



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

August, 2013

EXECUTIVE BOARD

AUGUST 12
10:30 a.m.

Come & Share in the Testimony Time

Lunch provided - Please RSVP

Support Team
9:00 a.m.

Mission Partnerships
1:00 p.m.



Due to evolving circumstances, the remaining 2013 **Oklahoma YEC's** regional events scheduled for OKC (Sept. 8) and Tulsa (Oct. 6) have *been cancelled.*

The BGO regrets any inconvenience this may cause our churches. They look forward to the re-imagining and return of this long standing student event in 2014.

RECONNECT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Four Connection Points in ReConnect Sunday School

Sunday School is the church's primary strategy to connect people with Jesus, His Truth, His community, and His mission.



> JESUS

MATTHEW 28:18-20

The Sunday School is how the church is organized for evangelism. Sharing the Gospel is a critical role of every Sunday School as group members invite and bring their friends and neighbors to group meetings where they can experience ministry, prayer, Bible study, service, and have opportunities to respond to the Gospel. Sunday School also equips group members for lifestyle evangelism during the week.



> TRUTH

JOHN 17:17

Every person needs to both know and live the truth they learn through personal and group Bible study. In Sunday School, we teach the Bible in order to transform the heart, mind, and soul into the image of Jesus Christ. Old habits and hurts are replaced with grace and freedom as people encounter God's Truth through the steady study of the Scripture.



> COMMUNITY

ACTS 2:44-46

Living in community with other believers is biblical. Each of us has a need to belong, and Sunday School offers opportunities for believers to participate in ministry, prayer, and accountability in our spiritual journey. Sunday School is the primary way for the church to provide the personal care and ministry that its members need.



> MISSION

ACTS 1:8

All believers have been given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit. Sunday School is the church's primary avenue to engage all of its members in ministry and mission. By working together, group members can serve their neighborhoods and put the Gospel on display in their community.

> WWW.BGO.ORG/RECONNECTSS



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

- FIRST, MCLLOUD would like to donate 27– 14' pews and 1– 11' pew. If you are interested please call 405-964-3344. *(Matt Halsted, Pastor)*
- FIRST, SPARKS Charles Wigington, was married on July 27th and is moving to Owasso. His last Sunday as pastor was July 21st.
- FOREST is excited to welcome Estelle Ferguson a Nurse Practitioner to their Clinic staff, she will start seeing patients soon. This will allow them to see more patients. *(Jeff Bruton, Pastor)*
- SON RISE McCloud participated in the Blackberry Festival parade July 6. They decorated a float in a patriotic theme and had 26 members distributing water bottles to the crowd. Over 1,200 bottles of water were distributed with information about the church on the labels. Everyone had a wonderful time! *(Ron Cherry Pastor)*
- TEMPLE has 2 electric stoves (5 years old) to give to a church that needs one. Call 275-0937 if interested. *(Mike Craig, Pastor)*

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

- DALE is seeking a part-time pianist, blended worship service. Contact Douglas Parker Jr., Search Committee, 405.401.9010. *(Doug Parker, Pastor)*
- FAITH is currently accepting resume's for the position of Youth Pastor. Contact Dr. Dan Campbell, Pastor at 405.312.2391 for more information. *(Dan Campbell, 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.
- FIRST, TRYON is seeking a Youth/Children's Leader. For more information please email or call Bro. Bob Fowler at pastorbobfowler@yahoo.com or 405.606.5603. *(Bob Fowler, Pastor)*
- NEW HOPE is seeking a full-time Worship Leader to lead a blended worship service for Sunday mornings and evenings only. New Hope is located 10 miles west of Shawnee. Please send your resume to New Hope Baptist Church, 37496 New Hope Rd., Tecumseh, OK 74873 or email resumes to newhopesecretary@gmail.com. *(Will Wilson, Pastor)*
- PLEASANT HOME is seeking a part-time Music Minister for Sunday mornings and evenings, traditional worship service. Contact Nathan Howard at nhow10@hotmail.com or 580-313-0743. *(Nathan Howard, 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 wabcshawnee@att.net *(Butch Bradley, Pastor)*

Association Ministry Team

Annual Planning Meeting

AUGUST 20

This meeting is for all AMT directors and leaders.
Meal provided, please RSVP.

Association Office
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Annual Budget Planning
August 26
Association Office
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLBA Ministry Team Directors and Leaders need to submit their budget request forms to the Support Ministry Team before this date.

