



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 November, 2013

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The next regular meeting will be **February 10, 2014**

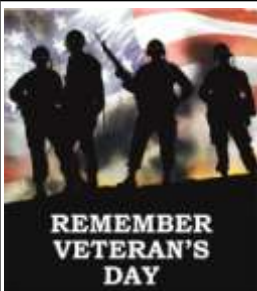
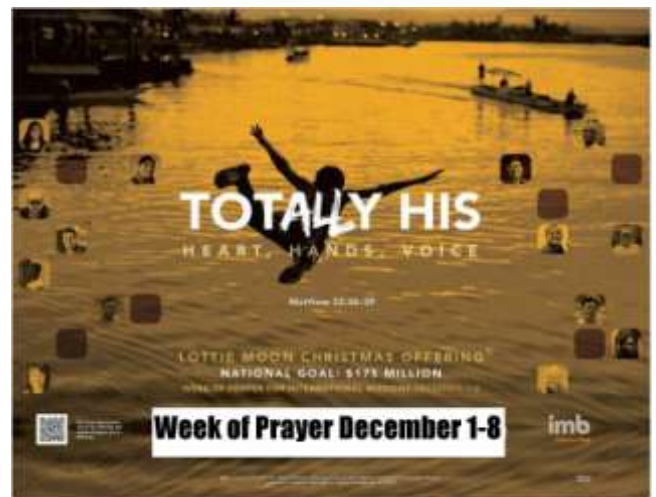
Reserve your place today for the PLBA Annual Christmas Dinner December 5 Fairview Baptist Church Earlsboro 6:30p.m. Call Janice 273-4558



My Hope America is a series of videos designed to clearly present the Gospel with life-changing testimonies & powerful messages from Billy Graham. Share these programs with friends, family, and neighbors today.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering State Goal \$5.5 Million

What will you give to help spread the gospel?



Associational Office Closed Monday, November 11 for **Veteran's Day** and November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving

Bro. Russell

Jeff



Janice

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

FOREST is collecting shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, shaving cream, razors and other personal items to give to the nursing homes for Christmas. (Jeff Bruton, Pastor)

MAMMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH celebrated Round-Up Sunday on October 6 and had 110 in Sunday School, followed by a chuck-wagon luncheon. One member, Gary Hall, drove a horse-drawn wagon about 7 miles for the occasion. (Mike Hazelwood, 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 or 349117 E 980 Rd., Sparks, OK 74869.

MACOMB is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to Macomb Baptist Church, Steve Delbeck, Pulpit Committee Chairman, PO Box 130, Macomb, OK 74852.

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

TEMPLE, SHAWNEE is receiving resumes for the position of Part-time Music Minister. If you are interested, send your resume to Temple Baptist Church, PO Box 3277, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74802 Att: Music Minister search committee, tbcshawnee.com or call 405-275-0937. (Mike Craig, Pastor)

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 wabcsshawnee@att.net (Butch Bradley, Pastor)

The Association has recently purchased new die cuts these are available for you to use anytime.



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Have you been keeping up with the government shut down? I don't know much but I do wonder why politicians have such a hard time with common sense. My father had a seventh grade education in an old run-down, one room country school house. He was a sharecropper and never had much in terms of worldly goods. We always had something to eat and at least one new pair of jeans a year when school started. My dad would sometimes take me with him to the Ralls Country State Bank where I would witness him borrowing enough money to get by until the corn or soybeans were harvested. He would shake the banker's hand and walk out with whatever he needed-the deal was done. Of course, the banker trusted (lost word!) my dad to pay him back, and he always did. His reputation and honor were at stake.

Maybe that's what's missing with many in the government. They either don't or can't trust each other. There may be some who are just not trustworthy. And, as for common sense, that is unheard of among most.

