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8:30 A.M.-NOON—1:00-4:30 P.M.

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GPBA PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Elk City First Baptist Church
Frederick First Baptist Church
Lone Oak Baptist Church
Prairie Hill Baptist Church
Retrop Baptist Church
Rhea Baptist Church
Roosevelt First Baptist Church
Snyder First Baptist Church
Strong City Baptist Church

DISINFECTANT FOGGERS AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH USE!

One of the goals of our Association is to help meet the ever changing needs of the local church in reaching our communities for Christ. We have recently added a new service available to our churches in this unusual time of dealing with the Covid-19 Virus. We have purchased 2 foggers, 1 corded and 1 cordless, that can be used to disinfect your facility between weekly services. The disinfectant has been provided by FEMA. It is a formulation of electrified salt water. It leaves no residue to clean up and it is safe to use around food and electronics. If you are interested in fogging your facility, let our office know.

For our churches in the South, we now have a fogger available for you. Please contact Brent Logan at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Altus, if your church would like to use it.

MEN & BOYS CHILI SUPPER @ MARTHA ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH (ALTUS, OK)



**FEB. 20TH
@ 10AM**



**GPBA Pinewood Derby
Emmanuel Baptist Church (Altus,OK)**

Please contact the Sayre GPBA office to register.



Disaster Relief Training Announcement



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Disaster Relief Training will be provided at Elk City FBC on March 6, 2021.

Cost--new volunteers \$15

Renewal \$10

BCM Students \$10

Must pre register at www.okdisasterhelp.org/volunteer-training/



Rose Day

Pro-Life Rally Virtual Event

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

ONLINE ONLY

This event will start at **11:30am**.

View the livestream at:
www.roseday.life.

Online Program will include an interview with:



ABBY JOHNSON

Pro-Life Advocate whose life
inspired the movie, 'Unplanned'



ABOLITION DAY

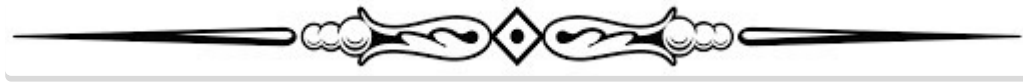
Feb. 9, 2021

9:00am-12:00pm

February 9th, 2021 is Abolition Day! Thousands of Oklahomans will come together at the Oklahoma State Capitol to demand the total and immediate abolition of abortion. Abolition Day kicks off at 9:30

a.m on the Capitol's South Plaza where local and national Abolitionist leaders will briefly exhort and edify us before we enter to the capitol building to exhort and edify our legislators and executives.

FOR MORE INFO go to <http://freethestates.org>



GPBA BI-ANNUAL MEETING

**Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m.
from the GPBA office in Sayre**

**Attend in person or by Zoom
an invitation will be sent to our pastors**



Pastor Appreciation Night

DINNER & A MOVIE

MARCH 5TH @ 6:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP AT www.martharoad.org/pastor

ADOPT A CABIN

(Or Project!)

At Camp

Many of the cabins at Southwest Baptist Churches Assembly are in desperate need of a facelift! By adopting a cabin (or other project on the grounds), your church can help make sure campers have a safe and pleasant environment to hear God speak! You may want to:

- adopt a whole cabin and provide the materials and muscle to get it up to date
- choose a specific project in the cabin you adopt
- adopt a grounds project (like the wooden bridge)
- pour financial resources into repairs and partner with another church to do the heavy lifting

Cabin needs include:

Painting, Structural repairs ,
Plumbing improvements, Flooring Updates

Just call Clayton Carlisle at the camp.

He would love to help you choose the perfect cabin
for your group.

Camp Phone—580-846-5784 Clayton's Cell—580—481-8749





CALL US TO BORROW BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS!

We have over 100 DVDs and Bible Study videos to lend to churches.

Before you order, check with our office for availability!

