

CBA News

From the Desk of Harry Black . . .

It's another new year! Our world is in turmoil and our country is divided. Our culture is increasingly carnal and our democracy seems to be more concerned with individual "rights" than the good of the nation. In other words, we're in a mess! So how can we function in such a social and political climate?

In Jeremiah 29 God instructed the prophet Jeremiah to write a letter to the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon. The letter says, in part, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* (Jeremiah 29:11-13) Although this letter was written over two thousand years ago, its truths are evidenced throughout the New Testament, proving them to be applicable for us even in 2019.

God has a plan for our lives. God's plan is to prosper us. The word used here for prosper is the Hebrew word Shalom. This word can mean "peace," but it implies spiritual wholeness and inner completeness. The meaning is much deeper than money, physical health, or emotional contentment. That is why Jesus said in John 14:27 *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives give I to you."* This is prosperity of the soul.

God's plan is also to give us hope and a future. God's kind of hope is more than wishful thinking, like "I hope things will get better." God's hope is certain and sure. That's why the writer of Hebrews called hope *"an anchor for the soul, both firm and secure."* (Hebrews 6:19) In God's plan we are not tossed by every whim of circumstance, but rather have assurance of His love and involvement in our lives. And His plan assures us of a promising future. We have peace and hope in this life, even when there are overwhelming challenges, and eternal joy in the next life.

So how do we access these promises? 1) Call upon God. Romans 10:13 says *"whosoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* It always good to remember that spiritual salvation is the first step in realizing God's wonderful plan for our lives. As we begin this new year we can rehearse God's wonderful gift of salvation in our lives and share that "Good News" with others. 2) Pray. Prayer is the ongoing means of communication between us and God. Prayer not only allows us to have a close personal relationship with our Heavenly Father, it also demonstrates our faith and dependence on Him. 3) Seek the Lord. Seeking the Lord with all our hearts means to seek His will and direction with all our will and affection. It also implies a commitment to obey Him.

God has a plan for us in 2019. Regardless of challenges and circumstances, He is at work in and through our lives. We can live with assurance knowing that "faith is the victory that overcomes the world." Have a joyous and prosperous (Shalom) New Year. **Bro. Harry**



Pray for Pastorless Churches:

Please pray for the following Pastorless Churches and their search committees, as they seek God's direction in calling a new pastor:

- MWC, Soldier Creek
- Newalla, Countryside
- OKC, Quail Springs
- OKC, Chinese
- OKC, Northwest Mandarin
- OKC, Bethel
- Piedmont, First
- Yukon, Trinity

For more information on events listed here, visit

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Happy Holidays

No I'm not trying to be Politically Correct... I'm talking Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year, all rolled into one. Happy Holidays!!!

Thanksgiving Baskets:

120 distributed through 14 CBA churches

Thanksgiving Meal for the Community:

833 meals were served. This was the highest number we've ever put out. The serving line never let up during the 3 hours of operation... it was a great day! I took a break about halfway through our event. I sat and observed Pastor Jon Johnston of Exchange Ave Baptist Church, and members of his congregation as they hosted most of the tables that day. A man at one of their tables had an issue with incontinence. They quickly mobilized to get him to the restrooms unnoticed. They contacted me, and we arranged for some clothes to be delivered from Grace Rescue. This

Mission Needs: Pillows, pillows, pillows!

It's our month to bring food for the Food Pantry at the Baptist Mission Center!

January	February
Capitol Hill	Beverly Hills
Country Estates	Britton
Exchange Avenue	BridgePoint
Grace and Truth	Bryant Avenue
Grove Community	Chisholm Creek
Casa De Dios	First Indian
Lakewood	La Villa
Macedonia	Mission OKC
Mayridge	Rios de Agua Viva
New Life Mission	Soldier Creek
Spring Creek	Sooner
Springdale	Southern Hills
Tulakes	Southern Temple
Wilmont Place	Yukon, First

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all happened in less than 15 minutes, and with so little disruption, very few people knew it happened. I saw God's hands, feet, and heart ministering that day! It was a Great day!

Christmas Store:

There were 91 families served, with 298 children at our Christmas Store this year. We had one less day of prep time this year, but our volunteers hit the ground running and whipped everything into shape. The actual day of the store ran so smoothly and quickly. We had extra carts and cart pushers that made the whole process go almost seamlessly.