A Word of Encouragement

About every other year we try to have an Associational Sunday School conference. This year we are not having a conference per se but are really encouraging PLBA churches to use RE-CONNECT SUNDAY SCHOOL as their Sunday School promotion this fall. Information about RE-CONNECT is on the front page of this edition of The Encourager. You may also go to www.BGCO.ORG/RECONNECTSS to find many more helps.

Sunday School has always been the best way for our churches to “connect” people with Jesus, His truth, His community and His mission. I hope you will look closely at this emphasis and seriously consider using it in your church. RE-CONNECT is actually going to be a five year emphasis and will be a great help to all our churches as they reach their communities with the gospel.

Should you have any questions about RE-CONNECT you may call me at PLBA or David Henry, our Bible Study Team Director (405-230-0113). You may also call Bob Mayfield at the BGCO (942-3800).

A haunting verse comes to mind as we see the end of summer. Jeremiah 8:20 says, “Harvest is past, summer is ended, and we are not saved.” I hope every PLBA pastor will look on his community and pray for the lost and then lead his church to do everything possible to connect them to Jesus.

Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook

It Might Preach!

“A BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR THE HUSBAND”

EPHESIANS 5:23, 25-30

What characterizes a godly husband? What traits or qualities will a godly woman be looking for in a man who will become her husband? Consider three dominate characteristics which scripture gives us for the godly husband.

- I. A godly husband is characterized by THE LIFE OF CHRIST. (5:1 “Be imitators of God, as beloved children.”)
 - A. His life is FOUNDED ON THE WORD OF GOD (Colossians 3:16a)
 - B. His life is FIXED ON THE WISDOM OF GOD (James 3:17)
 - C. His life is FOCUSED ON THE WILL OF GOD (Colossians 1:9)
 - D. His life is FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD (Romans 8:5b)
- II. A godly husband is characterized by LEADERSHIP FROM CHRIST. (i.e. He is led by Christ and leads other through Christ)
 - A. What headship is NOT (Ephesians 5:21; I Peter 3:7)
 - B. What headship IS (Ephesians 5:23; Galatians 3:28)
- III. A godly husband is characterized by THE LOVE OF CHRIST.
 - A. The husband's love is a SACRIFICIAL LOVE (Ephesians 5:25)
 - B. The husband's love is a SANCTIFYING LOVE (Ephesians 5:26)
 - C. The husband's love is a SATISFYNG LOVE (Ephesians 5:27-28)
 - D. The husband's love is a SUSTAINING LOVE (Ephesians 5:29)

As a Christian husband do you reflect the LIFE, LEADERSHIP and LOVE of Christ toward your wife? If not there's no better time to start than now.

PLBA WOMEN



Love Beyond Measure
14th Annual Ladies Nite Out
First Baptist Church of McCloud
109 S 8th Street, McCloud
August 2, 2013 ~ 6:30 pm

Christy Johnson ~ Special Guest Speaker

For more information call: Edna Ross, 405-250-3123

MK[em-kay] noun: Missionary

Kid- The MK Re-entry retreat is for children of international missionaries who are entering college in the United States for the first time. The retreat provides a setting for MK's to process the transition to college and life in the U.S. Approximately 100 students attend this event each year.



Involve Your Church by adopting an MK!

S.W.E.E.T. Statewide Women's Enrichment and Education Training



Are you a woman who wants to make a difference? Whether you're a women's missions leader, a ministry leader, a WMU Director, or you just want to impact the world, SWEET Experience is for you. Unlike other conferences, this one-day equipping event is more than a conference—it's an experience! The entire afternoon is devoted to ways you can engage women in making a difference. August 23-24 @ FBC Moore

A NUGGET FROM MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I just studied how the prophet, Jeremiah, basically told God's people in exile in Babylon to "bloom where they were planted." That raises the question as to our own life experiences that might feel like exile. I suspect my parents felt like that when they came to live with us in 2009, leaving NW Arkansas after nearly 50 years.

I'm sure they both thought they would spend all of their days there and never suspected they would finish life in Oklahoma or guessed that the illness of Alzheimer's, which would cause them both to become so dependent upon others, would also become the crowning platform for their final ministries upon this earth. Neither of them could have imagined that their final ministries to many of us here in Shawnee and beyond would occur without them even being aware they were serving on a new mission field.

God had a specific plan and purpose for them. God took their final stages of Alzheimer's and turned them into the final stage of being on mission for Him—even when they were incapable of seeing that! This final and unlikely call upon their lives was to have missionary influence in countless places while they were enduring the losses and indignities of Alzheimer's. Countless people from Oklahoma to Arkansas to Pennsylvania and beyond benefitted from their final call to service!

