



# 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

September, 2013

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sept. 9 ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Mark Patterson,  
Guest Speaker

Support Team  
9 a.m.

Fellowship 10a.m.  
Lunch provided  
Please RSVP

**SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET**  
Thursday, September 5 - 6:00pm  
Speaker: Brad Clay  
Music: The Grassland Band  
Food, Wine, Game, Samples and BBQ  
Prizes totaling over \$5000 in prizes

**\$35**

Immanuel Baptist Church

## Annual Church Profile Reports

Due in the  
Association Office  
or submitted online  
by  
September 19

GET STARTED TODAY.  
REGISTER NOW.

NOVEMBER 2013

MY HOPE AMERICA  
with BILLY GRAHAM

Association Office  
will be CLOSED

**Labor Day**  
Monday  
September 2

**WE ARE OKLAHOMA MISSIONS**

STATE GOAL: **\$1,100,000**

OKLAHOMA STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

For more information  
www.bgoo.org/smo  
at Oklahoma State Missions Offering  
@OKStateMissions

# Week of Prayer

# Sept. 1-7

Oklahoma Baptists have a great heritage and history marked by creative ministry. The Edna McMillan State Mission Offering allows us to impact our state together through (WE) ministry. Please give generously to the Oklahoma State Missions Offering. WE can make a difference in our state.

## SAVE THE DATE...



# Pottawatomie-Lincoln Baptist Association 83rd Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 2013

## New Hope Baptist Church 37496 New Hope Road, Tecumseh

Afternoon Session: 2:00-4:45 p.m.

Dinner: 4:45-6:00 p.m. (Call the Association Office for reservations)

Evening Session: 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Paige Patterson, President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
will be the keynote speaker in the evening session.

# Church

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

Dale & First, Agra took 27 youth to the fourth week of camp at Falls Creek. Dale had 41 enrolled in VBS in June, 108 signed in for their 100th Celebration and have recently baptized two.

FIRST, STROUD Pastor Burl Mackey has resigned. He and his wife, Betty, will become house parents for the OBHC (children's home) in OKC.

FOREST is collecting material and batting for baby quilts, as well as other baby items. *Jeff Bruton, 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.*

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)*

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](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

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 [newhopesecondary@gmail.com](mailto:newhopesecondary@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](mailto: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](mailto:wabcshawnee@att.net) *(Butch Bradley, Pastor)*

# A Word of Encouragement

We have recently had some of our PLBA pastors resign from their churches. This always presents a lot of mixed feelings both on the part of the Pastor and his family and the churches they leave. I have often wondered about God's timing and purpose in these moves. But I have come to believe that it is not my job to do God's job. I am only responsible to pray and provide counsel and consultation when I can. Occasionally, I am called upon by a church to serve as an Interim Pastor. I am always willing to do so if my schedule and calendar permits. At such times I think of the missionary Paul's interim pastoral ministry at Corinth (Acts 18:1-11, esp. v.11) and Ephesus (Acts 19:8-10). While diligently planting churches, appointing Pastors and strengthening existing churches, Paul took time to focus on at least two places for an extended period of time.

As a Director of Missions, I, like Paul, am engaged in planting churches (mostly now in Pikes Peak Association, Colorado Springs), administering training and resourcing of existing churches, assisting churches in finding Pastors and, yes serving as an Interim Pastor for some. An interim period is always a challenge for a church. Some in the church need time to grieve; some need time to breathe; some need time to mend fences. All need time to pray and evaluate their personal lives and commitment to the Lord and the church.

I hope you will be praying for the pastorless churches in our association and the pastorless churches in Pikes Peak Association. Every community needs a church and every church needs a Pastor. I want to be as available as possible to the Lord to make that a reality. After rehearsing all the pressures and dangers and attacks he had undergone the Apostle Paul said, "Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches" (Acts 11:28). I, too, live in some of that pressure. But, as with Paul, God's grace is sufficient for me. His strength is made perfect in my weakness and so it is with you.

