
Whitesboro

Please pray the Lord brings the
right man and family for theses
churches.

**Budget Summary
For May 2021**

Requirements	\$ 14,465
Undesignated	\$ 17,613
Over	\$ 3,148

Poteau Trinity Cabin for Sale

Trinity Baptist Church in
Poteau has decided to sell
their cabin located at
Kiamichi Baptist Assembly.
For information on this or to
schedule a time to see
the cabin, please contact:



Pastor LeRoy Billy
(918) 649-7540

Interested in Serving?

These churches could use some help.

- * Poteau FBC is looking to start a **contemporary worship service** and would like to call a part time worship leader, that can also serve as a youth and college minister. If interested please email pastortroy@fbcpoteau.com
- * Hodgen Baptist is looking for a youth leader. Please email John McAlester at jmcalester@heavenschools.org
- * Arkoma FBC is in need of a music leader and piano player. Please contact Chuck Karch @ (918)448-0336 or email karch78@yahoo.com

Debt Reduction and General Fund Receipts May 2021			
(received as of May 31, 2021)			
	%	May	YTD
Albion	3.0%	\$ 180.69	\$ 1,569.21
Arkoma	6.0%	\$ 422.64	\$ 4,215.81
Big Creek	4.5%	\$ 2,254.64	\$ 14,525.25
Big Creek, Hispanic		\$ -	\$ 28.71
Bokoshe	6.0%	\$ 447.79	\$ 3,757.50
Buffalo Valley	4.0%	\$ 284.20	\$ 2,603.01
Calhoun	4.0%	\$ 224.12	\$ 2,426.15
Cameron	4.5%	\$ -	\$ 249.72
Cowlington	5.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Double Branch	3.0%	\$ 367.29	\$ 3,180.94
Falfa	3.0%	\$ 138.03	\$ 883.25
Forrester	3.0%	\$ 245.92	\$ 2,948.41
Friendship	3.0%	\$ 218.22	\$ 2,998.82
God's Ctry. Cowboy		\$ 100.00	\$ 700.00
Heart O' The Hills	2.0%	\$ 1,014.54	\$ 1,657.35
Heavener, First	1.5%	\$ 920.00	\$ 6,886.10
Heavener, Trinity	Flat	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,950.00
Hodgen	3.0%	\$ 248.82	\$ 1,329.59
Hontubby	3.3%	\$ 167.00	\$ 1,097.00
Howe, Faith	5.0%	\$ 383.00	\$ 3,467.61
Howe, First	2.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Independence	3.0%	\$ 100.00	\$ 780.00
LeFlore	7.0%	\$ 65.27	\$ 729.94
Liberty Hill	6.0%	\$ 470.98	\$ 3,048.08
Loving	3.0%	\$ -	\$ 895.45
Monroe	2.5%	\$ 268.00	\$ 1,747.00
Mt. View	5.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Muse	2.0%	\$ 73.00	\$ 538.00
Nueva Nacimiento En Cristo	4.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Octavia	4.0%	\$ 1,229.46	\$ 9,374.41
Page	Flat	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Panama, First	3.0%	\$ 153.27	\$ 784.43
Perry Chapel	3.0%	\$ -	\$ 606.68
Pilgrims Rest	1.0%	\$ 35.06	\$ 366.11
Pocola, First	3.0%	\$ -	\$ 1,825.98
Pocola, Trinity	2.0%	\$ 185.40	\$ 1,597.82
Poteau, First	4.0%	\$ 616.77	\$ 5,089.37
Poteau, Hispanic		\$ -	\$ -
Poteau, Cross Comm. Imm	1.0%	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,600.00
Poteau, Southside	4.0%	\$ 5,163.00	\$ 17,393.90
Poteau, Trinity	5.0%	\$ 159.00	\$ 1,269.00
Prairie Grove	7.5%	\$ 330.88	\$ 2,602.92
Shady Point	4.0%	\$ 368.00	\$ 2,657.00
Spiro, Calvary	3.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Spiro, First	3.0%	\$ -	\$ 13,177.22
Springhill	4.0%	\$ 1,541.17	\$ 13,502.07
Stapp-Zoe	5.0%	\$ 2,068.72	\$ 2,934.13
Summerfield	5.0%	\$ 162.00	\$ 1,324.00
Talihina	3.0%	\$ 846.41	\$ 6,098.66
Victory	5.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Whitesboro	2.0%	\$ 265.00	\$ 1,980.00
Wister, Bethel	4.0%	\$ 1,847.52	\$ 6,855.29
Wister, First	2.5%	\$ 61.89	\$ 552.21
Total		\$ 23,977.70	\$ 156,954.10