



The ENCOURAGER

“...encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting is
AUGUST 13
10:30 a.m.

*No meetings
for June or
July.*

Janice & Becky
will be out of
the office, June
5th for the
Annual SBDS/
ACP Training

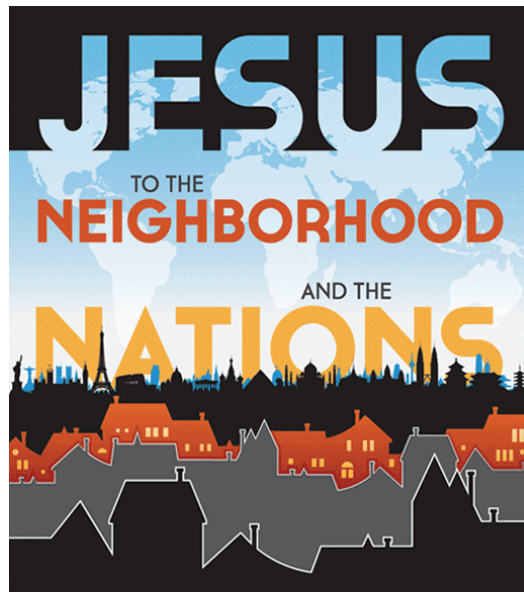


Association
Office **CLOSED**
July 4 for
Independence
Day



Southern Baptist Convention

New Orleans, Louisiana
June 19-20, 2012



Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
900 Convention Center Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70130



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

An initiative to help local churches equip their small groups and Sunday School leaders to join a missional movement to bring Christ into every neighborhood in our association.

ONE EVENING SEMINAR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012
6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH
19002 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee

No cost but pre-registration by church is encouraged.

To register your church or for more information go to www.plba.org and click on Ministries Link or call 405-273-4558 or 1-800-706-0897 (Email or call in your number to PLBA by Tuesday, August 21.)

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS AT FALLS CREEK

Week 1: June 4 - 8
Clayton King, Speaker
Matt Roberson, Worship

Week 2: June 11 - 15
Kevin Boles, Speaker
Matt Roberson, Worship

Week 3: June 18 - 22
Scott Pace, Speaker
Denver Duncan &
Cedric Hardimon, Worship

Week 4: June 25 - 29
Todd Fisher, Speaker
Dutton Band, Worship



\$50 Gate Fee
For more information:
www.skopos.org

Week 5: July 2 - 6
Scott Kindig, Speaker
Dutton Band, Worship

Week 6: July 9 - 13
Stuart Henslee, Speaker
Chris Orr, Worship

Week 7: July 16 - 20
Jeremy Freeman, Speaker
Nick Thurmond, Worship

Week 8: July 23 - 27
Ed Newton, Speaker
Nick Thurmond, Worship

Church News

Please let us know of any upcoming events or news from your church!

FIRST, McLOUD called Matt Halsted as pastor. His first Sunday will be June 4.
HAZEL DELL will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary, September 2, 2012. (Lee Witt, Pastor)
MORNING STAR called Jerry Jackson on May 20. His first Sunday will be June 17th.

Staff Needed

Incorrect information... please call the Assn office, 405.273.4558.

DALE is seeking **part-time pianist**, blended worship service. Contact Douglas Parker Jr., Search Committee, 405.401.9010. (Doug Parker, Pastor)
FIRST, ST. LOUIS is seeking a **part-time Youth Director**. Call Pastor Glenn C. Peck, 405.273.4596 or 405.830.8359 for duties and compensation. Background check will be performed. (Glenn Peck, Pastor)
HAZEL DELL is seeking a **bi-vocational Music Minister**. For more information contact Pastor Lee Witt at 405.964.2042.

Need information or help to prepare for your financial future? Will you be ready for retirement when retirement is ready for you?

GuideStone Conference
 August 29
 Sheraton Reed Center
 Midwest City

GuideStone Financial Resources is sponsoring a free seminar. For more information contact Chris Elkins at Guide Stone in Dallas at 214-720-2185 or email him at chris.elkins@guidestone.org.

A Word of Encouragement

I recently completed an Interim Pastorate for the Morning Star Baptist Church near Meeker. As in all of our PLBA churches, there are some wonderful people who faithfully serve God through their church. With a new Pastor at Morning Star, a new Pastor at FBC, McCloud and an Interim Pastor at First Indian, Shawnee, we have no pastorless churches. I think this is the first time in the 15+ years I've been with PLBA that this blessing has been ours.

Every pulpit in every church filled with a man of God who will preach God's Word faithfully and unapologetically... what a blessing. I want to encourage all of our members in each of our churches to earnestly pray for your Pastor. Love him sincerely. Love his family. Do the very best you can to take care of him. Follow his leadership and help him fulfill his calling. He will not be perfect nor will he ever be without fault. But he is your Pastor and he has obeyed God's call to be your Pastor. Build him up, don't put him down! Help him, don't hurt him! Support him, don't starve him. Compliment him, don't condemn him! Love him sincerely, not superficially!

