



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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Pottawatomie-Lincoln Baptist Association, Shawnee, OK ~ Dr. Russell R. Cook, Director of Missions

April, 2014

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting is

May 12
10:30 a.m.

Lunch following,
RSVP to the
Association Office

Thomas Jordan,
BGC Church &
Employee Benefits
Services Specialist
Guest Speaker

SAVE THE DATE

April 11-12
BGCO Women's
Conference

April 25-26
BGCO Men's
Conference

May 25-28
Association
Children's Camp

We are in need of a cook
and a praise and worship
leader.



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Association
Website
www.plba.org



CONFERENCE

TUESDAY,
APRIL 8, 2014
6:30-8:30 p.m.

PLBA Office

For All PLBA Pastors & S.S. Directors
With Special Speaker
Bob Mayfield, BGC Church & S.S. Director

Complimentary BBQ Dinner (RSVP)
Conference

6:30 p.m.
7:15 p.m.

- Limited to the first 60 registered by the April 3 deadline.
- Call or e-mail Janice Maynard to reserve your place.

405-273-4558

plba@sbcglobal.net

Association Children's Camp 2014

May 25-28
(Completed grades 3rd-6th)

Cost: \$75

\$35 to PLBA for food & lodging and \$40 to ACC for gate fee

The gate fee of \$40 applies to all campers, sponsors and cooks.

Deadline to register and pay is May 19

PRE-Camp Meeting,
Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. PLBA Office

If your church is considering attending ACC with the Association group,
please have a representative present at this Pre-camp meeting.

Church News

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

- FAIRVIEW, EARLSBORO has FREE music to give away. Choral pieces, cantatas for Easter, Christmas and more. Call the church at 405-273-8790 for more information. *(Wayne Knight, Pastor)*
- FIRST, ASHER held an ordination service for Pastor Mat Riddle and Scott Dubler as a deacon on March 23. May God bless you. *(Mat Riddle, Pastor)*
- NEW HOPE, TECUMSEH would like to give away 15-15' pews. They are upholstered in burgundy fabric. Please call the church at 405-609-0458 and ask for Jeff Brock if you are interested. *(Will Wilson, Pastor)*
- SHARON, TECUMSEH will host Renew Student Conference, April 4 & 5. Call Matt Moseley at 651-5759 for more information. *(Clint Dawkins, Pastor)*
- TRINITY, MAUD has called Butch Bradley as their pastor. Butch moved from Wallace Ave. Shawnee. Congratulation and may God bless you. *(Butch Bradley, Pastor)*

Staff Needed

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

- BLACKBURN CHAPEL is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resumes to Blackburn Chapel 36305 Lake Road, Shawnee, OK 74801 or email to blackburnchapel@aol.com.
- EARLSBORO INDIAN MISSION is searching for a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to Pulpit Committee, PO Box 239, Earlsboro, OK 74840.
- EMMANUEL, MCLLOUD is seeking a godly and committed bi-vocational Youth Minister. Please send resumes to Emmanuel Baptist Church, Search Committee, PO Box 1119, McLoud, OK 74851. *(James Bond, Pastor)*
- FIRST, MCLLOUD is seeking a part-time Choir Director. Send resumes to the church, PO Box 180, McLoud, 74851. Applications can be picked up at the church or call 964-3344. *(Matt Halsted, Pastor)*
- FIRST, MAUD is seeking a part-time Music Minister. If you are interested call Bobby Shatto at 405-632-8348 or email at shattobg@oge.com. *(Bobby Shatto, Pastor)*
- WALLACE AVE. is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resumes: Pastor Search Committee, to 601 W. Wallace Ave., Shawnee, OK 74801.

A Word of Encouragement

I am again reading through Leonard Ravenhill's classic book on *Why Revival Tarries*. I read it years ago. It was written and first published in 1959. Ravenhill lived from 1907-1994. He was an exceptional evangelist and revivalist. His words and messages are as relevant today as when he first preached them.

Since spring time is usually a good time for our churches to plan revival meetings, I want to share a few thoughts from Leonard Ravenhill, as to why revival may be evading us today.