They shared such a testimonial love for each other, and for even new people they met, that it became a platform for the rest of us to tell others in their behalf the hope that comes from knowing Christ—the hope for eternity and the hope for how to live when life gets tough. They were not in exile in the state of Alzheimer's—or the state of Oklahoma! Instead, they were "on mission!" There is no circumstance where God cannot find glory. Friends, whatever your status, and wherever it is, you are likely not in exile...you are more than likely "on mission!"

-Marsha Cook, Director

Budget Receipts

Churches listed in red are Pastorless.

PASTORS	CHURCH	June '12	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	.00	2,105.52
Mat Riddle	Asher FBC	260.08	1,369.05
Chris Carter	Blackburn Chapel	419.47	1,952.30
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	.00	1,077.02
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	680.54	4,925.93
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	.00	657.65
Doug Parker	Dale	.00	139.91
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	473.96	2,563.70
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	512.52	1,611.91
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	.00	300.00
Ellis Rolette	Earlsboro Indian Mission	125.73	604.28
Wayne Knight	Fairview	122.49	787.07
Dan Campbell	Faith	245.24	2,086.46
Jeff Bruton	Forest	.00	197.94
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	.00	2,540.11
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	861.89	5,048.68
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	372.29	2,067.31
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	71.90	464.46
Don Acker	Macomb	107.00	829.32
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	292.00	1,774.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	.00	.00
Rusty McMullen	Maud Trinity	253.26	1,824.55
James Bond	McCloud Emmanuel	.00	4,745.60
Jerry Gray	McCloud Emmaus	93.41	514.52
Matt Halsted	McCloud FBC	456.05	2,989.96
Ron Cherry	McCloud Son Rises	104.00	935.61
Joe Jones	Meeker FBC	171.90	1,586.96
Jerry Jackson	Morning Star	558.93	2,084.47
John Hancock	Mt. Pleasant	.00	100.06
Mark Patterson	Newalla New Life	606.87	4,189.98
Ed Moore	Newalla Pecan Valley	.00	438.16
Mike Collyer	Pink	.00	1,331.36
Jim Mornngstar	Pioneer	.00	86.85
Nathan Howard	Pleasant Home	151.12	804.49
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	.00	2,512.77
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	741.82	4,902.51
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	19.11	128.89
Tony Black	Romulus	175.60	1,173.35
Monte Dean	Sh-Aydelotte	.00	1,583.68
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	.00	125.00
Ray Miller	Sh-First	354.71	2,477.42
Spencer Davis, Int.	Sh-First Indian	.00	1,062.19
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Galilee	50.00	100.00
Bob Dawson	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	118.76	381.56
Jay Sampson	Sh-Heritage	657.03	2,154.28
Todd Fisher	Sh-Immanuel	1,894.13	12,067.73
Rendon Falls	Sh-Karis	.00	.00
Tom Hall	Sh-New Life	25.00	150.50
John York	Sh-Oakland Chapel	42.00	136.51
Ben Little	Sh-Sallateeska	.00	430.00
Mike Craig	Sh-Temple	955.29	6,194.48
Larry Norris	Sh-Trinity	.00	1,064.10
Steve Dominy	Sh-University	384.12	2,395.68
Butch Bradley	Sh-Wallace Ave.	322.79	1,320.28
Charles Wigington	Sparks FBC	90.18	497.19
Glenn Peck	St. Louis FBC	.00	1,171.27
Burl Mackey	Stroud FBC	345.66	2,902.21
Don Tiger	Stroud Sac & Fox	16.72	150.19
Tony Peak	Tecumseh FBC	882.49	5,493.74
Will Wilson	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	250.00
Clint Dawkins	Tecumseh Sharon	747.11	5,496.08
Bob Fowler	Tryon FBC	170.13	1,079.80
Britt Lesley	Wanette FBC	.00	1,342.86
Bill Howse	Wanette, Victory Pointe	.00	10.00
Russ Houser	Wellston Cornerstone	.00	.00
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston FBC	650.93	2,508.11
Lane Buckley	Wellston Trinity	.00	660.00
TOTAL		15,634.23	116,657.57

TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

	Beginning Bal. 6-1-13	Income	Expense	Ending Bal. 6-30-13
Budget	\$42,894.51	15,634.23	17,636.67	\$40,892.07
Designated	<u>173,362.58</u>			<u>173,072.74</u>
Total Monies	\$216,257.09			\$213,964.81