No my dad didn't know much or have much but he had what many don't these days-honor. His word was his bond. Occasionally, I would go back to the bank with him in late fall after the crops came off and watch him give the money back, with interest, to the banker. He believed you never lived above your means and you always, always, always paid your bills. If my dad were still alive maybe I could get him to run for office and take a little common sense to Washington (not likely!).

As believers, we need to convey Christian-based common sense to those within our influence. We also need to pray that our governmental leaders will come to their senses, pay their bills, and lead us again to be an honorable nation. The Bible admonishes us, "pray for all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior" (1 Timothy 2:2-3).

Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook

It Might Preach!

"A BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR THE PARENTS"
EPHESIANS 6:4

We could also refer to this study as "principles for practical parenting." There are two words used in this text that describe the essential responsibility of a Christian father. He may, at times, delegate some application to his wife. Thus these become principles for both parents.

- I. Godly parents will ENCOURAGE their children. (v. 4a)
 - A. Encourage your child by SETTING THE EXAMPLE. (1 Timothy 4:12)
 - B. Encourage your child by SPENDING THE TIME. (Ephesians 5:15-16)
 - C. Encourage your child by SOFTENING YOUR HEART. (Malachi 4:6)
- II. Godly parents will NURTURE their children. (v. 4b)
 - A. A DEFINITION of nurture. (1 Thessalonians 2:7)
 - B. A DESCRIPTION of nurture. (Hebrews 12:5-6, 11; Proverbs 22:6)

Christian parents have the responsibility to follow Psalm 78:3-4. "What we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us, we will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generations to come..."

— rrc

BAPTIST GENERAL
CONVENTION
OF OKLAHOMA
2013 ANNUAL MEETING
November 11-12
First Baptist Church
Broken Arrow



PLBA WOMEN

Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
Monday, November 4, 2013
10 a.m.
First Baptist Church, Tecumseh



A salad luncheon will be served at the end of the presentation.
Everyone is invited to join in prayer for the world.
For more information please call Shelia Jordan
405-550-6404

Budget Receipts

Churches listed in red are Pastorless

PASTORS	CHURCH	Sept. '13	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	395.72	3,354.89
Mat Riddle	Asher FBC	216.73	2,001.32
Chris Carter	Blackburn Chapel	336.14	2,577.88
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	.00	2,080.23
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	773.28	7,211.96
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	99.30	1,051.89
Doug Parker	Dale	23.54	214.17
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	236.48	3,540.61
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	236.14	2,245.44
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	.00	300.00
	Earlsboro Indian Mission	79.56	877.39
Wayne Knight	Fairview	128.44	1,196.35
Dan Campbell	Faith	.00	2,704.91
Jeff Bruton	Forest	.00	431.84
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	410.12	4,308.91
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	887.54	7,978.00
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	613.35	3,509.29
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	61.96	678.29
Don Jones, Int.	Macomb	109.91	1,193.01
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	253.00	2,665.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	.00	140.88
	Maud Trinity	192.49	2,459.53
James Bond	McLoud Emmanuel	629.18	7,429.72
Jerry Gray	McLoud Emmaus	76.08	727.27
Matt Halsted	McLoud FBC	371.62	4,241.31
Ron Cherry	McLoud Son Rises	227.18	1,162.79
Joe Jones	Meeker FBC	176.65	2,230.56
Jerry Jackson	Morning Star	567.00	2,651.47
	Mt. Pleasant	.00	584.60
Mark Patterson	Newalla New Life	807.15	6,135.60
Ed Moore	Newalla Pecan Valley	94.07	807.87
Mike Collyer	Pink	243.51	2,192.84
Jim Morningstar	Pioneer	91.74	320.82
Nathan Howard	Pleasant Home	118.66	1,167.02
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	371.53	3,873.19
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	880.81	7,853.87
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	22.49	191.00
Tony Black	Romulus	191.52	1,719.48
Monte Dean	Sh-Aydelotte	730.61	2,552.62
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	62.50	187.50
Ray Miller	Sh-First	269.03	3,338.84
	Sh-First Indian	.00	1,062.19
Spencer Davis, Int.	Sh-Galilee	50.00	250.00
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	64.20	538.98
Bob Dawson	Sh-Heritage	1,189.49	3,343.77
Jay Sampson	Sh-Immanuel	3,630.85	17,274.81
Todd Fisher	Sh-Karis	.00	.00
Rendon Falls	Sh-New Life	25.00	225.50
Tom Hall	Sh-Oakland Chapel	.00	157.45
John York	Sh-Sallateeska	126.00	807.00
Ben Little	Sh-Temple	1,117.09	9,369.09
Mike Craig	Sh-Trinity	172.36	1,637.24
Larry Norris	Sh-University	378.75	3,617.35
Steve Dominy	Sh-Wallace Ave.	156.92	1,833.21
Butch Bradley	Sparks FBC	109.67	733.62
	St. Louis FBC	410.60	2,836.50
Glenn Peck	Stroud FBC	509.50	4,345.11
Russell Cook, Int.	Stroud Sac & Fox	15.18	181.69
Don Tiger	Tecumseh FBC	899.48	8,430.19
Tony Peak	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	400.00
Will Wilson	Tecumseh Sharon	642.20	7,745.50
Clint Dawkins	Tryon FBC	186.33	1,678.13
Bob Fowler	Wanette FBC	139.43	1,981.18
Britt Lesley	Wanette, Victory Pointe	.00	20.00
Bill Howse	Wellston Cornerstone	.00	367.30
Russ Houser	Wellston FBC	.00	2,906.08
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston Trinity	110.00	990.00
Lane Buckley			
TOTAL		\$20,968.08	\$174,822.05



