

# Bryan Baptist Association

## The Challenger- April 2008

From the desk of the DOM

### GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE AND PURITY OF LIFE

"I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty..." (Ex.6:3) One of the many names by which God has revealed Himself is El-Shaddai, which means "God Almighty." By that name the Lord our God declares His omnipotence (all-power). Omnipotence is the unlimited ability and infinite power of God to do all His will and pleasure. In Luke 1:26-38 the angel Gabriel assured Mary that she would indeed give birth to the God-Man, though she had never been sexually involved with any man. He said: "With God nothing shall be impossible" (v.37). Our Lord Jesus assures us of the salvation of sinners by declaring that "with God all things are possible" (Mk.10:27). Jesus plainly tells us that He is Himself the Omnipotent God when He said: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Rev.1:8). Because He is Almighty we can safely trust Him in all things, especially with our eternal destiny.

All-power is an attribute that belongs to God alone. "Power belongeth unto God" (Psalm 62:11). It is God's very nature to be Almighty. Anything less than an Almighty God is no God at all. The very fact that God is God means He is Almighty. A weak god is a useless absurdity. If God were not all-powerful, He could not be trusted. Even if He knows all things, He could not accomplish His will if He were not all-powerful. Though Jesus makes many promises of faithfulness and goodness, they would be meaningless if He lacked the ability to carry them out to perfection. God's love, mercy and grace would be nothing more than helpless, frustrated emotions if He lacked the ability to bestow these attributes upon His people. Faith must have an Almighty God as its object, or it is empty and vain. El-Shaddai, our God and Savior, is the omnipotent, Almighty God.

May our hearts cry out for His power to work in our lives. Let's be careful to specifically confess sin and understand that His power will not be evident in our lives without purity and holiness.

In His service,  
Terrell

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## February 2008 Contributions

Albany - Jackie Robinson -----  
\$ 72.42  
Armstrong -Monty Wood -----  
\$ 122.70  
Bennington--Heath Murrah-----  
\$ 357.00  
Blue - Tony Fields -----  
\$ 66.77  
Bokchito, Faith - Scott Melton ----  
\$ 112.33  
Bokchito, First - Preston Burns ----  
\$ 394.65  
Brown - Dale Ballard ---- \$ 141.96  
Calera - Jacob Toews ---- \$ 297.40  
Cartwright,First- Ray Earley----  
\$ 340.44

Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin -----  
\$ 28.15  
Colbert - Norman Ford -----  
\$ 499.50  
**Durant:**  
Calvary - Darel Bunch -----  
\$ 932.68  
Fairview - Bill Ledbetter -----  
\$ 595.00  
First -James Robinson-----  
\$ 853.53  
Grace - Anthony Williams-----  
\$ 505.83  
Stonecreek, Fred Resz--\$ 60.00  
Hendrix,-----\$ 82.53

#### Mead:

Mead - Kerry Groce -----  
\$ 310.39  
Emmanuel-----  
\$ 555.24  
Streetman Rd - Darren Wallace --  
\$ 470.17  
Platter, John Heath-----  
\$ 134.94  
RRV Cowboy - George Toma ----  
\$ 47.12  
Roberta - Bud Jenkins -----  
\$ 176.25  
Silo -Buddy Johnson -----  
\$ 461.55  
Wade - Charles Williams -----  
\$ 33.30

#### Account Balances as of February 29, 2008:

BBA Checking ----- \$ 10,918.49  
Falls Creek ----- \$ 11,143.65  
Disaster Relief ----- \$ 3,886.94  
Carrell Hooper Mission \$ 3,101.58  
Sunset Cove ----- \$ 7,658.22  
Roadrunners ----- \$ 2,418.07

**Attention:** This report reflects only what was received by the BBA during the reported month. Churches contribute however they choose: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually.

# Church News



**Oklahoma Southern Baptist Secretaries  
Spring Conference**  
**"Transforming Into What God Wants You to Be"**  
 Thursday, April 17, 2008  
 Baptist Building - OK City  
 Registration fee \$25 - Register online at  
[www.bgco.org/leadership](http://www.bgco.org/leadership) or call  
 the BBA office for mailing address.  
 Deadline is April 4.  
 Call the BBA office and we can all go together!