- (1) Because evangelism is so highly commercialized (think T.V., internet, social media, some emergents, etc.)
- (2) Because of cheapening the Gospel (think "Come one, come all...forget sin, repentance", etc.)
- (3) Because of carelessness. (think "walk isle, fill out card, schedule baptism", etc.)
- (4) Because of fear (think fear of exclusivism, intolerance, naming sins, etc.)
- (5) Because we lack urgency in prayer (little or no pre-revival prayer meetings, etc.)
- (6) Because we steal the glory that belongs to God (think "Our church, our pastor, our revival", etc.)

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A Word of Encouragement Continued

Essentially, Ravenhill would have said, Revival Tarries "because we don't want it badly enough." We won't pray and fast for it. We won't plan more than three or four or five sermons (and those need to be brief) assuming, if God can't bring revival in that length of time that we've done all we can do.

I hope you'll join me in fervent continual prayer and for the Pastors to develop "Soul-Hot Preaching" again. May it not be said of us, "They could have had revival but they just didn't want it badly enough."

Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook



It Might Preach!

Let the Church Be the Church
"The Church and Its Ministry"

I Timothy 5-6

Chapters 5-6 of I Timothy describe a number of ministries for various people in the church. It is instruction for the Pastor that further explains "how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church..." (I Timothy 3:15). But, the Pastor and the church are given specific assignments for ministry. Much ministry hinges on relationships!

The two chapters identify about seven groups to whom we owe ministry:

1. We have a ministry to OLDER and YOUNGER SAINTS (5:1-2)
2. We have a ministry to WIDOWS "INDEED" (5:3-16)
3. We have a ministry to CHURCH LEADERS (5:17-25)
4. We have a ministry to EMPLOYEES (6:1-2)
5. We have a ministry of identifying FALSE TEACHERS (6:3-5)
6. We have a ministry to the WEALTHY (6:6-19)
7. We have a ministry to the HIGHLY EDUCATED (6:20-21)

The message here deals primarily with the church's ministry to WIDOWS and then the CHARGE Paul gives to Pastor Timothy.

- I. The church's ministry to WIDOWS (5:3-16)
 - A. The CHILDREN'S responsibility (vv.4,8).
 1. The practice of piety (v.4a)
 2. The place of provision (v.4b)
 3. The pleasure of the Lord (v.4c)
 - B. The CHURCH'S responsibility (vv.3,9-10)
 1. Identifying "widows indeed."
 2. The unique ministry of Deacons (cf. Acts 6:1)
- II. The church's ministry from the PASTOR (6:11-16)
 - A. He is known by WHAT HE FLEES FROM (v.11a)
 - B. He is known by WHAT HE FOLLOWS AFTER (v.11b)
 - C. He is known by WHAT HE FIGHTS FOR (v.12)
 - D. He is known by WHAT HE IS FAITHFUL TO (v.14)

The Church Will Be the Church when it fulfills its ministry to individuals, leaders, servants "inside the Body" and its ministry to the lost and unengaged "outside the body."

PLBA WOMEN

**There is still time to register for the
BGCO Women's Conference**

April 11-12
Falls Creek
Conference
Center



Register today at <http://www.bgcowomen.org/>
Don't miss out on what God has for you.



Blanket others with God's love.

Go to www.plba.org
for more information and to get
the pattern.

A Nugget From My Spiritual Journey

Funerals and weddings each have a way of causing me to re-evaluate my own marriage. At each of those we can evaluate how we are doing in our own lives with loving those whom we profess to love. It is one thing to say we love someone, but quite another to actually do it...to actually BE loving toward them!

Recently I attended the funeral of a man who died suddenly in the night of a heart attack at age 54, leaving behind a loving wife and three children. This family is known well in our community for how they love each other and how they reach out and love others across our town--yes, even those some might call unlovable. Although he will be greatly missed, he has left behind a family that will never stop loving each other or people with needs they can help meet. Funerals for people like that always make me ask of myself what kind of heritage I will one day leave behind.

Several years ago I attended a funeral for an elderly lady whom I didn't really know well. As I listened to the tributes paid to her by her large family and watched the video of her life from family photos, I realized I didn't want the service to end. That is a rather strange thought at a funeral. But my next thought was, "Oh! I am at the funeral of a *Proverbs 31 Lady*." I became more motivated than ever to become that kind of lady!