Baptist General Convention
of Oklahoma
2013 ANNUAL MEETING
Women's Breakout Sessions
November 11-12
First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow

Have you ever composed an email but forgot to hit the "send" button? Instead of someone getting the message, it stays put in a folder just waiting to be read.

Jesus never intended for your life to be "unsent." Instead of going to church, Jesus wants us to be the church. Attend this year's Missions Celebration and learn how you can live "sent" to a world who needs the Gospel message. Come Celebrate Missions.

A NUGGET FROM MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

We started slowly moving into our current home nearly two years ago, after remodeling it while still living in our other home. The previous years had been "get by" years in terms of doing home projects, so things were not totally sorted. One day some wonderful friends from our home church—including about a dozen teenagers—showed up at our house to finish moving us, ready or not! Boxes of unsorted "stuff" just landed in my new study closet and remained there until now.

Recently we had a water leak from our 22-year-old hot water heater in the garage—through the floor into my study! I was forced to unload the closet and deal with the "stuff" that had been out of sight, out of mind. For hours, I felt like I was once again in the precious and sweet presence of my mother, during a week when I had been particularly missing her and just wanting to talk to her again. Instead—because of a leaky, rusty old hot water heater—I got to touch what she had not only touched but had carefully selected for others out of her servant's heart!

I came across what she had obviously collected for many years to always have ready to share with family members and friends. What is it? Countless greeting cards and beautiful stationery! Although there is a wide variety, I began to notice the majority of them were to be used to express friendship or encouragement. I also noticed that a lot were just pretty notes with the insides blank, where one could write any desired message. She had such a heart and gift for encouragement and for making people feel wanted and loved!

Eventually I came across some personal stationery she had a friend make on the computer for her. At the top of the linen paper it says "Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2, with music notes on either side. At the bottom right corner is a fancy "B" (for Bonnie), which was her signature of choice many times! That, I realized with a gentle smile tugging at my heart, summed up the life of Mother. She served the Lord. With gladness. Simply and faithfully.