**First Meeting for Information and Organization for the "Texomaland Crusade for Christ"** will be held on **Monday, April 7th at 7:00pm** at the Bryan County Community Building.

**Vacation Bible School Clinic**  
**Thursday, April 10th from 6:00 - 8:00pm**  
 At First Baptist Church of Colbert  
 All Leaders and helpers of your VBS this year will benefit greatly by being at this meeting.  
 Call Karen Horn at 580-296-2926 for more information.



**MEMO**

**Subject: Falls Creek Organizational Meeting**  
**From: Kerry Groce, Associational Director of Falls Creek Camps**  
**To: All Pastors, Youth Directors, Children Directors, Sponsors**

Falls Creek time is fast approaching!

We will be having an organizational meeting to get the associational weeks organized. If you have children going to children's camp and/or youth attending the associational weeks of camp it is absolutely essential that you have at least one representative at this meeting.

Please come with a number of how many, as close as possible, that you will be bringing to each camp.

The meeting will be held at:

**Date: Monday, March 31, 2007**  
**Time: 6:30PM**  
**Place: BBA office, 1925 West Main, Durant, OK**

Please make every effort to be at this meeting.  
 It is crucial to have a well organized camp.  
 Thank you

**Robinson Baptist Church is sponsoring a Youth Rally!**  
**April 11th & 12th with Jared McIntire and the Lakepoint Community Church Praise Team.** Friday night will begin at 7:00pm then Saturday will start at 4:00 with fun, games & prizes, then hotdogs at 6:00 and the final rally at 7:00. Don't miss this great time in the Lord!

**Caddo First Baptist Church** invites you to attend their **Revival Services**  
**April 13th - 16th. Dr. Allen Hatch** from Abilene, TX will be the Evangelist and Soloist. Sunday will begin at 6:00 and Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:00. A nursery will be provided. Everyone is welcome!



**Women's Ministries & Missions**

Come on out to "The Helm" for our annual retreat!  
 April 25th and 26th  
 Be ready to have fun on Friday night. We will be out there by 6:00pm. Bring a sack lunch and snacks.  
 We will furnish breakfast and lunch on Saturday.  
 Bring your bedding and whatever else you may need.  
 Most of all come thinking about prayer and what we can do as women to help our Missionaries.  
 You can come any time and also go home for the night if you don't want to "ruff" it.  
 Saturday we will start at 8 am.  
 Door prizes will given out.  
 Y'all COME!  
 Betty and Ethel

**LifeWay Delivery to Bryan Association**  
 LifeWay Christian Store in Sherman is continuing to deliver church orders to the Bryan Association Office. All orders that are present in the store at 12PM each Wednesday will be available for pickup at the association each Wednesday after 3PM. When calling to order from LifeWay, please let the store associate know that you want the product delivered to the Bryan Association. If LifeWay doesn't have the product on the shelf and needs to special order it, we will contact the church and deliver it on Wednesday as soon as it arrives in the store.  
 Jeffrey Verlander, Manager 903-813-4674  
 LifeWay Sherman, TX -- 9403



**Impact the World**  
 Did you know that there are still over 6,400 unreached people groups representing over 3,732,000 people? The fields are white unto harvest. As we continue to give through the Cooperative Program, we will be a part of carrying the Gospel to these people.

Walking by  
*Faith*  
 not by  
*Sight*

Oklahoma  
 Ladies'  
 Retreat  
 2008

April 11-12  
 Falls Creek

Cost \$59  
 Register online at  
[bgco.org/ladiesretreat](http://bgco.org/ladiesretreat)  
 or call 800-480-3644

**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary !!**

<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>	4/29 - Cora Holloway
4/1 - Peggy Howard	4/30 - Carla Robbins
4/1 - Cindy Ford	4/30 - Lindsey Tennell
4/2 - Jane Loper	<b><u>Wedding Anniversaries</u></b>
4/3 - DeeDee Pena	4/7 - Joey & Carri Gosnell
4/7 - Terri Melton	4/7 - Jacob & Sharon Toews
4/10 - Bobbie Curtis	4/8 - Heath & Kathy Murrah
4/10 - Anthony Williams	4/19 - Danny & Lisa Spoon
4/12 - Tony Simmons	4/25 - Jim & Vesta Baker
4/21 - Lon Bolan	4/26 - Bill & Shirley Paddock
4/23 - Annie Broder	<b><u>Ministry Anniversaries</u></b>
4/26 - Jacob Toews	4/95 - Vicki McLarry - Silo
4/26 - Jane Dunegan	4/02 - Danny Spoon - Emmanuel
4/28 - Monty Wood	4/76 - Gene Jackson - Armstrong