580-928-2585



GPBA VBS 2021 QUESTIONNAIRE

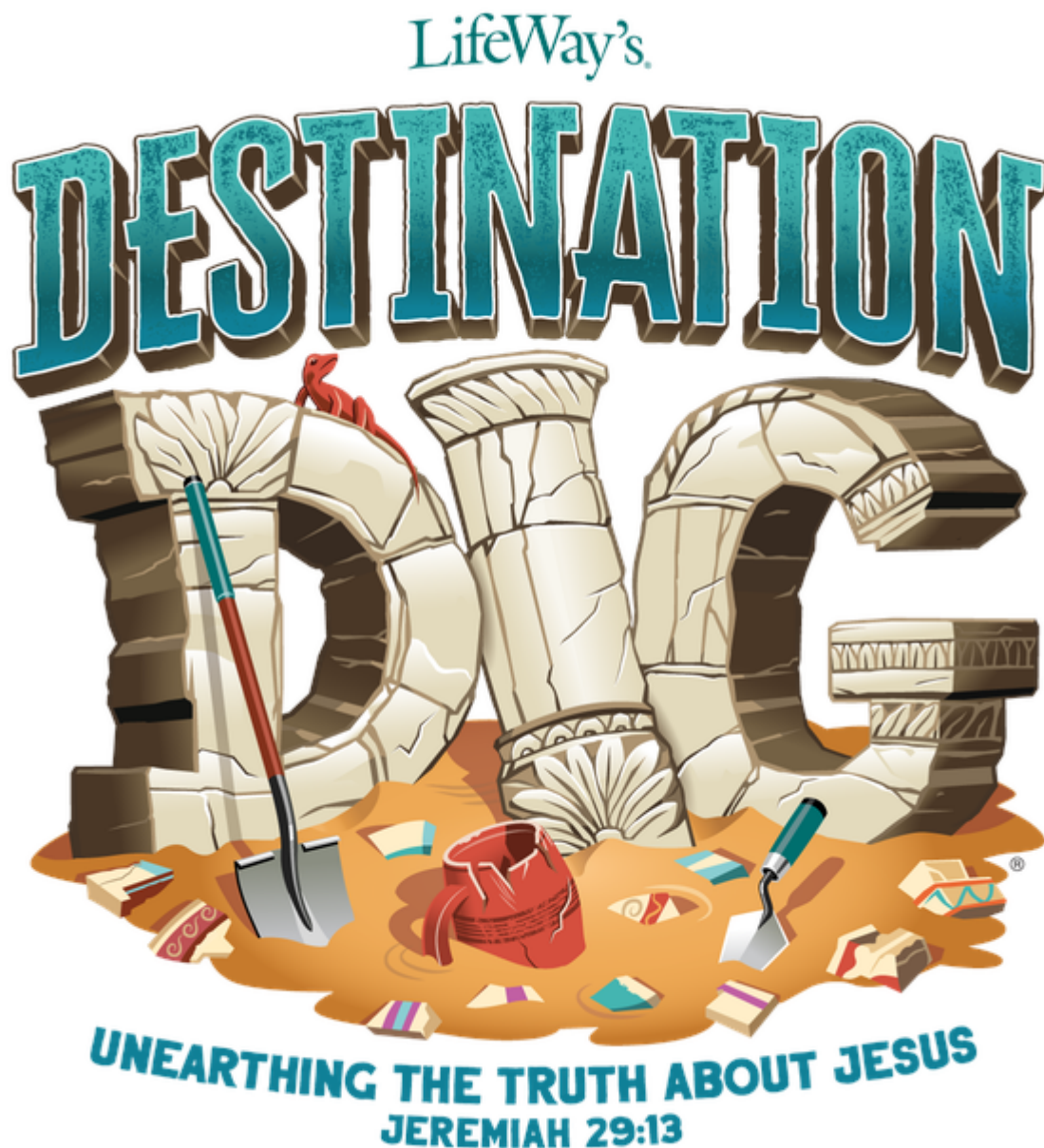
GPBA Pastors or VBS Directors please click on the Questionnaire button below to fill out a quick questionnaire to let us know your plans for 2021 VBS.

VBS 2021 Questionnaire



BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS WITH FBC MOORE

FBC Moore is looking to come assist churches in western Oklahoma in the 2021 summer with VBS Backyard Bible Clubs. If you are interested in bringing them to your church please click on the button below the Destination logo to fill out an online form so we can have your info to give to them. You can also call Don Jones directly with any questions at 405-534-1356.



**BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS WITH FBC MOORE
ONLINE FORM**



WOSC BCM UPDATE

Hello Association,

We had our first noonday of the Spring Semester on 1/27/21. It's great to be back on campus and serving meals to the students and staff at Western. We Also began having Thirst Worship nights at the BCM on 1/26/21. The plan is to meet every Tuesday Night this semester at 8pm for fellowship, games, and Bible Study. Below is the noonday meal schedule for February and March. It is my deepest prayer that we see at least one student come to know and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior this semester. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for myself and this ministry.

In Christ,
Seth Bevers

Feb. 3rd - Altus, Martha Road
Feb. 10th - Blair, First
Feb. 17th - Altus, Emmanuel
Feb. 24th - Tipton, First
Mar. 3rd - Eldorado, Corinth
Mar. 10th - Snyder, First
Mar. 24th - Altus, Friendship
Mar. 31st - Mangum, First



SWOSU SAYRE BCM UPDATE

Hello Association,

It's a new year and a new semester. Kind of nervous about what is going to happen. That is the way that I came into the semester. After the first week God filled in a lot of the questions. God showed me several people that I need to minister to on the campus. The opportunities are looking bright. Pray that I wouldn't look at some of these opportunities as a lion's den, but as a pen of lambs. For the Lord has gone before me in each of these situations.

As a side note, the BCM collegiate retreat at Falls Creek the second weekend of April is being planned. More information will be coming out soon, make all of your college aged students aware of this opportunity.

God bless and again thank you for all of the support and prayers. This ministry doesn't happen

Benny Lockler

P.S. – Feb. 3 – Eastside, Elk; Feb. 10 – Spring Creek; Feb. 17—Cheyenne; Feb. 24 – Any volunteers



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DOM



The Lord is not slow about His promise, but we must have a sense of urgency!

II Peter 3:9 NASB *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

Slow means to tarry, loiter, delay, be tardy or delayed beyond the expected or proper time.

Note what God is "slow" in regard to in **Psalms 86:15 NASB** *But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.* Also, in **Isaiah 30:18 NASB** *Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.*

God is long-suffering. Men are not. We prefer to rush to judgment. Irving Stone's classic history of the American West, "Men to Match My Mountains," contains a passage on early justice. During the Gold Rush, San Francisco had a rash of crime. It got to the point where the police were more corrupt than the criminals. So, in 1851 a group of concerned citizens formed a "Vigilance Committee." The word "vigilante" is derived from it. It was not just a lynch mob. They elected Sam Brannan as president, drew up a constitution and set up parliamentary rules. Only responsible citizens were allowed to join, and they only acted in emergencies when the law was ineffective. The first official act of the group was to arrest John Jenkins, who had stolen a safe and dropped it into a boat. Tried in Brannan's office before a committee jury, Jenkins was declared guilty. An 1851 law said that grand larceny was punishable by death. But most of the committee seemed reluctant to hang someone for only stealing a safe. At this point William Howard threw his cap disgustedly on the table and cried: "Gentlemen, as I understand it, we came here to hang somebody!" So that's exactly what they did. If God acted like this, where would you be right now?

The Lord is not slow concerning His promise.

Many will remember the fall season of 2008 as the beginning of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of 1929. In the months to follow, many lost their jobs, homes, and investments. In a BBC interview a year later, Alan Greenspan, former head of the US Federal Reserve, indicated that the average person doesn't believe it will happen again. He said, "That is the unquenchable capability of human beings when confronted with long periods of prosperity to presume that it will continue."

Assuming that things will continue as they always have is not just 21st-century-type thinking. In the first century, Peter wrote of people who thought that life would continue as it was, and that Jesus would not return. He said, **II Peter 3:4 NASB** and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." Jesus said He would come back, but the people continued to live in disobedience as though He would never return. But His delay is only because of God's patience with us, for He is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

Paul tells us that Christians ought to live "soberly, righteously, and godly" in the light of Christ's certain return in Titus 2:12. Are you ready to meet Him?

Faithful and true would He find us here If He should come today? Waiting in gladness and not in fear, If He should come today?

We need an urgency in our hearts for others to be saved.

Please participate in our pastors Zoom meeting or in person at Sayre office on February 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with Shane Pruitt, Evangelism Specialist from the North American Mission Board.

Grateful for you,
Brother Danny



I am the vine; you are the branches.

**IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND I IN YOU,
YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART
FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.**

John 15:5