



# 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

February, 2014

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

February 10 at 10:30  
Wendell Lang-Guest Speaker  
Support Team-9:00  
Partnership Team-1:00  
Lunch provided Please RSVP

## ROSE DAY



PRO-LIFE Rally  
February 5

Oklahoma State  
Capitol  
4th Floor

Rose Distribution  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pro-Life Rally-House  
Chamber 11:45 a.m.

PLBA

Office will be  
Closed

February 17  
For  
President's Day



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

## RA RACER DERBY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:00 A.M.  
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL, SHAWNEE, OK



For more information or to register your church call  
405-273-2105

RSVP before Thursday, February 6



## RA RACER STATE DERBY

March 1, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Locations

Portland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Portland, OKC,  
or

First Baptist Church, 403 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa

Register at:

<http://www.bgco.org/ministries/childhood/mission-ignition>



## PLBA VBS Clinic

Saturday, March 8, 2014

New Hope Baptist Church, Tecumseh

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

For more information call or text  
Shannon Pruitt @ 405-850-9655



## Church News

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

MACOMB has called Billy Benson as their pastor. Billy is married and has three children. We would like to welcome Billy and his family to our association. (Billy Benson, Pastor)

## Staff Needed

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

BLACKBURN CHAPEL is searching for a full-time pastor. Send resumes to Blackburn Chapel 36305 Lake Road, Shawnee, OK 74801 or email to blackburnchapel@aol.com.

DALE is seeking a part-time pianist, blended worship service. They have decided to have a monthly Second Sunday Night Singing Fellowship, 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)

EARLSBORO INDIAN MISSION is searching for a bi-vocational pastor. Send resumes to Pulpit Committee, PO Box 239, Earlsboro, OK 74840.

FIRST, MCLLOUD is seeking a part-time Choir Director. Send resumes to the church, PO Box 180, McCloud, 74851. They are also 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, 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)

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.

FIRST, TECUMSEH is seeking a godly and committed Youth and Education Minister. Please send resumes to First Baptist Church, Youth/Education Search Committee, 301 S. Broadway, Tecumseh, OK 74873. (Tony Peak, Pastor)

TEMPLE, SHAWNEE is receiving resumes for a part-time Music Minister. If interested, please send resumes to Temple Baptist Church, PO Box 3277, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74802 Attn: Music Minister Search Committee, [tbcshawnee.com](http://tbcshawnee.com) or call 405-275-0937. (Mike Craig, Pastor)

## A Word of Encouragement

I am limiting the words used in this column to leave ample room for a longer "It Might Preach" outline. I have been developing a new series of messages out of I Timothy on the church as it relates to the Pastor. This series includes: (1) "The Church and Its Message" (I Timothy 1) printed in January's Encourager, (2) "The Church and Its Members" (I Timothy 2-3) printed in this issue, (3) "The Church and Its Minister" (I Timothy 4) forthcoming in March and (4) "The Church and Its Ministry" (I Timothy 5-6) for April. Hope you benefit from the extra thoughts!

Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook

## It Might Preach!

In chapters 2 and 3 of I Timothy, the Apostle Paul identifies certain members of the church and describes some of their responsibilities before God. He sends a clear signal to Pastor Timothy that he is to relate to all these members **giving oversight to their character as well as their conduct. Paul's counsel is** about (1) praying men, (2) modest women, (3) dedicated officers and (4) genuine godly believers. Notice some of the characteristics of church membership.

