



# 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

March, 2014

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting is

**May 13**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Lunch following,  
RSVP to the  
Association Office

## SAVE THE DATE

May 25-28  
Association  
Children's Camp

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

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

Camp cost - \$75  
T-Shirt - \$10  
**Deadline to register  
and pay is May 19**



Daylight  
Savings  
Begins  
March 10



**Association Website**  
**www.plba.org**



## PLBA VBS Clinic

Saturday, March 8, 2014

New Hope Baptist Church, Tecumseh  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Alyson Walker, the new BGC0 Children's Minister will be speaking.

You will not want to miss this amazing opportunity to meet new people, learn new ideas, and get inspired by Alyson Walker.

We will be enjoying detective dogs for lunch.

Please call 405-598-6430 to RSVP the number of people attending from your church so adequate preparations can be made.



Week of Prayer for  
North American Missions  
March 2-9

National Goal \$70 Million



## Teaching That Changes Lives Quail Springs Baptist Church

March 29 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To Register go to: [www.lifeway.com/transform](http://www.lifeway.com/transform)  
The cost is \$25.00

The goal of TRANSFORM, is to equip every Bible study teacher to teach God's Word in a way that brings about transformation in their members' lives.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Nance Dilbeck

FIRST, ASHER will be holding an ordination service for Pastor Mat Riddle on March 23. All ordained men are invited to this service. The council will meet at 2 p.m. and the service will begin at 3 p.m. (*Mat Riddle, Pastor*)  
MACOMB held an ordination service for Billy Benson on February 23. May God bless you. (*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. 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, 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*)

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*)

## Pastor's Fellowship

Pastor Will Wilson and New Hope Baptist Church in Tecumseh will be hosting a Pastor's Fellowship, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Steve Russell, who will share first hand accounts of his military exploits. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

## A Word of Encouragement

As I write these words, my heart is heavy and grieving somewhat for our dear friend and fellow bond servant, Burl Mackey. Brother Burl was diagnosed early this year with pancreatic cancer and it has brought him much pain and suffering. Aside from the physical pain this has been a very emotional and practical challenge for the Mackey family. They have moved from their apartment at the Children's Home (OBHC) in OKC to the Boys Ranch Town in Edmond to be near their daughter and son-in-law.

Apart from a divine intervention by the Great Physician, Brother Burl's prognosis is not good. He has been a loyal servant, Pastor, husband, father, grandfather and dear friend to hundreds. Please pray for God's grace in his life and strength for the family.

"For no one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and the living" (Romans 14:7-9).

Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook

## It Might Preach!

### Let the Church Be the Church "The Church and Its Minister" I Timothy 4

This chapter begins with Paul identifying the condition of the church "in later times." He says, "some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons." He then gives young Pastor Timothy (and us) some defenses against these conditions. A good Pastor will faithfully LEAD the church in the defense:

- I. A good Pastor is a SERVANT LEADER (v.6b "...you will be a good servant [deakonos] of Christ Jesus...")
  - A. Notice the FOUNDATION for the Pastor's service (v.6)
    1. He is always learning the WORDS OF SCRIPTURE (v.6c)
    2. He is always learning the PRINCIPLES OF SCRIPTURE (v.6d)
  - B. Notice the FORMATION of the Pastor's service (vv.7-8)
    1. The PURPOSE for the Pastor's discipline (v.7b)
    2. The PROMISE for the Pastor's discipline (v.8)
  - C. Notice the FUTURE of the Pastor's service (v.10)
    1. The Pastor serves with his HOPE IN A SOVEREIGN GOD (v.10a)
    2. The Pastor serves with his HEART FOR THE SOULS OF MEN (v.10b)
- II. A good Pastor is an EXEMPLARY LEADER (vv.11-12, esp. v.12d) "...show yourself an example of those who believe."-five exemplary characteristics of a godly Pastor:
  - A. He is an example in WHAT HE SAYS ("in speech")
    - Psalm 19:14
  - B. He is an example in HOW HE ACTS ("in conduct")
    - Joshua 1:8
  - C. He is an example in HOW HE LOVES ("in love")
  - D. He is an example in HOW HE BELIEVES ("in faith") (over time, the church will believe what the Pastor believes)
  - E. He is an example in HOLY LIVING ("in purity")-MORAL INTEGRITY!
    - Romans 6:12-14
- III. A good Pastor is a PUBLIC LEADER (vv.13-16)-certain expectations:
  - A. Public ministry involves the PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE (v.13b "Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture...")-READING!
    - Deuteronomy 31:11-12
  - B. Public ministry involves the POWERFUL PREACHING OF SCRIPTURE (v.13c "...give attention to ...exhortation...")-PREACHING!
  - C. Public ministry involves POSTITIVE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE (v.13d "...give attention to ...teaching.")-TEACHING!
  - D. Public ministry involves PERSISTENT DEVOTION TO SERVICE (vv.15-16 "...Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them...Pay close attention...")-SERVING
    1. He serves DILIGENTLY (v.14a "Do not neglect...")
    2. He serves AGGRESSIVELY (v.15 "Take pains...")
    3. He serves TRANSPARENTLY (v.16a "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching...")
    4. He serves FAITHFULLY (v.16b "...persevere in those things...")

