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**CALENDAR**

- August 30-Sept. 2**—Revival, Stilwell FBC
- September 1**—Pastors Prayer Luncheon, Keys Baptist, 12:00 Noon.
- September 6-9**— Revival, Victory Baptist, Stilwell with Bro. Ernie Perkins. Sunday 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday 7 p.m.
- September 7**—Associational Prayer Meeting in Sequoyah County, at Fellowship Baptist, 7 p.m.
- September 9-13**—Sunday School Revival, Rock Springs with Bro. Bob Mayfield from BGCO. Also, they will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary with dinner on the grounds Sept. 13.
- September 20-23**— Revival, Cookson Baptist with Bro. Steve Mowery (singer & preacher).
- October 1**—Pastors and Wives Appreciation Banquet Steak Dinner at TBA Dining Hall, 6 pm
- October 17**—Disaster Relief Training at TBA. 8-2:30.
- October 20**—ECBA 60th ANNUAL MEETING at FBC Sallisaw.
- November 1, 6 p.m.**—FBC Tahlequah will host a joint worship service with Native Americans.




**Healthy Church Plan for ECBA**

— by Joe Taylor, DOM

The early church PRAYED! That was one of the keys to successfully carrying out the Gospel Message. In the beginning of Acts we find them gathered for PRAYER in the upper room – waiting for the Holy Spirit to come down. After the Spirit came the Apostle Peter preached a gospel message (Acts 2) and 3,000 people were saved. Looking closer we find that those converts continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in PRAYERS. In Acts 3 Peter and John went to the temple at the hour of PRAYER, most assuredly to pray. I dare say that the lame man would've remained lame had those men of God not been committed to PRAYING together at the Temple. Also, the next day because they had gone for PRAYER not only was the lame man healed but that led to the privilege of preaching the Gospel, and as a result 5,000 more men were saved. Now we understand that the Lord was doing a special thing in those days, however having said that, what keeps Him from doing something special today? The rulers, the priests, and the Sadducees got it (Acts 4:13) "...and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." What we need in our churches are more men who have been with Jesus, more ladies who have spent time with Jesus. There is hope for any of us if we will spend time with Jesus.

So what happens next, after the leaders of Israel had threatened and let the Apostles go, they went to their own company (to the gathered church) and reported how that the rulers had threatened them. To be exact the pressure had been applied big time. And what did they do – "they lifted up their voice to God". Now watch this: with Singleness of mind (one accord) they PRAYED, they lifted up their voice to the Sovereign God (He is still in control), they prayed Scripture (Psalm 2), they made Supplications (but their prayer was not for safety – they asked for boldness to preach, and that supernatural things would happen), and they got results (Success was poured out by the Holy Spirit). God heard their prayer and responded with Signs: the place shook, they were filled with the Spirit of God, and they spake the Word of God with boldness. Prayer made the difference because it touched the God of All Authority and Power. Seems to me that's where our focus in 21st century America should be!


When we get to the sixth chapter of Acts the church hits another bump in the road: up until now most of the opposition has come from the outside, but now there arises a complaining from within. The Apostles could have responded in a variety of ways but they chose the best way – Prayer! They continued in prayer and the ministry of the word and gave the work of "waiting tables" to qualified men. They didn't let their "priority of ministry" get hampered by work that could be shared. There is a lesson for me in that text – how about you? Our churches will be stronger as we pray...more!



**ACP's**  
**(Annual Church Profile)**  
**ARE DUE SEPT. 21!**

These forms have been mailed (or picked up at the Executive Board Meeting). If you need help, please call Carolyn at 918-457-5155.

**BREAKFAST QUICHE**  
*by Audrey Taylor, age 14*



- 1 lb. Cooked Ground Breakfast Sausage
- 1 can Crescent Rolls
- 3 Eggs
- 2 Tbs. Milk
- Grated Cheese

In 9x13 pan, roll out crescent rolls covering the bottom like a crust. Evenly sprinkle cooked meat. Beat the eggs together and add milk. Pour egg mixture over the meat. Sprinkle grated cheese over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until eggs are done.

