



# 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

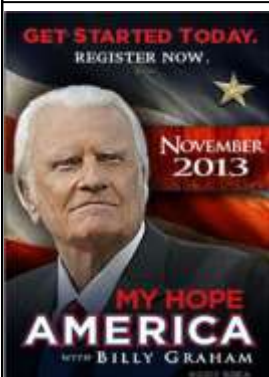
October, 2013

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

No meeting due to the Annual Meeting October 22 New Hope



Don't Forget October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Associational Office Closed Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day and October 23, Comp. Day for Annual Meeting



**Pottawatomie-Lincoln Baptist Association  
83rd Annual Session  
Thursday, October 22, 2013  
New Hope Baptist Church, Tecumseh, OK**



**Afternoon Session 2:00-4:45 p.m.  
(Meal 5:00-6:00 p.m.)  
Evening Session 6:15-8:30 p.m.**

**Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Paige Patterson, President  
Southwestern Seminary  
Ft. Worth Texas**

**Annual Sermon  
Mike Hazelwood, Pastor  
Mammoth Baptist Church  
Meeker, OK**

- ☞ Mark October 22 on your calendar and lead your church to participate.
- ☞ Ask your church to elect their maximum number of messengers
- ☞ Make childcare and meal reservations to the Association Office no later than Tuesday, October 15.

# Church News

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

FAITH is building! They are adding a 4600 sq. ft. educational wing that will be used for fellowships, receptions and Disaster Relief. They are anticipating to be completion by Christmas. It will be a joint venture of contract and volunteer labor. (Dan Campbell, Pastor)

FAITH has called Joshua Johnson, an OBU Sophomore as their new Youth Pastor. (Dan Campbell, Pastor)

## Staff Needed

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

DALE is seeking a part-time pianist, blended worship service. They have decided to have a Second Sunday Night Singing Fellowship monthly, and are in need of someone to assist with that monthly service. They hope to have a college student or other church's musicians to help them by coming in occasionally. Contact Douglas Parker Jr., Search Committee, 405.401.9010. (Doug Parker, Pastor)

FIRST, MCLLOUD is seeking a part-time Choir Director. Send resumes to the church, PO Box 180, McCloud, 74851. Taking applications for a paid nursery worker (must be 18 years or older). Applications can be picked up at the church or call 964-3344. (Matt Halsted, Pastor)

FIRST, SPARKS is receiving resumes for bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to Earl Hall, [markwellhall@yahoo.com](mailto:markwellhall@yahoo.com) or 349117 E 980 Rd., Sparks, OK 74869.

FIRST, TRYON is seeking a Youth/Children's Leader. For more information please email or call Bro. Bob Fowler at [pastorbobfowler@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorbobfowler@yahoo.com) or 405.606.5603. (Bob Fowler, Pastor)

MT. PLEASANT is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to Ken Branson, [carabranson7@gmail.com](mailto:carabranson7@gmail.com) or 46600 Westech Rd. Shawnee, OK 74804

WALLACE AVE. is looking for a Nursery worker for Sunday morning/evening and Wednesday evening, 5-7 hours per week at \$10 an hour. Call the church 405-273-8679 or email [wabcshawnee@att.net](mailto:wabcshawnee@att.net) (Butch Bradley, Pastor)



## October is PASTOR APPRECIATION Month

All across our convention and in many other denominations, churches will observe "Pastor Appreciation" during the month of October. There are many ways this can be done. Usually one or two people will need to take the initiative—maybe a Deacon and wife or Personnel Chairman or just any member with a love for their Pastor and a heart to serve. These people need to go to the appropriate committee(s) with a formal and specific recommendation to observe Pastor Appreciation Month. The following are some recommendations made in other churches:

- 1) Designate a certain Sunday to have a big public recognition of the Pastor, Ministry Staff and their spouses. Present each of them with a nice gift.
- 2) Receive a love offering to be presented to the Pastor at a special service.
- 3) Offer to send the Pastor and his wife on an "all expense paid trip" to a nice bed and breakfast or resort... or cruise... or ?
- 4) Discover from family, friends or associates what he really has need of and meet that need during the month of October (i.e. auto repairs or replacement, furniture, computer, books, groceries, etc.)
- 5) Recommend a raise in salary and benefits for the Pastor. (Most Pastors in SBC and especially BGCO churches are grossly underpaid.)