- I. Church membership calls for PRAYER and PURITY (2:1-15)
  - A. **The importance of the church's PRAYERS (vv.1-8, esp. v. 1 "First of all...i.e. of first importance.")**
    - I Thessalonians 5:17 "pray without ceasing"
  - B. **The importance of the church's PURITY (vv.9-15, uses "women" to illustrate this:)**
    - I Timothy 4:12 "...In speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."
- II. Church membership calls for RESPONSIBILITY and LEADERSHIP(3:1-13)-Church leaders must possess character and competence (not perfection)
  1. Consider the responsibility of the PASTOR (cf. 15 qualities, vv. 1-7)
    - He is to SHEPHERD the church (i.e. feed and lead)
  2. Consider the responsibility of the DEACON (cf. 10 qualities, vv. 8-13)
    - He is to SERVE the church (i.e. tend and mend)
- III. Church membership calls for CONFESSION and CONDUCT (3:14-16) -notice the seven points of common confession regarding Christ:
  1. **We confess to the INCARNATION of God in Christ (v.16a "He who was revealed in the flesh...")**
    - John1:14
  2. **We confess to the RESURRECTION of Christ from the dead (v.16b "He was vindicated in the Spirit...")**
    - Matthew 17:22-23
  3. **We confess to the EXALTATION of Christ the Lord (v.16c "...beheld by angels...")**
    - Luke 24:4
  4. **We confess to the PROCLAMATION of Christ to the world (v.16d "...proclaimed among the nations...")**
    - II Corinthians 4:5
    - Mark 16:15
  5. **We confess to the SALVATION of Christ offered to every believer (v.16e "...believed on in the world...")**
    - Romans 10:9-10,13
  6. **We confess to the ASCENSION of Christ back to the Father (v.16f "...taken up into glory...")**
    - Mark 16:19
  7. **We confess to the SECONDCOMING (return) of Christ for His Church**
    - John 14:1-6 esp. v.3
    - I Thessalonians :13-18, esp. v.17

Church membership is very important. As faithful followers of Christ, we are compelled to (1) prayer and purity, (2) responsibility and leadership and (3) confession and conduct. The Lord will "let the church be the church" when we exhibit these "member characteristics."



A rare opportunity to sharpen your preaching skills is headed your way. Be sure to mark your Calendar!

## Priority of Preaching Conference

First Baptist Church, Edmond

March 3 @ 8:00 am to March 4 @ 5:00 pm

To Register go to: [www.bgco.org/leadership](http://www.bgco.org/leadership)

The cost this year is \$50.00

The Association will be offering scholarships to pastors who are interested in going. Call Janice for more details before February 26.

# PLBA WOMEN

# Budget Receipts

Would you trade your EVERYTHING for God's ANYTHING?



Come find out at the  
BGCO Women's  
Conference  
April 11-12  
Falls Creek  
Conference Center  
\$75 until March 10  
\$85 after March 10

Register today at <http://www.bgcowomen.org/>

## A Nugget From My Spiritual Journey

FEBRUARY-LOVE. Two words which are handily packaged in our minds. However, the use of the word LOVE should be hand-stamped: HANDLE WITH CARE! *I love your new haircut. I love the cry of a newborn baby. I love shrimp. I love the color yellow. I love tiny, fluffy puppies. I love a beautiful sunrise or sunset. I love to cook, read, and play the piano. I love to shop. I love my husband and other family members. I love my church. I love time spent with friends. I love God and Jesus. I love the Bible. I "love, love, and love!"*

Somehow those are just not all the same kind or depth of LOVE, are they??? It's no wonder other nationalities have difficulty understanding the nuances of our language when it comes to even just that one word: LOVE!

The Greek words in the New Testament give us at least three clarified uses of LOVE. *PHILEO*: brotherly love (as in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love). *EROS*: from which we derive "erotic." Enough said. *AGAPE*: God's kind of love. The "I love you in spite of you" kind of love. That seemingly-impossible-to-achieve kind of love. But, it is NOT impossible to achieve!

Opportunities abound to practice *AGAPE*' but we must be committed to being controlled by the Holy Spirit, Who personally and permanently indwells us, bringing with Him that very tip-top-of-the-list quality of true LOVE! We receive ALL of Him when we receive HIM! "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.*" Galatians 5:22-23 (HCSB). Nothing prevents us from possessing it—we only choose to access it or not! The fruit (singular) IS all-inclusive, not parceled out and landing randomly.