*Encouragingly Yours, Russell R. Cook*

## It Might Preach!

### "A BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR THE WIFE" EPHESIANS 5:21-24, 33

This passage identifies three aspects of a godly wife. All of these traits are Holy Spirit inspired and Holy Spirit directed. They do not "come naturally." Three words summarize the characteristics:

- I. A godly wife will be SUBMISSIVE to her husband (v. 22).
  - A. The MEANING of submission ("to line one's self up under" as a soldier to an officer)
  - B. The EXTENT of submission (a continuous action)
- II. A godly wife will be RESPECTFUL of her husband (33).
  - A. The MEANING of respect (to fear, revere, to hold in high esteem or high regard)
  - B. The EVIDENCES of respect (How can a wife know if she is being respectful of her husband?)
    1. Her respect is seen in her ATTITUDE (1 Peter 3:4)
    2. Her respect is seen in her ACTIONS (Titus 2:3)
    3. Her respect is seen in her ADORNMENT (1 Peter 3:3-5; 1 Timothy 2:9-10)
- III. A godly wife will be COMMITTED to her husband.
  - A. It is a LEARNED commitment (1 Peter 3:1-2)
  - B. It is a LOVE commitment (Titus 2:4b)
  - C. It is a LIFE commitment (Matthew 19:6)

These traits are also expected of the church as she relates to Christ. The church is the "bride of Christ" and Christ, Himself is the "bridegroom."

## SYATP RALLY ~ SEPTEMBER 25

**Sharon Baptist Church ~ Tecumseh**  
**Food will be served at 6 p.m.**  
**Service will begin at 7 p.m.**

**Band: Warriors of the Cross**  
**Speaker: Joshua Norton-Genesis 3:9**



Youth Pastors please email your SYATP pictures to [mattmo865@gmail.com](mailto:mattmo865@gmail.com) by 9 a.m. so they can be added to the evening slideshow

All PLBA church youth groups are encouraged to attend.

# PLBA WOMEN

# Budget Receipts



**Immanuel Baptist Church**  
 1451 E 45th Street  
 Shawnee, OK  
[www.immanuelshawnee.org](http://www.immanuelshawnee.org)

**Tickets may be purchased  
 by calling  
 405-273-2105**

*Churches listed in red are Pastorless*

PASTORS	CHURCH	July '13	YTD
Roger Shaw	Agra FBC	414.04	2,519.56
Mat Riddle	Asher FBC	254.31	1,623.36
Chris Carter	Blackburn Chapel	0.00	1,952.30
Mark Davis	Carney FBC	0.00	1,077.02
Rick Blackwell	Chandler, FBC	926.51	5,852.44
Keith Henley	Chandler Southern	173.65	831.30
Doug Parker	Dale	24.15	164.06
Mike Mitchell	Davenport FBC	272.20	2,835.90
Mike Haines	Deer Creek	215.32	1,827.23
Mark Streetman	Earlsboro FBC	.00	300.00
Ellis Rolette	Earlsboro Indian Mission	91.90	696.18
Wayne Knight	Fairview	280.84	1,067.91
Dan Campbell	Faith	337.67	2,424.13
Jeff Bruton	Forest	.00	197.94
Lee Witt	Hazel Dell	973.56	3,513.67
Tuney Ropp	Hillside	1,009.66	6,058.34
Gary Nickerson	Hilltop	622.44	2,689.75
Bryan Cook	Hopewell	91.61	556.07
Don Acker	Macomb	111.78	941.10
Mike Hazelwood	Mammoth	382.00	2,156.00
Bobby Shatto	Maud FBC	140.88	140.88
Rusty McMullen	Maud Trinity	286.32	2,110.87
James Bond	McLoud Emmanuel	1,298.59	6,044.19
Jerry Gray	McLoud Emmaus	82.59	597.11
Matt Halsted	McLoud FBC	483.15	3,473.11
Ron Cherry	McLoud Son Rises	0.00	935.61
Joe Jones	Meeker FBC	252.48	1,839.44
Jerry Jackson	Morning Star	0.00	2,084.47
	<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	484.54	584.60
Mark Patterson	Newalla New Life	717.51	4,907.49
Ed Moore	Newalla Pecan Valley	161.46	599.62
Mike Collyer	Pink	271.62	1,602.98
Jim Morningstar	Pioneer	142.23	229.08
Nathan Howard	Pleasant Home	114.57	919.06
Tim Emmons	Prague FBC	447.66	2,960.43
Richard Zimmer	Rock Creek	1,280.73	6,183.24
Gaspar Reyes	Rock Creek Spanish	20.38	149.27
Tony Black	Romulus	215.29	1,388.64
Monte Dean	Sh-Aydelotte	238.33	1,822.01
David Henry	Sh-Calvary	.00	125.00
Ray Miller	Sh-First	242.18	2,719.60
<b>Spencer Davis, Int.</b>	<b>Sh-First Indian</b>	.00	1,062.19
Anthony Rhone	Sh-Galilee	50.00	150.00
Bob Dawson	Sh-Good Shepherd Chapel	54.37	435.93
Jay Sampson	Sh-Heritage	.00	2,154.28
Todd Fisher	Sh-Immanuel	1,576.23	13,643.96
Rendon Falls	Sh-Karis	.00	.00
Tom Hall	Sh-New Life	25.00	175.50
John York	Sh-Oakland Chapel	0.00	136.51
Ben Little	Sh-Sallateaska	136.00	566.00
Mike Craig	Sh-Temple	960.42	7,154.90
Larry Norris	Sh-Trinity	207.36	1,271.46
Steve Dominy	Sh-University	497.55	2,893.23
Butch Bradley	Sh-Wallace Ave.	207.73	1,528.01
	<b>Sparks FBC</b>	90.31	587.50
Glenn Peck	St. Louis FBC	.00	1,171.27
	<b>Stroud FBC</b>	520.89	3,423.10
Don Tiger	Stroud Sac & Fox	16.32	166.51
Tony Peak	Tecumseh FBC	1,279.92	6,773.66
Will Wilson	Tecumseh New Hope	50.00	300.00
Clint Dawkins	Tecumseh Sharon	877.84	6,373.92
Bob Fowler	Tryon FBC	278.67	1,358.47
Britt Lesley	Wanette FBC	.00	1,342.86
Bill Howse	Wanette, Victory Pointe	.00	10.00
Russ Houser	Wellston Cornerstone	367.30	367.30
Darrell Sullivan	Wellston FBC	0.00	2,508.11
Lane Buckley	Wellston Trinity	.00	660.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,258.06</b>	<b>136,915.63</b>