These are merely suggestions. Most Pastors will never ask for themselves (and that is as it should be), but the Bible says, "The elders (i.e. Pastors) who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

# A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Colorado has been hit with massive flooding all along the 130 mile stretch of the Front Range of the Rockies. The flood zone has encompassed 17 Colorado counties making it about the size of Delaware. Eight deaths have been reported and more than 100 people are listed as missing. Several towns and communities became islands with no way in or out. Many roads have been cut off or destroyed and the National Guard has been performing air rescues to help evacuate entire towns. Some towns were cut in half by massive overflow of the rivers.

Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief efforts are underway through an Incident Command Center at East Boulder Church. Contact Sam Porter's office at the BGCO (405-942-3800) if your church has trained disaster relief volunteers available. He and all the DR volunteers would really appreciate the prayers and support for our partnership state.

So, is a natural disaster natural or is it actually supernatural? This is a question that has been pondered by us mortals at least since the big flood. That is, since God said to Noah, "I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth..." (Genesis 6:17). In the case of the Genesis flood, "the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Genesis 6:11). I would not suggest that the Colorado floods...or fires, or Oklahoma tornados for that matter, are necessarily an act of God's judgment. However, these disasters sure seem more supernatural in size than natural.

This behooves us, the Church...the Body of Christ to pray as we never have, witness as never before and give beyond our ability to get the gospel out to those who need it so badly. God has not moved one inch from His throne. He is not dull of hearing and his arm is not short. His righteous right hand moves over the Rockies and across the plains to uphold those who are His own. Surely, the winds and the waves...and the floods...still obey His sovereign will.

Dear God, please provide mercy! And remind us again of the rainbow.

Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook



## It Might Preach!

### "A BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR THE CHILDREN"

EPHESIANS 6:1-3

Two words summarize the essential functions of the child in the Christian home and even in the home where one or both parents are not Christians: OBEDIENCE and HONOR. Let's consider these one at a time and in this order.

- I. The child or teen is to be OBEDIENT toward their parents. (v. 1)
  - A. The DESCRIPTION of the child's obedience. (Colossians 3:20)
  - B. The DEPICTION of the child's obedience. (Luke 2:51; II Timothy 3:14-15)
  - C. The DISTINCTIVES of the child's obedience. (Proverbs 10:1b; I Peter 2:2)
- II. The child or teen is to HONOR their parents. (vv. 2-3)
  - A. A DEFINITION of the child's honor. (Exodus 2:12) ("to count valuable" or "make weighty")
  - B. A DESCRIPTION of the child's honor. (Matthew 15:8)
  - C. A DELIGHT in the child's honor. (v.3)

Practical ways to honor your parents:

1. SPEAK WELL of them to your friends. (Exodus 21:17; Proverbs 20:20)
2. OBEY them without delay. (Ephesians 6:1; Proverbs 6:20)
3. TAKE THEIR ADVICE seriously. (Leviticus 19:3a; Proverbs 8:33)

# PLBA WOMEN



Women and the home are under attack from every angle in contemporary culture. This conference provides an opportunity for women to equip themselves both intellectually and practically to impact families and the world for Christ. Becoming a woman of strength and building a godly home does not happen by accident. Join us for a conference that will prepare women to model the characteristics of a godly woman outlined in Scripture and to engage today's culture with God's design.

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas  
**SWBTS.EDU/ARTOFHOMEMAKING**

## DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD

Fairview Baptist Church will be hosting Sharie Wilkins and Tana Stufflebeln from the organization Dress A Girl Around The World. This organization provides homemade dresses to girls around the world, some whom have never had a new dress before. Fairview would like to invite all churches to participate in this great mission project.

October 17  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Fairview Baptist Church  
 48502 HWY 3 E  
 Earlsboro



They will be serving a snack lunch and have door prizes.

If you are interested in helping out please call 405-273-1979.

## A NUGGET FROM MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

God, and God alone, knew He had put a Bible teacher inside of me, but I didn't know that until I first started teaching ladies about 35 years ago!!! I cannot imagine how my life would have been different, how much less diligently I would have studied Scripture, how many wonderful experiences I would have missed, and how many delightful people I would have never met if had I said, **"No way! Go find someone else, Lord."**

Recently, I had an unusual teaching opportunity. I found myself on my way to teach an assigned topic, which I had never taught before. I said to myself, **"Even if I don't know for sure where to head with this, I know the Lord has a reason for this study today with this group of people."** As I opened that study time with prayer out loud, inside I prayed silently, **"Lord, I'm looking forward to what you're going to say through me in the next hour! You surely know what needs to be said and I don't!"**

That was one of the most relaxed times I have ever experienced in teaching! Yet it seemed to zero in with spiritual precision on ALL of our hearts for the entire time allotted! Yes, I glanced down at some notes from time to time, mainly to stay on track with the Scripture. Yes, I had studied. No, I had never even thought about teaching on this particular topic. It was a challenging subject, prompting all listeners to do some seriously honest soul searching. Oddly, as I taught, I felt as if I were one of the listeners myself—almost a "third party" watching this scenario unfold from a distance!