## ECBA FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	%	JULY	Y-T-D
Akins		50.00	350.00
Antioch		-	50.00
Badger Lee		109.23	1,024.49
Barber		-	500.00
Baron		601.96	1,557.25
Bidding Creek	3%	132.14	1,149.71
Blackgum		597.00	4,570.00
Blunt	5%	198.79	833.07
Boudinot		-	-
Bunch	5%	197.00	1,136.00
Carter	3%	230.62	2,093.13
Christie		208.43	1,615.06
Cookson		240.15	1,863.33
Crossing		-	-
Eldon		24.04	180.92
Fellowship		-	782.00
Gore		194.00	1,645.00
Grace, Sequoyah		-	100.00
Hanson	5%	212.00	1,316.00
Keys		-	3,378.21
Lakeview		-	-
Liberty	3%	154.71	1,151.60
Marble City	3%	92.00	150.40
Muldrow First	2%	315.00	2,071.00
Muldrow Monte Calvario		-	40.00
Muldrow Victory		-	-
Park Hill		1,476.96	13,717.51
Peggs		-	285.68
Prices Chapel		85.16	135.16
Proctor		123.00	1,098.00
River Valley	3%	66.18	750.29
Rock Springs	5.5%	243.00	1,746.00
Roland Hills		-	1,922.08
Sallisaw Eastside		150.00	450.00
Sallisaw First		653.91	5,265.36
Sallisaw Immanuel		-	1,060.00
Short	4%	286.00	2,053.00
Solid Rock		50.00	350.00
Stilwell Calvary		100.80	383.24
Stilwell First		250.00	1,750.00
Stilwell Victory		399.64	1,880.73
Swon Road		-	-
Tahlequah First		500.00	3,000.00
Tahlequah Grace		50.00	300.00
Tahlequah Crossway		201.45	1,364.77
Tahlequah Southside		166.02	2,001.36
Vian	1%	37.47	334.39
Watts		-	3,248.39
Westville		357.11	3,054.98
Churches Total		8,753.77	73,708.11
From BGCO		280.83	1,965.81
Disaster Relief Fund		950.00	1,250.00
In/Out Non-Budgeted		-	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>9,984.60</b>	<b>78,023.92</b>

## MONTHLY REPORT

Beginning Balance 7/1/15	39,064.30
Plus JULY Income	8,762.60
Less JULY Expenses	12,896.76
Ending Balance 7/31/15	34,930.14

### PASTORS PRAYER LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 1, 12:00 Noon

Keys Baptist Church

PASTOR SCOTT WOLFF, Phone 918-456-1335

*Pastors, Come and Join Us!*

### "SEE YOU AT THE POLE" GOD & COUNTRY RALLY



Wednesday, September 23, 9:30 a.m.

At TBA Campground (Breakfast Served)

### Pastors and Wives Appreciation Banquet Steak Dinner

at TBA Dining Hall \* October 1, 6 p.m.

*Please RSVP—Call 918-457-5155*



## Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SALLISAW

SPEAKER: DR. ANTHONY JORDAN

### BARBER BAPTIST CALLS NEW PASTOR

Bro. John Huggins has been called as pastor at Barber Baptist Church. He is moving from Corinth, Mississippi. We welcome Bro. John and his wife Allison



EDNA MCMILLAN

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

STATEWIDE GOAL:

\$1,135,000



### Pray for our Churches without Pastors:

Baron

Sallisaw Grace

Solid Rock

Bunch

Sallisaw Eastside

Swon Road

Marble City

## DEACON ORDINATION

First Baptist Church, Sallisaw, will have Deacon Ordination on Sunday, September 27, with council meeting at 5 p.m. and ordination service at 6 p.m. Deacons to be ordained are: Tim Blount, Jeff Craghead and Mike Sanders. Everyone is invited. A reception will follow the service.

## VBS REPORTS

**Carter**—Enrolled 110. Attendance 93. Saved 1. \$74.  
**Proctor**—Enrolled 39. Attendance 34. Offering \$64.  
**Roland Hills**—Enrolled 75. Attendance 60. \$28.

*Please send in your VBS report so that we can celebrate with you what the Lord is doing. You may contact Mrs. Carolyn at the ECBA office Monday and Wednesday (918.457.5155).*

## JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

First Baptist Church of Tahlequah will be hosting a joint worship service with the Native American churches in our area on Sunday, November 1 at 6 PM. All churches in our Association are invited to attend and worship with our Native American brothers and sisters. Additional details will be coming soon.

Buddy Hunt, Senior Pastor  
 First Baptist Church, Tahlequah  
 918-456-0668



## Helping Hands Cookson Baptist Church

The Cookson Baptist Church on Highway 82 in Cookson operates a food and clothing pantry once per month. The pantry is open to those in need between the hours of 10 a.m and 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Clothing, shoes and jackets/coats are available in adult and children's sizes. A bag of groceries is also provided for each family. There is no charge for participation.

We invite you to visit us. The pantry is open on the following dates in the coming months. AUGUST 25, SEPTEMBER 22, OCTOBER 27.

## SUPPLY PREACHERS

Larry Davis.....	702-556-2428
James Duffell.....	918-868-4079
David Johnson.....	918-931-0787
Bobby Lipscomb.....	918-431-2300
Ron Rice.....	918-456-9270
Lance Unger.....	918-575-1228
Don Varble.....	918-431-1422
Brandon Wells.....	918-708-2526
Ricky Williams.....	580-264-0349

## NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Stilwell First** will be in **Revival** Aug 30-Sept 2 with Bro. Bill Britt of Compel Outreach, Wiley, Texas. Come and expect a blessing from hearing the Word of God.

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**September 27** Homecoming, FBC Westville.