In today's world of fast-paced social media, texting and abbreviations, we don't often experience the graciousness and gratifying touch of receiving an actual handwritten note on pretty paper in the mailbox. Most of our mail is pitched in the trash. I now have no excuse—between her collection and my own (which I also found), I can write notes for the rest of my life! Thanks to a leaky hot water heater and wet carpet, I spent hours being reminded of graciousness and I felt enveloped by the love of the mother I miss.

THANK YOU, LORD...for parents who were true encouragers! THANK YOU, friends...for the opportunity to share so much of what they taught me here, in THE ENCOURAGER!

TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

	Beginning Bal. 9-1-13	Income	Expense	Ending Bal. 9-30-13
Budget	\$41,109.96	20,968.08	16,080.56	\$45,997.48
Designated	169,699.84			169,134.63
Total Monies	\$210,809.80			\$215,132.11

Association Website — www.plba.org

November

Birthdays

- 2 Rev. Ellis Rolette
405 N. Pesotum
Shawnee, OK 74801
Retired Pastor
- 4 Rev. Bill Donovan
43 Sequoyah
Shawnee, OK 74801
Retired Pastor
- 4 Rev. Mike Haines
355960 E 960 Rd
Stroud, OK 74079
Pastor, Deer Creek
- 6 Rev. Mark Patterson
104 Brenda Lane
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor, New Life, Newalla
- 10 Mrs. Colleen (Bob) Fowler
PO Box 95
Tryon, OK 74875
Pastor's Wife, First, Tryon
- 11 Mrs. Karen (Jerry) Gray
17770 Cedar Brake
Choctaw, OK 73020
Pastor's Wife, Emmaus
- 13 Rev. David Henry
803 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Pastor, Calvary
- 13 Dr. Ed Moore
PO Box 270
Newalla, OK 74857
Pastor, Pecan Valley
- 13 Rev. Darrell Sullivan
331178 E Captain Dr.
Wellston, OK 74881
Pastor, First, Wellston
- 21 Mrs. LeVoe Maxwell
3914 N. Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK 74804
Former DOM's Wife
- 21 Mrs. Juanita Patterson
119 W. Tennyson Ave.
Tecumseh, OK 74873
Former Pastor's Wife
- 29 Rev. Thom Duncan
9782 Econtuchka Rd
Prague, OK 74864
Retired Pastor
- 29 Rev. Rendon Falls
6 E MacArthur
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Karis Ministries
- 29 Mrs. Amy (Jay) Sampson
6 Janeway Place
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor's Wife, Heritage
- 30 Rev. Al Farrow
1 Dennis Blvd
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Pastor

Anniversaries

- 1 Rev. & Mrs. Mike Hazelwood
PO Box 891
Meeker, OK 74855
Pastor, Mammoth
- 12 Rev. & Mrs. Lane Buckley
331288 E. Hwy 66
Wellston, OK 74881
Pastor, Trinity, Wellston
- 19 Rev. & Mrs. Tony Peak
19832 CR 1543
Ada, OK 74820
Pastor, First, Tecumseh
- 22 Dr. & Mrs. Dan Campbell
20385 Elm St.
Harrah, OK 73045
Pastor, Faith, Harrah
- 28 Rev. & Mrs. Joe Jones
PO Box 431
Meeker, OK 74855
Pastor, First, Meeker



November 2013

- 3 Daylight Savings Ends
- 7 My Hope America
- 8-9 OBU Homecoming
- 11 Veteran's Day **Associational Office Closed**
- 11 **Ethnic Pastor's Dinner**
- 11-12 BGC0 Annual Convention-FBC Broken Arrow
- 14 VBS Jumpstart-BB
- 27-28 Thanksgiving **Associational Office Closed**
- Dec. 5 Associational Christmas Dinner



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

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Association Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.
Fairview Baptist Church, Earlsboro

Dinner Catered by Honey Bear House
Entrees: Homemade Lasagna & Chicken Alfredo
Entertainment— Flight 8:36

\$10 per person
Retired Pastors & widows are free of charge

Must RSVP by Monday, November 25
Call 405-273-4558