With this blessing, we have a great opportunity to see more souls saved, more marriages restored, more missions funded, more preachers, missionaries and musicians educated and His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. May God receive all the glory for all that the future holds for all of our churches!

Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook

It Might Preach!

"O Worship the King"
 John 4:24

Believers worship "in spirit" and "in truth," both publicly and privately. Genuine worship has little to do with style but much to do with heart and attitude (i.e. "spirit") and verbalizing a clear, biblical gospel (i.e. "truth").

- I. A DEFINITION of worship. (What is worship?)
 "worship: acknowledging the worth of the object worshipped; to adore, obey, revere, focus positive attention on." Involves mind, emotion and will.
- II. A CONTEXT to worship (where does worship happen?)
 A. Private (cf. Matt. 6:6)
 B. Public (cf. Heb. 10:24-25)
- III. The RECIPIENT of worship. (Matt. 4:10, John 4:23) (Who or what do we worship?)
- IV. The INGREDIENTS to worship. (Of what does worship consist?)
 A. Praying (private sincerity vs. public show) - Matt. 6:5-6
 B. Praising (hypocrisy vs. humility) - Acts 16:24-25
 C. Preaching (topical psychology vs. textual exposition) - II Tim. 2:15
- V. The HINDRANCES to worship. (cf. Mark 4:18-19) (What hinders our worship?)
 A. Worldliness ("the worries of the world.") - I John 2:15-16; II Tim. 4:10
 B. Wealth ("the deceitfulness of riches") - Matt. 6:19-21; II Tim 6:10
 C. Whims ("the desire for other things") - Matt. 16:23; Col. 3:2

The British attorney and statesman, Sir Robert Grant (1779-1838) penned in 1833 the lyrics to what has become an often sung hymn in most English speaking countries:

"O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded in praise."



PLBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS 2012

May 23, 30, June 6, 13 and 16
 First, Earlsboro

June 4-8
 First, McCloud
 First, Tecumseh
 Pink

June 11-15
 Fairview, Earlsboro
 First, Maud
 First, Sparks
 First, Wanette
 Sallateeska

June 18-22
 Temple
 Trinity, Maud

June 25-29
 Emmanuel
 Morning Star
 Pleasant Home
 Rock Creek
 University

July 9-13
 Calvary
 Hillside
 Immanuel

July 16-20
 First, Chandler
 First, St. Louis

July 30-Aug 3
 Cornerstone

August 5-11
 First, Tryon



If your church isn't on the list, or if you would like the help of another PLBA church in order to conduct a VBS for your community please call us at, 273.4558.

A NUGGET FROM MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY...

Sometimes "Life" seems to play tricks on us. Things that we thought would happen at a certain time didn't. We ask ourselves why??? Hopefully, we later have an opportunity to have that infamous hindsight that is 20/20! I have reason to believe such is the case with me at the moment. But it has taken over 25 years to get that spiritual 20/20!

When Russell was the Pastor at First Baptist Church in Vinita, Oklahoma, there came a time when suddenly there was no WMU Director. The ladies asked if I would serve. Right or wrong, my perception was that it was because I was the Pastor's wife. I didn't tell them at the time, but I just couldn't bring myself to accept that responsibility with that as the sole reason for doing it. I did say I would "pray about it" (don't we always say that?) and I actually did! I soon found that God Himself would not let me off so easily. He got my attention over and over in prayer until finally I understood that HE wanted me to serve in that position! I did say "Yes"—to God first, and then to the ladies of the church. Unknown to them, however, I did ask God to raise up another lady over time to lead, because I didn't feel they needed to depend on me long term. More than likely, they would all stay there for a lifetime and pastors and their wives don't tend to stay in one place.

Sure enough, within a couple of years, God moved us to another city. But not before I began to learn to sort out the difference between the expectations of people and those of God. Not before I had a wonderful time being the WMU Director. Not before I learned much about missions and about organizing ladies' groups. Not before we saw many positive things happen in and through those ladies there, including fellowship and mentoring happening on a cross-generational scale that had not previously been the case. And, not before He did raise up another very capable and caring lady to take my place.

However, she became the new Director even before we knew we were moving to another part of the state. There came a point when I thought God was leading me to write a book and so I asked her to take the position and she did. I'm sure she's often wondered what happened to that book! The fact is that I have not yet written that book...or any other! I HAVE written articles for *The DEACON* magazine...countless Sunday School lessons, seminars, and conference materials...almost four years' worth of columns in this newsletter...and miscellaneous other writings. I helped my husband type and edit his newly-published book, *DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR DEACONS*. And, I've smiled and sorta shrugged when my kids would ask, "Mom, when are you going to write your book?"

