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Remember In Prayer This Week ...

...Pastorless Churches and their search committees for wisdom as they seek God's direction in calling a new pastor:

OKC Chinese
Newalla, Countryside
Piedmont, First
Northwest Mandarin
North Pointe

Yukon, Trinity
Quail Springs
Soldier Creek
Bethel

Free Eye Clinic

December 1, 2018

Sunnylane Southern Baptist Church
4500 SE 31st St, Del City, OK 73115
405-677-0591

Doors open 8:00 a.m.



The Feed the Children Eye Clinic will be conducting free eye exams for all ages; every person that is seen will have a screening and will be fitted for new glasses.

The Eye Clinic is open to everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS :

November

29 10:00 a.m.
ERLC Team Meeting
Association Office

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Church Planting Team Meeting
Association Office



December

4 11:00 a.m.
Executive Board Meeting featuring
the Amani Children's Choir from Uganda
Association Office

8 **Lottie Moon Christmas Tea for Girls**
(Reservations are due November 29)

11 11:00 a.m.
Pastors' Conference
Association Office
Henry Chan, Asso. Pastor at
OKC, Trinity



18 11:00 a.m.
Pastors' Conference
Association Office
Rob Lindley, Pastor at OKC, Northwest

Beginning January 1st, the Baptist Messenger will only be published twice a month, and will no longer include the "Wrap" (the cover pages on the outside of the Messenger) that contains this newsletter. We will therefore email or mail **our newsletter** once a month free of charge separately to those who sign up to receive it. It will also continue to be available to view on our website at www.cbaokc.net.

If you would like to receive our newsletter, and you can receive it by email, please sign up by emailing julie@cbaokc.net; or call (405) 942-0244 and leave your name and address to have it mailed to you.

To continue to receive the Baptist Messenger, please call (405) 942-3800 and ask to speak to the Messenger Office.

Church Events Page on CBA Website

There is a new feature on our CBA Website called **Upcoming Church Events**. We will list Church Events such as Christmas Programs, Fall Festivals/Trunk or Treats, Easter Programs, Revivals, concerts, etc. on that page. You can visit the page by going to www.cbaokc.net, clicking on the "Info Center" tab, then click "Upcoming Church Events."

If you have an event you wish to advertise, please email the information to Julie Irwin at julie@cbaokc.net. Please email AT LEAST two weeks before the event for posting.

For more information, visit
www.cbaokc.net or
www.bgco.org

Focus on Churches . . .

Jeremy Smith, Pastor of MWC, Eastwood

Peter Drucker famously said, “Culture eats strategy for breakfast.” We at Eastwood have spent the past two decades changing our culture to fully reflect what Scripture calls us to do. As a “Smaller in Attendance Church,” one of our biggest challenges has been in the area of missions. Eastwood has had lots of reasons to make excuses for not fulfilling the Great Commission. “We lack the people/money/resources to do that!” Or we could point to our consistent giving to Lottie Moon to support the IMB as they oversee overseas missions. Rather than having a culture that accepts eschewing missional responsibilities, we made the decision to live out the pattern that Jesus left for His church to accomplish missions: Acts 1:8.

Eastwood is a church that went from NO to ON Mission, but it took time. It took patience. We had to build trust as our members discovered the confidence to take a risk in obedience. Certainly we had to start small to build interest and confidence. Early steps included sending teams to our own Baptist Mission Center and Baptist Rescue. We began sending teams to New Orleans to minister in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Our next step involved partnering with the Association with their Family Mission Trips. Our missional culture has continued to grow to the point that last year we had members from Eastwood on five different continents doing missions. Next year will be our tenth year in having members involved in our Welsh partnership. We just concluded a season of missions in Colorado

and are excited to engage with a church plant in Phoenix next summer.

One of our prayers is that we would have eyes wide open to opportunities and needs around us. One way we have implemented this is by a program we are calling “Fish & Loaves.” It started when a friend of mine, a principal at a local middle school, posted something about helping kids by wiping out their school lunch debt. I did a little research and read about how kids with a delinquent lunch account have their trays taken away and are given a plain cheese sandwich. This image stormed into my mind with the emotion of that child suddenly becoming the target of mocking jokes by his classmates. The confusion and hurt that little girl must feel as her dignity is taken from her along with her tray of food. With eyes open, we saw an opportunity. We printed some envelopes and made a few announcements for two weeks. The next week we wrote a check and wiped all the school debts out. We made a decision to love these children by helping them have food and dignity. We are working so that we would have that kind of reputation in our community, but that is not our primary goal. We desire, above all else, that people would see how we love others by our good deeds and that would cause them to love and trust Jesus and to glorify our Father in Heaven.

Our God is a God of vision and not of excuses. He is the God who enables us to fulfill His mission. Eastwood is a living testimony of that truth.

But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10



The Capital Baptist Association presents the annual
Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

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Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 10 a.m.
for Girls in grades 1-6 and their Moms and/or Missions Leaders
Quail Springs Baptist Church—14613 N. May Avenue

Admission is one unwrapped gift for the Baptist Mission Center Christmas Store
Reservations required by Nov. 29th - Call Gina at 942-5539 to RSVP or for more information.

Reservations for the
Lottie Moon
Christmas Tea are
due **NO LATER**
THAN Thursday,
November 29.

Call Gina at
942-5539 Today!