What does that *AGAPE*'- LOVE look like? 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (HCSB) doesn't leave any doubt: "*Love is patient... kind... 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... rejoices in the truth... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*"

And, so, we come full circle. Who loves like that? God. He is not just practiced at loving like that. He is the very essence of love. He doesn't just define it. "GOD IS LOVE."

"And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him." 1 John 4:16 (HCSB)

"Lord, help me to have the moment-by-moment desire to let YOU love others through me with YOUR *AGAPE*' – LOVE! Help me to let YOU override my unlovely, unloving moments and replace them with YOUR TRUE LOVE!"  
Marsha Cook, Director

### Churches listed in red are Pastorless

PASTORS	CHURCH	Dec. '13	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	381.32	4,932.45
Mat Riddle	Asher FBC	173.52	2,605.08
Chris Carter	Blackburn Chapel	272.25	3,233.06
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	.00	2,080.23
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	622.16	9,569.53
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	126.70	1,445.76
Doug Parker	Dale	37.32	325.29
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	409.65	4,817.08
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	176.10	2,815.94
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	.00	300.00
	<b>Earlsboro Indian Mission</b>	61.60	1,136.18
Wayne Knight	Fairview	199.22	1,699.76
Dan Campbell	Faith	218.53	3,560.60
Jeff Bruton	Forest	.00	431.84
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	404.28	5,884.15
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	1,113.56	11,315.74
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	562.19	4,926.30
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	65.84	877.48
Billy Benson	Macomb	131.30	1,535.97
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	222.00	3,621.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	.00	140.88
	<b>Maud Trinity</b>	143.10	2,952.04
James Bond	McLoud Emmanuel	918.68	10,178.36
Jerry Gray	McLoud Emmaus	69.90	954.69
Matt Halsted	McLoud FBC	774.18	5,581.16
Ron Cherry	McLoud Son Rises	.00	1,162.79
Joe Jones	Meeker FBC	.00	2,696.69
Jerry Jackson	Morning Star	.00	2,651.47
R.J. Stokes	Mt. Pleasant	.00	672.32
Mark Patterson	Newalla New Life	501.51	7,959.05
Ed Moore	Newalla Pecan Valley	165.74	1,058.96
Mike Collyer	Pink	172.84	2,920.81
Jim Morningstar	Pioneer	206.00	526.82
Nathan Howard	Pleasant Home	100.50	1,542.94
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	442.10	5,242.82
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	892.23	10,326.58
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	28.93	265.84
Tony Black	Romulus	133.04	2,224.77
Monte Dean	Sh-Aydelotte	322.95	3,686.19
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	.00	187.50
Ray Miller	Sh-First	270.46	4,247.30
<b>Spencer Davis, Int.</b>	<b>Sh-First Indian</b>	.00	1,295.24
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Galilee	50.00	400.00
Bob Dawson	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	74.72	694.27
Jay Sampson	Sh-Heritage	.00	3,948.55
Todd Fisher	Sh-Immanuel	2,370.15	23,809.54
Rendon Falls	Sh-Karis	.00	.00
Tom Hall	Sh-New Life	25.25	300.75
John York	Sh-Oakland Chapel	2.50	189.45
	<b>Sh-Sallateeska</b>	209.00	1,016.00
Mike Craig	Sh-Temple	743.39	12,195.68
Larry Norris	Sh-Trinity	143.40	2,155.30
Steve Dominy	Sh-University	461.86	4,800.99
Butch Bradley	Sh-Wallace Ave.	267.43	2,649.04
	<b>Sparks FBC</b>	88.70	1,023.30
Glenn Peck	St. Louis FBC	.00	3,531.13
<b>Russell Cook, Int.</b>	<b>Stroud FBC</b>	504.50	5,808.91
Don Tiger	Stroud Sac & Fox	2.04	227.99
Tony Peak	Tecumseh FBC	684.06	10,714.90
Will Wilson	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	550.00
Clint Dawkins	Tecumseh Sharon	164.27	9,450.64
Bob Fowler	Tryon FBC	157.62	2,167.52
Britt Lesley	Wanette FBC	.00	1,981.18
Bill Howse	Wanette, Victory Pointe	.00	30.00
Russ Houser	Wellston Cornerstone	.00	367.30
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston FBC	1,523.98	4,430.06
Lane Buckley	Wellston Trinity	110.00	1,320.00
TOTAL		\$17,952.57	\$229,351.16

### TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

	Beginning Bal. 12-1-13	Income	Expense	Ending Bal. 12-31-13
Budget	\$42,625.20	17,952.57	17,250.62	\$43,327.15
Designated	\$170,714.76			\$180,816.11
<b>Total Monies</b>	<b>\$213,339.96</b>			<b>\$224,143.26</b>

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



# February 2014

## Birthdays

- 7 Rev. Richard Zimmer  
17908 Rock Creek Rd.  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Pastor, Rock Creek
- 8 Mrs. Leigh (Will) Wilson  
36500 Lake Rd  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Pastor's Wife, New Hope
- 15 Mrs. Wynnelle Robinson  
6 Jarrot Drive  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Former Pastor's Wife
- 16 Mrs. Jeanne (Lee) Witt  
39208 Moccasin Trail  
Shawnee, OK 74804  
Pastor's Wife, Hazel Dell
- 21 Mrs. Kira (Nathan) Howard  
2322 N. Pottenger Ave.  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Pastor's Wife, Pleasant Home
- 21 Mrs. Lois Bone  
PO Box 38  
St. Louis, OK 74866  
Former Pastor's Wife
- 22 Mrs. Candace (Keith) Henley  
136 Meadow Lane  
Chandler, OK 74834  
Pastor's Wife, Chandler Southern

- 22 Mrs. Barbara (Britt) Lesley  
PO Box 159  
Wanette, OK 74878  
Pastor's Wife, First, Wanette
- 28 Mrs. Pat Blair  
1130 E Independence Apt. 319  
Shawnee, OK 74804  
Former Pastor's Wife

## Anniversaries

- 13 Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Shatto  
PO Box 867  
Maud, OK 74854  
Pastor, First, Maud
- 14 Rev. & Mrs. Britt Lesley  
PO Box 159  
Wanette, OK 74878  
Pastor, First, Wanette
- 16 Rev. & Mrs. Matt Riddle  
PO Box 325  
Asher, OK 74826  
Pastor, First, Asher



- 1 Area Keyboard Festival #3-Woodward & OKC
- 4-14 Singing Churchmen Trip
- 5 Rose Day-State Capitol 4th floor
- 7-8 Church Planting Basic Training
- 8 National Sunday School Director Seminar
- 9 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 10 Executive Board Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Presidents' Day-Assn. Office CLOSED
- 20 Singing Churchwomen Concert, FBC, Lawton
- 21 State VBS Clinic OKC 9:00-2:00
- 22 National Sunday School Director Seminar
- 23 Oklahoma Baptist Symphony Concert, FBC, Bartlesville
- 23 OBU in our churches
- 25 BGC0 Board of Directors Meeting-Baptist Building
- 27 Singing Churchwomen East Concert, FBC, Harrah

## HELP INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT OBU

Every semester OBU has the opportunity to further the Lord's kingdom internationally through bringing students from all over the world to Bison Hill. One great way to show students this love from the moment they arrive on campus is through the provision of some of their basic needs in their dorm room as many students do not have the luggage space to carry everything they need for their first few days on Bison Hill.

The International Office on OBU's campus would like to invite you to join us in the work by praying for these students and aiding in providing a welcome basket for students in their dorm room. Some of the main items needed are twin comforters, sheets, bath and hand towels, and plastic laundry baskets.

Contact: Whitney Franca, International Student Liaison  
at [whitney.franca@okbu.edu](mailto:whitney.franca@okbu.edu)

Collections will be taken until needs are met.



**OBU in our Churches**  
Invite an OBU student to minister in your church on February 23 & March 2

Call Dale Griffin at 405-585-5700



## BGC0 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/>

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

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