Part of the delay was due to multiple unavoidable family circumstances and a perpetually full schedule. Part of the delay has been gradually solved by creating a physical work space (although I'm quite aware that some of the most powerful writing in history was done with a stylus or a quill...and sometimes with the writer even chained to a prison guard!) Mostly the delay has come because it just wasn't God's timing. I couldn't explain that, I just knew it. Russell once had a professor who cautioned his students not to rush into print, explaining they could always write later but they couldn't withdraw something that had been printed. It is just always "out there," even if the writer wishes it weren't! I say all of this to say...just last week, I knew in my heart of hearts that God was saying, "Marsha, it is time." As a result, the first chapter/section of the book I feel He wants me to write first has now been written! I have a basic idea...finally...of the style and of the content to include, although I've had the title for quite awhile. I know this will not be the last book I will write because there are more waiting in my file drawers, but I'm just happy to begin the first...the one which has been on my heart for a very long time. I see now, with that 20/20 spiritual hindsight, that I simply needed to live longer. I had much more to learn before rushing into print! I had not lived long enough back then in Vinita, when I thought I had. But God knew!

I am asking for your prayers that I will write what He wants, not what I want! I pray that I will never forget the verse Mother cut off the inside of a greeting card to send me with her underlining and her arrows and her little handwritten note: "an exciting truth." It has been taped to my computer monitor for years, where I will see it as I sit to write: "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 a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 Thanks, Mother!

Marsha Cook
PLBA WM & M Leader

Budget Receipts

Churches listed in red are Pastorless.

<u>PASTORS</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>APR. '12</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	714.79	3,539.43
Dwayne Johnson	Asher FBC	411.58	1,008.45
Chris Carter	Blackburn Chapel	282.41	1,061.39
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	.00	777.11
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	910.13	4,006.83
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	.00	505.49
Doug Parker	Dale	26.11	127.42
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	332.03	1,277.43
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	162.85	686.32
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	.00	150.00
Ellis Rolette	Earlsboro Indian Mission	.00	.00
Wayne Knight	Fairview	.00	530.63
Dan Campbell	Faith	357.39	1,206.23
Jeff Bruton	Forest	14.50	14.50
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	510.24	2,137.73
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	1,158.42	5,057.38
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	.00	1,825.16
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	62.48	267.44
Don Acker	Macomb	132.55	712.33
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	298.00	1,169.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	30.73	114.79
Rusty McMullen	Maud Trinity	291.20	1,090.75
James Bond	McLoud Emmanuel	953.25	3,947.61
Jerry Gray	McLoud Emmaus	145.40	488.00
Matt Halsted	McLoud FBC	419.14	1,934.85
Ed Moore	McLoud Pecan Valley	101.84	291.96
Ron Cherry	McLoud Son Rises	602.59	838.58
Joe Jones	Meeker FBC	525.79	1,668.09
Jerry Jackson	Morning Star	332.53	1,448.79
John Hancock	Mt. Pleasant	.00	439.81
Mark Patterson	Newalla-New Life	571.89	2,928.72
Mike Collyer	Pink	340.44	1,364.18
Jim Morningstar	Pioneer	89.04	167.61
Nathan Howard	Pleasant Home	147.49	532.31
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	199.80	1,867.32
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	718.14	3,436.10
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	27.89	115.34
Tony Black	Romulus	190.17	751.87
Paul Gore	Sh-Aydelotte	330.15	1,580.19
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	.00	.00
Ray Miller	Sh-First	578.46	1,821.43
Spencer Davis, Int.	Sh-First Indian	.00	373.47
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Galilee	.00	.00
Larry Guest/Bob Dawson	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	.00	320.65
Jay Sampson	Sh-Heritage	1,018.79	1,531.44
Todd Fisher	Sh-Immanuel	1,697.10	8,231.83
Tom Hall	Sh-New Life	25.00	100.00
John York	Sh-Oakland Chapel	90.00	90.00
Ben Little	Sh-Sallateeska	103.00	1,125.00
Mike Craig	Sh-Temple	.00	4,010.89
Larry Norris	Sh-Trinity	235.30	787.30
Steve Dominy	Sh-University	323.32	1,491.29
Butch Bradley	Sh-Wallace Ave.	181.60	806.07
Charles Wigington	Sparks FBC	72.40	407.42
Glenn Peck	St. Louis FBC	.00	1,053.69
Burl Mackey	Stroud FBC	489.62	2,102.35
Bill Haas	Tecumseh All Nations	147.69	147.69
Tony Peak	Tecumseh FBC	859.00	3,625.03
Will Wilson	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	150.00
Clint Dawkins	Tecumseh Sharon	690.36	2,831.52
Bob Fowler	Tryon FBC	.00	599.37
Britt Lesley	Wanette FBC	329.61	619.82
Bill Howse	Wanette, Victory Pointe	.00	10.00
Russ Houser	Wellston Cornerstone	.00	.00
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston FBC	376.63	1,493.52
Lane Buckley	Wellston Trinity	110.00	550.00
	Donation	.00	2,465.00
TOTAL		18,768.84	87,811.92

TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u> 4-1-12	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u> 4-30-12
Budget	29,747.28	18,768.84	17,631.31	30,884.81
Designated	167,287.17			174,932.22
Total Monies	\$197,034.45			\$205,817.03

June Birthdays

- 5** Mrs. Alta (Don) Ramsey
105 Hardesty Dr
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Pastor's Wife
- 11** Rev. Jim Reynolds
2 Lancet Circle
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Pastor
- 12** Rev. Clint Dawkins
2326 Faith Blvd.
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Sharon
- 13** Rev. Mark Davis
PO Box 596
Carney, OK 74832
Pastor, First, Carney
- 23** Rev. Bob Spear
6 Northridge
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Missionary
- 26** Mrs. Barbra (Doug) Parker
37505 Old Hwy 270
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor's Wife, Dale
- 27** Rev. Jeff Bruton
970726 S. 3430 Rd
Chandler, OK 74834
Pastor, Forest
- 29** Rev. James Bond
8425 Treeline Dr
Choctaw, OK 73020
Pastor, Emmanuel
- 29** Rev. Ron Cherry
107 Shadow Ridge Dr
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor, Son Rise
- 6** Rev. & Mrs. Paul Gore
16 Lake Lane
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Aydelotte

Anniversaries

- 9** Rev. & Mrs. Ed Moore
1317 N. Broadway
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, Pecan Valley
- 11** Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Maynard
1934 N. Broadway
Shawnee, OK 74804
Janice is PLBA's Office Manager
- 12** Rev. & Mrs. Rusty McMullen
PO Box 263
Maud, OK 74854
Pastor, Trinity, Maud
- 14** Rev. & Mrs. Will Wilson
36500 Lake Rd
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, New Hope
- 17** Rev. & Mrs. Bill Haas
20230 Harrison Rd
Tecumseh, OK 74873
Pastor, Riverside
- 18** Rev. & Mrs. Keith Henley
136 Meadow Lane
Chandler, OK 74834
Pastor, Chandler Southern
- 20** Rev. & Mrs. John York
311 Debbie Lane
Tecumseh, OK 74873
Pastor, Oakland Chapel
- 22** Rev. & Mrs. Ron Cherry
107 Shadow Ridge Dr
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor, Son Rise
- 23** Rev. & Mrs. Butch Bradley
605 W. Wallace Avenue
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, Wallace Avenue
- 24** Rev. & Mrs. Bob Fowler
PO Box 95
Tyron, OK 74875
Pastor, First, Tryon
- 25** Rev. & Mrs. Jay Sampson
4514 Gracelann
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Heritage



Upcoming Associational Events:

- **Pastors School**
OBU, July 16-18, 2012. Cost is \$99
- **Secret Keeper Tour**
(for Kindergarten through 7th grade girls), Immanuel Baptist Church, August 24, doors open at 5:30 for food, fellowship and Mother-Daughter pictures, program will start at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$15 per person, \$18 at the door. Watch for more information in next Encourager.
- **Sunday School Conference**
Sharon Baptist Church, August 28, 2012.
- **Family Ministry Conference**
with Rob Reinow, Immanuel Baptist Church, September 21-21, 2012.

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"...enabling each church to fulfill its unique mission for Christ and providing channels for cooperative ministry."

June '12

- May 29-1 Cross Timbers - Camp Week 1
May 30-2 Association Children's Camp, Camp #2, Falls Creek
2-5 Cross Timbers - Camp Week 2
4-8 Falls Creek Week 1
5 SBDS/ACP Training, BB, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Janice & Becky will be attending)
7-10 Cross Timbers - Camp Week 3
11-15 Falls Creek Week 2
12-15 Cross Timbers - Camp Week 4
17 Father's Day
18-21 Cross Timbers - Camp Week 5
18-22 Falls Creek Week 3
19-20 Southern Baptist Convention, New Orleans, LA
23-26 Cross Timbers - Camp Week 6
24 STOP: Stop Trafficking in Oklahoma through Prayer
25-29 Falls Creek Week 4
25-27 Transitional Pastor Training, BB
26-30 Resonate, OBU
27-28 CiSM Training (Individual), OKC Police Department Training Center
28-Jul 1 Cross Timbers - Camp Week 7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

July 4 Assn Office CLOSED, for Independence Day