**September 27** Deacon Ordination, FBC Sallisaw.

**October 1**—Pastors Steak Dinner at TBA Cafeteria with Tim Green as guest speaker. Please RSVP.

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## BGCO Ministry at Oklahoma State Fair

The BGCO has a Chaplain's Corner every year during the fair. It's a place where people stop to talk and we can have a witness for our Lord by offering them free coffee, water and a snack. Other free items will be given with our name and number on it so they can contact us later.

If your church would like to help by providing items or a monetary donation, please contact the Association Office or **Don Williams** at the State Office. A list of items is available. They are needed at the Baptist Building by September 7. The state fair dates are: September 17-27.

## RECONNECT SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 13 – Start New classes.  
 October 4 – Soul-winning Commitment Day.  
 November 1 -- Connection Sunday. Bring lost friends. Contact each class member  
 November 2 -- Follow-up on all guests.

## LADIES RETREAT WATTS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Saturday September 12, 8:30-2:30

The theme will be "The Secret Garden" focusing on Prayer. Let us know by August 31 the number attending so we can prepare for breakfast and lunch. Mail to Watts First Baptist Church, Women's Ministry, PO Box 309, Watts, OK 74964. For info call Doris Seitz 479-524-4803



## BCM REPORT

The 2015 fall semester is well on its way with a lot of "energy and Spirit driven"! School began on 08/17/2015 and the BCM has provided 11 outreach events as of this text with three more to go! Whew! Yep, we are tired but excited about all the possibilities that will be presented for us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ on the campus of Northeastern State University.

Please be in prayer for the following students: Michelle Jepson, preparing for Journeyman in Russia; Ashton, Julie, Kennedy, & "Baby" Dobson as they prepare for full-time missions in Africa; and Andrew Scott who is now serving as a Journeyman in SE Asia.

Please remember our students as they prepare for serving in Haiti, January 3-9, 2016. We will be taking a dental team; optometry team; VBS team; & witnessing team. Specifically we are asking for prayer in the following areas: Spiritual discernment; health; strength; & finances. We are estimating the cost at \$1,400.00.

Our Interns who will be serving this year are: Senior Intern, Daniel Prock, senior from Collinsville; Outreach/Fellowship Intern, Savannah Buck, senior from Edmond; International Student Intern, James Harris, senior from Fairland; Native American Intern, Lindsey Armeecher, Junior from Tahlequah; and Discipleship/Evangelism Intern, Tye Gilmore, Sophomore from Inola; plus our leadership team consisting of ten students. We are asking that you pray for wisdom & spiritual discernment as they serve our Lord and NSU students this year.

BLESSED! Continues to describe our Journey with living with Cancer. Deb received another positive report from our recent visit to Houston; no growth of the brain tumor! Praise God! Through this challenge of life we are learning to cherish all the blessings from God; large and small! Thank you for all that have been praying for us during this chapter of our lives.

Looking forward to sharing many more stories from NSU BCM!

Dr. Debbie & Bobby Lipscomb  
Directors, NSU BCM

## EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING

September 21, 11:30 a.m., at Mr. B's in Stilwell  
Mike Napier, BGCO, will be discussing Evangelism Resources and Opportunities. Lunch will be provided.

## EVANGELISM EQUIPPING CONFERENCE

This conference will be September 24 at the Baptist Building in Oklahoma City. The DOM will be participating, and members of our Evangelism Team are encouraged to go. Contact Bro. Joe for details.

## MISSIONS REPORT


The ECBA Mission Team is planning a trip to Hastings, Nebraska for **OCTOBER 7-11, 2015**. This will be a construction/ministry opportunity with worship services planned nightly and work scheduled on their buildings throughout the day. If you or your church are interested in participating, please contact Bro. Joe Taylor, 918-457-7999.

## WESTVILLE HOMECOMING

Westville First Baptist will have homecoming on September 27. Sunday School at 9:45, morning worship at 11:00 with Bro. Justin Heck. Fellowship meal following morning service. Afternoon service with Bro. Keith Mings, former Youth Pastor. There will be a time of testimony and sharing in the afternoon service.

## THE PRECEPT STUDY of LUKE

The study begins Sept. 3 and concludes Nov. 12. Class meets at First Baptist of Tahlequah, Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30. Workbooks are \$24.75. Please contact Sherry Wilcox, 918-284-6416.

<p>Cost \$20.00 which includes lunch.</p> <p>Call or text Jeff Bengs  at 918-429-6220</p> <p>(Space is Limited)</p>	<p>"Learning from the Anabaptists"</p>  <p>A one day meeting to encourage &amp; inspire pastor's and church staff!</p> <p><i>Saturday, November 7, 2015</i> 9am - 2:30pm</p> <p>First Baptist Church Quinton, Oklahoma</p> <p>Dr. Paige Patterson &amp; Dr. Malcolm Yarnell of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Guest Speakers</p>
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