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August

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Birthdays

- 3 Rev. Alpha Black
713 S. Union
Shawnee, OK 74801
Chaplain
- 4 Rev. Rusty McMullen
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Maud, OK 74854
Pastor, Trinity, Maud
- 12 Mrs. Peggy (Tom) Hall
17108 Walker Rd.
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor's Wife, New Life, Shawnee
- 14 Rev. Jimmy Anderson
403 N. Washington
Shawnee, OK 74801
Retired Indian Church Dev.
- 15 Mrs. Amy (Jerry) Jackson
P.O. Box 371
Meeker, OK 74855
Pastor's Wife, Morning Star
- 16 Rev. Gary Nickerson
36720 Moccasin Trail
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Hilltop
- 18 Mrs. Terri (Darrell) Sullivan
331178 E. Captain Dr.
Wellston, OK 74881
Pastor's Wife, First, Wellston
- 21 Mrs. Jeannie Spear
6 Northridge
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Missionary Wife
- 22 Rev. Bryan Cook
1006 W. Federal
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Hopewell
- 23 Mrs. Stacie (Mat) Riddle
P.O. Box 325
Asher, OK 74826
Pastor's Wife, First, Asher
- 24 Mrs. Sharon (Tuney) Ropp
333892 E. 1040 Rd
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor's Wife, Hillside
- 25 Dr. Russell Cook
1313 Castle Creek St.
Shawnee, OK 74804
PLBA, Director of Missions
- 26 Dr. Burl Mackey
126 Sooner Dr.
Stroud, OK 74079
Pastor, First, Stroud
- 31 Mrs. Julie (Mark) Patterson
104 Brenda Lane
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor's Wife, New Life, Newalla
- 31 Mrs. Alicia (Tony) Peak
19832 CR 15543
Ada, OK 74820
Pastor's Wife, First, Tecumseh

Anniversaries

- 1 Rev. & Mrs. James Bond
8425 Treeline Dr.
Choctaw, OK 73020
Pastor, Emmanuel
- 2 Rev. & Mrs. Mike Collyer
PO Box 213
Harrah, OK 73045
Pastor, Pink
- 3 Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Burnett
2612 Ella Lane
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Pastor
- 6 Rev. & Mrs. Mike Craig
662 S. Range Rd.
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor, Temple
- 7 Rev. & Mrs. Rendon Falls
6 E MacArthur
Shawnee, OK 74804
Pastor, Karis Ministries
- 8 Rev. & Mrs. Darrell Sullivan
331178 E Captain Dr.
Wellston, OK 74881
Pastor, First, Wellston
- 9 Rev. & Mrs. Russ Houser
960692 S. Hwy 102
Wellston, OK 74881
Pastor, Cornerstone
- 12 Rev. & Mrs. Mark Patterson
104 Brenda Lane
McLoud, OK 74851
Pastor, New Life, Newalla
- 15 Rev. & Mrs. Rick Blackwell
346166 E Hwy 188
Sparks, OK 74869
Pastor, First, Chandler
- 19 Dr. & Mrs. Paul Calmes
2000 N. Broadway
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Pastor
- 20 Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Anderson
403 N. Washington
Shawnee, OK 74801
Retired Indian Church Developer
- 24 Rev. & Mrs. Anthony Rhone
816 NW 138th St.
Edmond, OK 73013
Pastor, Galilee
- 26 Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Jackson
P.O. Box 371
Meeker, OK 74855
Pastor, Morning Star
- 26 Rev. & Mrs. Bob Spear
6 Northridge
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Missionaries
- 30 Rev. & Mrs. Bill Donovan
1905 N Bryan Ave. Unit 12
Shawnee, OK 74804
Retired Pastor

- Jul 28-1 Indian Falls Creek
- 4 Social Issues Sunday
- 6-9 MK Re-Entry Retreat, Falls Creek
- 12 Support Services mtg., Assn. Office, 9:00 a.m.
- 12 Executive Board mtg., Assn. Office, 10:30 a.m.
- 12 Mission Partnership mtg., Assn. Office, 1:00 p.m.
- 17 OBU Move-In Day
- 20 AMT Annual Planning mtg., Assn. Office, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 23 OBU Fall Semester Begins
- 23-24 Proclaim- Worship & Music, Ouail Springs Baptist Church, OKC
- 23-24 Basic Training for Church Planting, Falls Creek
- 23-24 SWEET Experience FBC, Moore
- 26 Annual Budget Planning mtg., Assn. Office, 9:00-4:00 p.m.

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

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