At weddings I always silently renew my own vows to my own husband. I am always taken back down memory lane to our wedding...and then I "slowly" fast-forward (can that be done?) through our own marriage, considering how those vows have played out in reality so far! I think it is a good thing for a couple to reassess their own relationship each time they watch a new one begin--kind of a quality control check, if you will, to see how we are doing and where we need to head in order to keep on keeping those vows!

The funeral I just attended included a public reflection on a nearly 13-year-old marriage. When we returned home, we did some serious reflecting on our own 42+ years of marriage. None of us know how long we have to "work" on our marriages, but it is for certain...it does take work! It takes a work of God in our hearts to teach us HOW to love with His kind of love:

Love is patient; love is kind. Love does not envy; is not boastful; is not conceited; does not act improperly; is not selfish; is not provoked; does not keep a record of wrongs; finds no joy in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.
(1 Corinthians 13:4-8 HCSB)

Marsha Cook, Director

Budget Receipts

Churches listed in red are Pastorless

PASTORS	CHURCH	Feb. '14	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	348.38	348.38
Mat Riddle	Asher FBC	421.11	421.11
Larry Sparks, Int	Blackburn Chapel	29.92	29.92
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	799.88	799.88
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	1,160.26	1,160.26
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	169.71	169.71
Doug Parker	Dale	24.73	24.73
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	1,066.96	1,066.96
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	331.62	331.62
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	300.00	300.00
	Earlsboro Indian Mission	.00	.00
Wayne Knight	Fairview	161.55	161.55
Dan Campbell	Faith	774.90	774.90
Jeff Bruton	Forest	.00	.00
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	677.35	677.35
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	1,079.41	1,079.41
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	967.82	967.82
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	95.01	95.01
Billy Benson	Macomb	117.05	117.05
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	484.00	484.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	87.19	87.19
Butch Bradley	Maud Trinity	422.16	422.16
James Bond	McLoud Emmanuel	502.63	502.63
Jerry Gray	McLoud Emmaus	81.68	81.68
Matt Halsted	McLoud FBC	543.79	543.79
Ron Cherry	McLoud Son Rises	.00	.00
Joe Jones	Meeker FBC	496.63	496.63
Jerry Jackson	Morning Star	.00	.00
R.J. Stokes	Mt. Pleasant	.00	.00
Mark Patterson	Newalla New Life	1,064.94	1,064.94
Ed Moore	Newalla Pecan Valley	240.38	240.38
Mike Collyer	Pink	540.80	540.80
Jim Morningstar	Pioneer	.00	.00
Nathan Howard	Pleasant Home	136.50	136.50
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	587.23	587.23
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	862.53	862.53
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	43.76	43.76
Tony Black	Romulus	239.39	239.39
Monte Dean	Sh-Aydelotte	762.06	762.06
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	.00	.00
Ray Miller	Sh-First	823.53	823.53
Spencer Davis, Int.	Sh-First Indian	.00	.00
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Galilee	50.00	50.00
Bob Dawson	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	54.81	54.81
Jay Sampson	Sh-Heritage	1,116.31	1,116.31
Todd Fisher	Sh-Immanuel	3,185.65	3,185.65
Rendon Falls	Sh-Karis	.00	.00
Tom Hall	Sh-New Life	25.00	25.00
John York	Sh-Oakland Chapel	.00	.00
	Sh-Sallateeska	.00	.00
Mike Craig	Sh-Temple	2,022.92	2,022.92
Larry Norris	Sh-Trinity	374.78	374.78
Steve Dominy	Sh-University	629.78	629.78
	Sh-Wallace Ave.	167.72	167.72
	Sparks FBC	95.56	95.56
Glenn Peck	St. Louis FBC	613.90	613.90
Russell Cook, Int.	Stroud FBC	814.72	814.72
Don Tiger	Stroud Sac & Fox	22.63	22.63
Tony Peak	Tecumseh FBC	1,335.66	1,335.66
Will Wilson	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	50.00
Clint Dawkins	Tecumseh Sharon	992.46	992.46
Bob Fowler	Tryon FBC	300.28	300.28
Britt Lesley	Wanette FBC	757.08	757.08
Bill Howse	Wanette, Victory Pointe	.00	.00
Russ Houser	Wellston Cornerstone	.00	.00
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston FBC	633.02	633.02
Lane Buckley	Wellston Trinity	110.00	110.00
TOTAL		\$29,797.14	\$29,797.14

TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

	Beginning Bal. 2-1-14	Income	Expense	Ending Bal. 2-28-14
Budget	\$57,496.93	16,610.57	20,661.95	\$53,445.55
Designated	\$188,033.54			\$190,162.96
Total Monies	\$245,530.47			\$243,608.51

Association Website — www.plba.org

April 2014

- 4-5 Church Planting Conference, FBC Moore
- 5 OBU Spring Preview
- 8 **Re>Connect Sunday School Training, PLBA 6:30 p.m.**
- 10 Singing Churchmen and Churchwomen joint concert, FBC-Broken Arrow
- 11 OBU Be a Bison Day
- 11 Youth Ministry 411, Baptist Building
- 11-12 **BGCO Women's Retreat-Falls Creek**
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter
- 22 **PRE-Children's Camp Meeting, PLBA 6:30 p.m.**
- 25-26 Rewired-**BGCO Men's Retreat-Falls Creek**
- 27 Oklahoma Baptist Symphony Concert-FBC Tulsa
- 30 Administrative Professionals' Day



Birthdays

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Rev. Tony Black
40255 State Hwy 59B
Macomb, OK 74852
Pastor, Romulus 5 Mrs. Regina (Tony) Black
40255 State Hwy 59B
Macomb, OK 74852
Pastor's Wife, Romulus 9 Rev. Mike Mitchell
PO Box 376
Davenport, OK 74026
Pastor, First, Davenport 9 Rev. Larry Norris
1208 Monroe Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Trinity, Shawnee 11 Rev. Ray Miller
1827 N. Union
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, First, Shawnee 14 Mrs. Sandra (Butch) Bradley
PO Box 816
Maud, OK 74854
Pastor's Wife, Trinity, Maud 23 Mrs. Sarah (Ray) Miller
1827 N. Union
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor's Wife, First, Shawnee 26 Rev. Will Wilson
36500 Lake Rd
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, New Hope | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 Mrs. Lisa (Bryan) Cook
1006 W. Federal
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor's Wife, Hopewell 29 Mrs. Kari (Billy) Benson
828 N Broadway
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor's Wife, Macomb |
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Anniversaries

- 4 Rev. & Mrs. Mike Haines
355960 E. 960 Rd.
Stroud, OK 74079
Pastor, Deer Creek
- 4 Rev. & Mrs. Jim Morningstar
609 S Dewey Ave
Chandler, OK 74834
Pastor, Pioneer, Chandler
- 8 Rev. & Mrs. Roger Shaw
13900 River Ridge Rd
Perkins, OK 74059
Pastor, First, Agra
- 14 Rev. & Mrs. Richard Zimmer
44804 Hardesty Rd.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, Rock Creek
- 22 Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Knight
48504 Hwy 3E
Earlsboro, OK 74840
Pastor, Fairview
- 23 Dr. & Mrs. Steve Dominy
4514 Gracelann
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, University

LAKE TEXOMA BAPTIST RESORT MINISTRY

2034 Max Road, Mead, OK

Annual Day Camp Training

Saturday, April 12 ~ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Barbara Delacerda will be leading the Seminar

A Barbeque Lunch will be served at 12 p.m.

Call 580-220-7530 and reserve your spot by

Monday, April 7th

or e-mail bjdecker@hughes.net



To

Janice Maynard

for

20 years

of service at Pottawatomie-Lincoln Baptist Association.

Thank You for all you do.

BGCO Men's Conference



April 25-26
Falls Creek
Conference Center

\$70 Regular Price
\$80 at the Front Gate

Register today at <http://www.menrewired.com/>



Pastors and Wives
Mark your calendars!

"Cookout at the Cooks"

Russell & Marsha Cook invite all PLBA Pastors and wives to a cookout at their home
1313 Castle Creek Street, Shawnee

Friday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.

More information coming in the mail soon