I later realized that a) God was allowing me to teach out of the "overflow" of a lifetime of training and study, and that b) much of what I was teaching had been ingrained in me by strong and gracious Christian parents but I had just never been called upon to "formally" teach it before. What a reminder of the precious heritage it is for parents to pass on God's Word and to live as examples every day as mine did!

What was my take-away thought after that time? There can be no overflow unless one stays filled up to overflowing! If we only pour out and don't keep refilling throughout our lifetimes we will have no overflow to draw upon when needed. No matter who we are, one never knows when the next opportunity will come to share God's Word, especially without a hard copy in hand. Fill up, pour out...fill up, pour out...fill up, pour out. But never stop preparing. Coasting only leads to evaporation and stagnation of the precious resource in which there was once such fresh joy to be found.

*"Not many should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive a stricter judgment..."(JAMES 3:1, HCSB)*

Marsha Cook, Director

# Budget Receipts

Churches listed in red are Pastorless

PASTORS	CHURCH	Aug. '13	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	439.61	2,959.17
Mat Riddle	Asher FBC	161.23	1,784.59
Chris Carter	Blackburn Chapel	289.44	2,241.74
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	1,003.21	2,080.23
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	586.24	6,438.68
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	121.29	952.59
Doug Parker	Dale	26.57	190.63
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	468.23	3,304.13
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	182.07	2,009.30
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	.00	300.00
Ellis Rolette	Earlsboro Indian Mission	101.65	797.83
Wayne Knight	Fairview	.00	1,067.91
Dan Campbell	Faith	280.78	2,704.91
Jeff Bruton	Forest	233.90	431.84
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	385.12	3,898.79
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	1,032.12	7,090.46
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	206.19	2,895.94
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	60.26	616.33
Don Acker	Macomb	142.00	1,083.10
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	256.00	2,412.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	.00	140.88
	<b>Maud Trinity</b>	156.17	2,267.04
James Bond	McLoud Emmanuel	756.35	6,800.54
Jerry Gray	McLoud Emmaus	54.08	651.19
Matt Halsted	McLoud FBC	396.58	3,869.69
Ron Cherry	McLoud Son Rises	0.00	935.61
Joe Jones	Meeker FBC	214.47	2,053.91
Jerry Jackson	Morning Star	0.00	2,084.47
	<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	.00	584.60
Mark Patterson	Newalla New Life	420.96	5,328.45
Ed Moore	Newalla Pecan Valley	114.18	713.80
Mike Collyer	Pink	346.35	1,949.33
Jim Morningstar	Pioneer	.00	229.08
Nathan Howard	Pleasant Home	129.30	1,048.36
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	541.23	3,501.66
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	789.82	6,973.06
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	19.24	168.51
Tony Black	Romulus	139.32	1,527.96
Monte Dean	Sh-Aydelotte	.00	1,822.01
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	.00	125.00
Ray Miller	Sh-First	350.21	3,069.81
<b>Spencer Davis, Int.</b>	<b>Sh-First Indian</b>	.00	1,062.19
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Galilee	50.00	200.00
Bob Dawson	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	38.85	474.78
Jay Sampson	Sh-Heritage	.00	2,154.28
Todd Fisher	Sh-Immanuel	.00	13,643.96
Rendon Falls	Sh-Karis	.00	.00
Tom Hall	Sh-New Life	25.00	200.50
John York	Sh-Oakland Chapel	20.94	157.45
Ben Little	Sh-Sallateeska	115.00	681.00
Mike Craig	Sh-Temple	1,097.10	8,252.00
Larry Norris	Sh-Trinity	193.42	1,464.88
Steve Dominy	Sh-University	345.37	3,238.60
Butch Bradley	Sh-Wallace Ave.	148.28	1,676.29
	<b>Sparks FBC</b>	36.45	623.95
Glenn Peck	St. Louis FBC	1,254.63	2,425.90
	<b>Stroud FBC</b>	412.51	3,835.61
Don Tiger	Stroud Sac & Fox	.00	166.51
Tony Peak	Tecumseh FBC	757.05	7,530.71
Will Wilson	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	350.00
Clint Dawkins	Tecumseh Sharon	729.38	7,103.30
Bob Fowler	Tryon FBC	133.33	1,491.80
Britt Lesley	Wanette FBC	498.89	1,841.75
Bill Howse	Wanette, Victory Pointe	10.00	20.00
Russ Houser	Wellston Cornerstone	.00	367.30
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston FBC	397.97	2,906.08
Lane Buckley	Wellston Trinity	220.00	880.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$16,938.34</b>	<b>\$153,853.97</b>

## TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

	Beginning Bal. 8-1-13	Income	Expense	Ending Bal. 8-31-13
Budget	\$42,710.93	16,938.34	18,539.31	\$41,109.96
Designated	172,952.56			169,699.84
<b>Total Monies</b>	<b>\$215,663.49</b>			<b>\$210,809.80</b>

Association Website — [www.plba.org](http://www.plba.org)



# October

## Birthdays

- 1 Mrs. Melonie (Rick) Blackwell  
346166 E Hwy 18B  
Sparks, OK 74869  
**Pastor's Wife, First, Chandler**
- 3 Mrs. Sharon (Tim) Emmons  
1616 Blue Bell Rd  
Prague, OK 74864  
**Pastor's Wife, First, Prague**
- 7 Mrs. Ann Reynolds  
2 Lancet Circle  
Shawnee, OK 74804  
**Retired Pastor's Wife**
- 8 Miss McKenzie Bruton  
970726 S. 3430 Rd.  
Chandler, OK 74834  
PLBA Custodian
- 11 Mrs. Cleo McDow  
720 E Jefferson  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
**Former Pastor's Wife**
- 12 Mrs. Peggy (Bill) Donovan  
1905N Bryan Ave. Unit 12  
Shawnee, OK 74804  
**Retired Pastor's Wife**
- 14 Rev. Don Ramsey  
105 Hardesty Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74804  
Retired Pastor
- 15 Rev. Russ Houser  
960955 S. Hwy 102  
Wellston, OK 74881  
Pastor, Cornerstone
- 16 Mrs. Rhonda (Richard) Zimmer  
44804 Hardesty Rd.  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
**Pastor's Wife, Rock Creek**
- 17 Mrs. Jan (Mike) Mitchell  
PO Box 376  
Davenport, OK 74026  
**Pastor's Wife, First, Davenport**

- 18 Rev. Bob Fowler  
PO Box 95  
Tryon, OK 74875  
Pastor, First, Tryon
- 18 Rev. Glenn Peck  
18 Comanche Circle  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Pastor, First, St. Louis
- 18 Mrs. Pam (Mark) Streetman  
300 36th Ave. SW#627  
Norman, OK 73027  
**Pastor's Wife, First, Earlsboro**
- 19 Rev. Rick Blackwell  
346166 E Hwy 18B  
Sparks, OK 74869  
Pastor, First, Chandler
- 22 Mrs. Carla (John) York  
311 Debbie Lane  
Tecumseh, OK 74873  
**Pastor's Wife, Oakland Chapel**
- 24 Mrs. Martha (Joe) Jones  
PO Box 431  
Meeker, OK 74855  
**Pastor's Wife, First, Meeker**
- 27 Mrs. Dornette (David) Henry  
803 N. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
**Pastor's Wife, Calvary**

## Anniversaries

- 1 Rev & Mrs Chris Carter  
36305 Lake Rd  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Pastor, Blackburn Chapel



# October 2013

- 1-31 Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
- 5 State Disaster Relief Training-First Southern, Del City
- 6 Soul-winning Commitment Day
- 12 Family Fun Day @ Falls Creek
- 13 World Hunger Day
- 14 Columbus Day **Associational Office Closed**
- 17-18 Fall Break
- 18-19 Hispanic State Evangelism Conference
- 22 **PLBA ANNUAL MEETING-New Hope**
- 23 Annual Meeting Comp Day  
**Associational Office Closed**



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

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**DON'T FORGET**

## Pastors & Wives Cookout

**Thursday, October 3, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

**1313 Castle Creek Street  
Shawnee, OK**

**Hosted by:**

**Russell & Marsha Cook**

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