The overriding goal of the Pastor and his ministry is to "...ensure salvation both for yourself and those who hear you" (v.16b). A good Pastor is (1) a SERVANT LEADER, (2) an EXEMPLARY LEADER, and (3) a PUBLIC LEADER. With this kind of Pastor "the church can be the church" that God planned from the beginning.

# PLBA WOMEN

# Budget Receipts

Would you trade your EVERYTHING for God's ANYTHING?

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BGCOWomen's  
Conference  
**April 11-12**  
Falls Creek  
Conference Center

\$75 until March 10  
\$85 after March 10



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

Save  
the  
Date

## BGCOWomen 2014

- ✿ *The Exchange* (Formerly *Sweet Saturday*)  
Regional: August 21, 26, September 4, 9, 11
- ✿ *Ministry Wives Weekend*  
Henderson Hills, Edmond: October 3 & 4
- ✿ *Mission Celebration*  
Quail Springs, OKC: November 10

## A Nugget From My Spiritual Journey

Yes, last month's column on "true love" was written partly because it was the month of Valentine's Day. But, mostly, it was written because it really IS one of the biggest parts of my spiritual journey. It is confession time for me. I don't really practice loving like that all of the time. My only comfort is that I know I am not alone in that journey...but that is NOT a license to camp out there! Instead, it is a motivation to constantly grow and change. I suspect that strategic part of life's journey is the ultimate lesson to learn. Didn't Jesus say the two greatest commandments were to "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart AND to love your neighbor as yourself?" It seems to me like it surely takes the journey of a lifetime to keep just those two, huge umbrella commandments!

Sometimes when a parent or mate or trusted friend zings us with a moment of truth during a moment of "tough love," they probably don't even realize how that can turn us around for a lifetime and spin our hearts into a whole new kaleidoscope of life applications! In high school, I had one such moment with Mother. I had become so very shy that an acquaintance...not even a close friend...pointed out to me that the other kids at school thought I was stuck-up! Horrified and hurt, I explained to her that I was "just shy." When I told Mother, I was amazed to hear her gently say, "Marsha, when you act shy, that is really a form of selfishness." Still gently, but firmly, she explained that I was more concerned about what people thought of me than taking the time to befriend THEM. That simple conversation was the turn-around point for my entire life. I wanted to be neither shy nor selfish. The only way to learn not to be shy was to learn not to be selfish.

My focus had to change from a smaller goal (overcoming shyness) to a more important goal (overcoming selfishness, which leaves no room for love). What a path that landed me on for my life's journey—a path of selfish rocks to stumble over, petty hills to climb, bumbling scrapes and bruises to heal, sorrowful apologies to make to those I hurt, confessed pride to swallow, a stubborn will to overcome, an impatient tongue to control, and an independent spirit to submit. Have I reached the end of the journey? No. And...I suspect many of you are on the same path with me. This journey, my friends, is one we all make together as we seek to live by HIS love, "true love," AGAPE' love—the "I love you in spite of you" kind of love. The love that keeps no record of wrongs...a truly selfless love!