With so many volunteers, and everything running smoothly, I almost looked like I knew what I was doing... Who'da thunk it???

New Year's:

I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for the Missions. We will be initiating our final phase of our Dorm Improvements in the Spring. Now that the holidays are behind us, the anticipation is already building for the physical improvements to our quality of life...all in hopes that we'll have opportunities to improve eternal quality of LIFE. May you have a blessed new year!

I Love This Ministry!

Brother Scott

Operation Impact: Need help with Summer BYBC?

In the Gap Ministries partners with local churches to share the Gospel with children in their neighborhoods, connect these children's families to local churches through a Friday night celebration, and commission churches to follow up with families and disciple them in a relationship with Jesus. They want your church to partner with them to host week-long **Backyard Bible Clubs**.

Contact Darcie Isitt at 405-748-0712 or disitt@inthegap.org or www.inthegap.org/operationimpact/churchvolunteers.



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Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to what God is going to do through the churches of CBA this year. Here are some important events you'll want to put on your 2019 calendar:

- State Evangelism Conference: January 28 - 29 at First Southern, Del City. - www.sec.okbaptist.com
- Rose Day: February 6th 9:30am -1:00pm at the State Capital
- Mission Ignition: March 2 at Southern Hills Baptist Church
- VBS Leader Training: April 7 at Quail Springs Baptist Church
- Associational Bible Drill: April 28 at Quail Springs Baptist Church
- VBS Training: April 23 at Portland Avenue Baptist Church
- State Bible Drill: May 4 at Southern Hills Baptist Church
- VBS Leader Training: May 5 at Southern Hills Baptist Church
- Association Children's Camp: Camp I, May 26 -29 , Camp II May 29- June 1 at Falls Creek
- W.A.C.K. Worship Art's Camp for Kids: August 5 - 7
- C.O.M.E. Leadership Training CBA & Union Associations: August 17- at FBC Moore
- Annual Meeting: October 15 at Village Baptist Church

For more information on these events visit our web site www.cbaokc.net, or Facebook page, call the associational office at 942-0244, or e-mail Keith@cbaokc.net

We look forward to serving with you in 2019 – Bro. Keith



Upcoming Events

January

- 10 10:00 a.m.**
ERLC Team Meeting
Association Office
- 15 11:00 a.m.**
Pastors' Conference - Prayer and Planning Meeting
Association Office
- 17 1:00 p.m.**
Missions Team Meeting
Association Office
- 20**
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
See www.obhc.org/sanctity
- 22 11:00 a.m.**
Pastors' Conference - Prayer and Planning Meeting
Association Office
- 24 9:00 a.m.**
Church Revitalization Team Meeting
Association Office
- 28-29**
State Evangelism Conference
Del City, First Southern
See www.bgco.org for Schedule

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NO Pastors' Conference

February

- 12 11:00 a.m.**
Executive Board Meeting
Association Office
- 21 2:00 p.m.**
Building and Property Committee Meeting
Association Office

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Capital Baptist Association is a network of Baptist churches who fulfill the Great Commission locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally through missions, evangelism, ministry, fellowship, and discipleship. We hope the information and resources available here will be helpful. To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

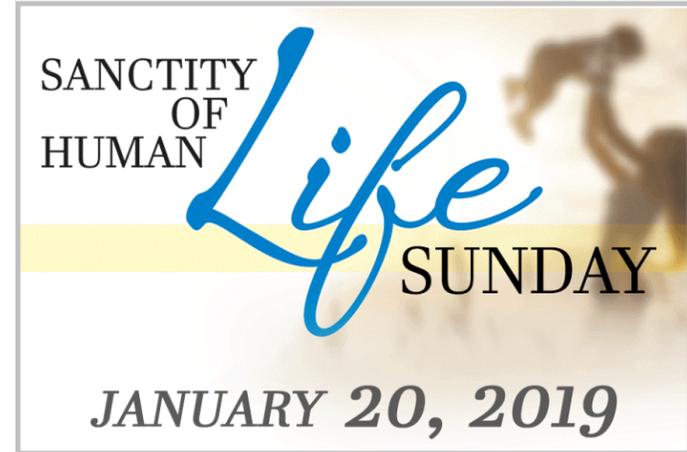
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Church News:

Midwest City, First: Dr. Mike Tignor has announced his retirement as senior pastor effective February 1, 2019.

Edmond, North Pointe: has called Eric Harris as senior pastor.



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