**Pre-Conference for  
 Ministers' Wives**  
 Guest appearance by Beth Moore

At Between Us, you're going to have the chance to mingle with other ministers wives that are walking the same road you are. All of the session leaders and worship leaders are ministers' wives too, so it provides you the opportunity to be with other women who truly understand your joys, challenges and pressures. You will come away from this conference feeling totally understood and equipped to walk in your calling.



**September 27-28, 2013  
 Tulsa, OK BOK Center**

## A NUGGET FROM MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Someone was asking me today about the basics for teaching Deacons' wives how to "fulfill their responsibilities." You know, that is a very interesting question and not one that is asked often enough. As I shared with that person several things I have taught in training conferences for years, a simple truth came back to my mind. When we let God focus on the "being" aspect of our lives, the "doing" will be a natural overflow from that! That is not just true for Deacons' wives...or Pastors' wives...or missionaries' wives. That is true for ALL wives, for ALL Christians! It doesn't hurt at all to learn practical methods of ministry, but if our hearts are not rightly in tune with God, those methods don't really accomplish what they should.

So often we find ourselves wishing we had an easy 1-2-3 (or more) checklist... Check! I can do that!...Check! I did do that!...Check! I have the whole list checked for today! But the Christian life is not a checklist. It is a relationship. It is a 24/7 lifestyle. It is a mission. It is an attitude. It is a sacrificial act of worship (Romans 12:1-2)—not a list of duties to choose to perform or not. Don't misunderstand me. We are NOT free to do anything at all that we please, with no restrictions. But we ARE free to obey God...free to say "NO!" to sin...free to do what pleases GOD! We just need to make a conscious commitment to living our lives that way with His empowerment. We cannot do that at all in our own strength!

Daddy was a Deacon—a kind, generous, hospitable, supportive, dependable man with a servant's heart. Mother worked and served and loved people and their churches right alongside him. She was a true "HELPMATE." It would have never occurred to her not to help him in his ministry. After I was well into adulthood, I began to realize that holding the office of Deacon is not what "made" Daddy what he was. Instead, he was already that kind of man and that is why our church asked him to serve as a Deacon and ordained him. They did that knowing, too, that Mother would be very supportive in his ministry!

Even though they are now both in Heaven with their Lord, their influence is felt daily in my heart and life and the ripple effect of their ministries still carries on in many places and lives. I truly desire to be the kind of woman who serves my Lord with His attitude and who serves by my husband's side in his "called-out ministry." I guarantee you that the "to do list" is never a puzzle nor does it hide out from me somewhere. The older I've gotten, the more I've learned to let GOD focus on me, rather than for me to focus on busy-ness. The interesting thing is that I am never bored and never run out of things to "do" when I allow Him to guide, direct, lead, shape and mold me!

—PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

—Marsha Cook, Director

TOTAL CHECKING AND SAVINGS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR				
	Beginning Bal.	Income	Expense	Ending Bal.
	7-1-13			7-31-13
Budget	\$40,892.07	20,258.06	18,439.20	\$42,710.93
Designated	173,072.74			172,952.56
<b>Total Monies</b>	<b>\$213,964.81</b>			<b>\$215,663.49</b>

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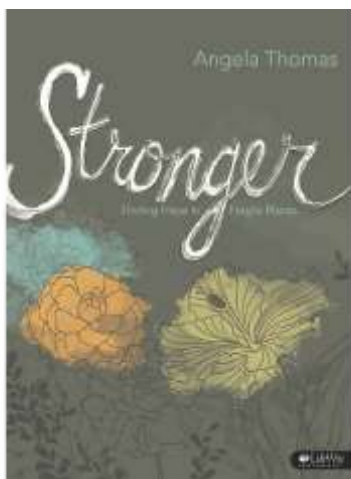
# September

## Birthdays

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 4 Rev. Chris Carter<br>36305 Lake Rd<br>Shawnee, OK 74801<br>Pastor, Blackburn Chapel                   | 26 Mrs. Sandra (Ed) Moore<br>P.O. Box 270<br>Newalla, OK 74857<br><b>Pastor's Wife, Pecan Valley</b>         |
| 7 Rev. Tom Hall<br>17108 Walker Rd.<br>Shawnee, OK 74804<br>Pastor, New Life, Shawnee                   | 26 Rev. Jay Sampson<br>6 Janeway Place<br>Shawnee, OK 74804<br>Pastor, Heritage                              |
| 9 Rev. Doug Parker<br>37505 Old Hwy 270<br>Shawnee, OK 74804<br>Pastor, Dale                            | 28 Mrs. Tessie (Russ) Houser<br>960692 S. Hwy 102<br>Wellston, OK 74881<br><b>Pastor's Wife, Cornerstone</b> |
| 10 Mrs. Elaine (Bobby) Shatto<br>PO Box 867<br>Maud, OK 74854<br><b>Pastor's Wife, First, Maud</b>      | 29 Rev. Jerry Jackson<br>P.O. Box 277<br>Meeker, OK 74855<br>Pastor, Morning Star                            |
| 11 Mrs. Helen Patterson<br>2 Gilpin<br>Shawnee, OK 74804<br><b>Former Pastor's Wife</b>                 | 30 Mrs. Penny (Mike) Hazelwood<br>PO Box 891<br>Meeker, OK 74855<br><b>Pastor's Wife, Mammoth</b>            |
| 15 Rev. Joe Jones<br>PO Box 431<br>Meeker, OK 74855<br>Pastor, First, Meeker                            |  |
| 16 Mrs. Ruth (Mike) Craig<br>662 S. Range Rd.<br>McLoud, OK 74851<br><b>Pastor's Wife, Temple</b>       |  |
| 17 Mrs. Terri (Mike) Haines<br>355960 E 960 Rd<br>Stroud, OK 74079<br><b>Pastor's Wife, Deer Creek</b>  |  |
| 20 Mrs. Tanya (Jeff) Bruton<br>970726 S. 3430 Rd<br>Chandler, OK 74834<br><b>Pastor's Wife, Forest</b>  |  |
| 20 Rev. Todd Fisher<br>1403 Manchester<br>Shawnee, OK 74804<br>Pastor, Immanuel, Shawnee                |  |
| 22 Mrs. Missy (Steve) Dominy<br>4514 Gracelann<br>Shawnee, OK 74804<br><b>Pastor's Wife, University</b> |  |
| 22 Rev. Britt Lesley<br>PO Box 159<br>Wanette, OK 74878<br>Pastor, First, Wanette                       |  |



## New Bible Study Series for Women Available now at the Association Office



# September 2013

- 1 Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 1-7 Edna McMillan OK Mission Week of Prayer
- 2 Labor Day-Assn Office Closed
- 5 Sporsman's Banquet-IBC
- 9 Executive Board mtg., Assn. Office, 10:30 a.m.
- 9 Mission Partnership mtg., Assn. Office, 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Transitional Pastor Training-BB
- 12 OKYMA Golf Tournament-TBA
- 16 Discover Church Planting Workshop
- 17 Journey Conference-Falls Creek
- 17 Ladies Night Out-IBC
- 19 **ACP's Due**
- 20 Perfect Wings Special Needs Retreat-Falls Creek
- 20-21 Singing Churchwomen Retreat
- 21 The Call-Emmaus Baptist Church OKC
- 24 BGCO Board of Directors Meeting-Falls Creek
- 25 See You At The Pole



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