Marsha Cook, Director

### Churches listed in red are Pastorless

PASTORS	CHURCH	Jan. '14	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	348.38	348.38
Mat Riddle	Asher FBC	421.11	421.11
	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. 1-1-14	Income	Expense	Ending Bal. 1-31-14
Budget	\$43,327.15	29,797.14	15,627.36	\$57,496.93
Designated	\$180,816.11			\$188,033.54
<b>Total Monies</b>	<b>\$224,143.26</b>			<b>\$245,530.47</b>

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# March 2014

## Birthdays

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| <p>1 Mrs. Yadira (Gaspar) Reyes<br/>1409 Morren Dr.<br/>Norman, OK 73071<br/><b>Pastor's Wife, Rock Creek Hispanic</b></p> <p>4 Mrs. Betty C. (Bill) Howse<br/>38714 Okay Rd<br/>Wanette, OK 74878<br/><b>Pastor's Wife, Victory Pointe</b></p> <p>5 Mrs. Leann (James) Bond<br/>8425 Treeline Drive<br/>Choctaw, OK 73020<br/><b>Pastor's Wife, Emmanuel</b></p> <p>13 Rev. Matt Halsted<br/>31820 Redskin Rd<br/>McLoud, OK 74851<br/>Pastor, First, McLoud</p> <p>13 Mrs. Judy (Roger) Shaw<br/>13900 River Ridge Rd<br/>Perkins, OK 74059<br/><b>Pastor's Wife, First, Agra</b></p> <p>16 Mrs. Tosha (Matt) Halsted<br/>31820 Redskin Rd<br/>McLoud, OK 74851<br/><b>Pastor's wife, First, McLoud</b></p> | <p>17 Mrs. Ann (Alpha) Black<br/>713 S. Union<br/>Shawnee, OK 74801<br/><b>Chaplain's Wife</b></p> <p>24 Dr. Dan Campbell<br/>20385 Elm St.<br/>Harrah, OK 73045<br/>Pastor, Faith, Harrah</p> <p>28 Rev. Tim Emmons<br/>1616 Blue Bell Rd<br/>Prague, OK 74864<br/>Pastor, First, Prague</p> |
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## Anniversaries

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| <p>10 Rev. &amp; Mrs. Ellis Rolette<br/>405 N. Pesotum<br/>Shawnee, OK 74801<br/>Retired Pastor</p> <p>12 Rev. &amp; Mrs. Alpha Black<br/>713 S. Union<br/>Shawnee, OK 74801<br/>Chaplain</p> |
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| <p>1 Mission Ignition-Portland Ave. Baptist Church,<br/>1301 N. Portland, OKC, or First Baptist Church,<br/>403 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa</p> <p>2 OBU in our churches</p> <p>2-9 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering</p> <p>6 Singing Churchmen Concert-FBC, Pryor</p> <p>8 State Keyboard Festival-OBU</p> <p>8 PLBA VBS Clinic-New Hope Baptist Church,<br/>Tecumseh, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>9 Daylight Saving-Spring Forward</p> <p>16 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday</p> <p>17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b></p> <p>17-21 Spring Break</p> <p>27 Singing Churchwomen Small Group Concert-<br/>various locations</p> <p>29 Transform Sunday School Leader Training-</p> <p>30 Oklahoma Baptist Symphony Concert-<br/>FBC Weatherford</p> |
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## BGCO Men's Conference



April 25-26 ~ Falls Creek  
Conference Center

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

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## RA RACER DERBY WINNERS

### Lads (1st-3rd)

1. Daniel Houghton
2. Levi Wynn
3. Zane Wilson
4. Hayden Nawakowski
5. Caleb Nichols

### Open (1st-3rd)

1. Kaylee Woodmansee
2. Erin Thompson
3. Addyson Woodmansee

### Crusaders (4th-6th)

1. Nate Compton
2. Ryan Depuy
3. Markus Houghton
4. Josiah Bandy
5. Thomas Armstrong

### Open (4th-6th)

1. Emily Chesser
2. Corinna Ropp
3. Lillian Waldon
4. Kaitlyn Wilson
5. Halle Calbvillo

### Open (7th-12th)

- 1 Angelina Ropp



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