**Upcoming Senior Events**

**Trips: (Please call the BBA office to reserve your place on the bus, leave your name and phone number.)**

- April 18 - Dallas - Norvell Slater Singing
- May 16 - Kiwi Farm & Chuckwagon - Eufala

**Luncheons:**

- April 9 - Cartwright
- May 14 - Cobb
- June 11 - Colbert



Please come  
join us!!

If you or your church has any announcements or news you would like to be in next month's Challenger, please call the BBA office before

**April 16th. 580-924-2351**

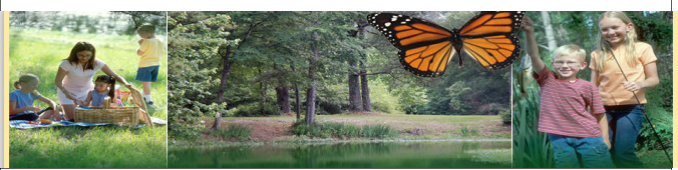


**The Bryan Baptist Association's  
 (that means yours)  
 Falls Creek cabins need your help!**

Both cabins need lots of tender love and care and repair! Please find some way you can help. It would be a better place for us all! Your cabins are in a prime location, new tabernacle and we sure would like for them to reflect our great association by being great cabins inside and out. If you can clean, paint, do repairs on stuff, or anything else that you might could do to improve your cabins please help. If you do not have the time or know how, we could also use monetary contributions. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have all new beds, or more cooking utensils, or new bathrooms! There is so much to be done! Please consider helping in anyway you feel led. Thank you Lord for the beautiful cabins we are going to have very soon!



Just call the BBA with any questions!



**Positions Available**

**Please pray for our pastorless churches:**

Colbert, Emmanuel, Hendrix, Yuba

**Youth/Music Ministers** Albany Baptist Church is searching for someone that could possibly do **music and/or youth**. Please send your resume to Albany Baptist Church, PO Box 97, Albany, OK 74721.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR – MINISTER OF YOUTH:** On mission church seeks a shepherd to oversee and continue to develop a growing ministry to children, youth, and university students. Seeking fulltime or bi-vocational individual who is able to build relationships and gifted to teach. Some musical talent is helpful but not necessary. Send resume to **Fairview Baptist Church**, 1200 W University Blvd., Durant, OK 74701 or [durant\\_fairview@sbcglobal.net](mailto:durant_fairview@sbcglobal.net).

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR – MINISTER OF MUSIC:** On mission church seeks a shepherd to develop a blossoming program of music and worship. Prefer someone who can serve as a Minister of Education also, but not necessary. Seeking fulltime or bi-vocational. Send resume to **Fairview Baptist Church**, 1200 W University Blvd, Durant, OK 74701 or [durant\\_fairview@sbcglobal.net](mailto:durant_fairview@sbcglobal.net).

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Fri. 8:30 - 1:00

Love is patient,  
love is kind.  
It does not envy,  
it does not boast,  
it is not proud.  
It is not rude,  
it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, always trusts,  
always hopes, always perseveres.  
Love never fails.  
And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is Love.

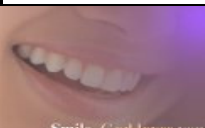


1 Corinthians 13:4-7,13

Love

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## April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30 Fairview	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 1pm	<b>10</b> MTI Teacher Conference 9-3	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	Texoma Crusade Organizational Meeting 7:00pm		Roadrunners Luncheon at Cartwright FBC	VBS Clinic 6-8pm Colbert FBC		
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30 Fairview	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	OSBS Spring Conference @ BGCO 9am-3pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
						
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	Executive Board Meeting Emmanuel BC 6:00					Retreat @ The Helm
					Men's Retreat @ Falls Creek	
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30 Fairview	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> "Worth the Wait" @ Durant FBC 5:30pm - Parents 6:30pm - Youth	<b>1</b> National Day of Prayer		

