

# Bryan Baptist Association

## The Challenger - August 2007

### From the Desk of the DOM

The Mexico mission trip to Guanajuato was very successful. The team was made up of twenty-four very willing and dedicated people, ranging in age from children to senior adults. Deepest appreciation is expressed to Western Meadows, Fairview and FB Bokchito for the use of their vans.

The team was granted special permission by the city of Penjamo to use the town plaza to conduct block parties each day. Almost 1500 people were registered and over 90 adults made professions of faith, plus many children.

It was a pleasure to work with Ben and Barbara Herrera, our IMB missionaries there in Guanajuato and their very capable assistant, Hugo. What a blessing also to work with the great people from the churches in Penjamo.

Guanajuato is considered to be the heart of spiritual darkness in Mexico. Only around one percent of the population are biblical Christians. They are a very religious people but lost.

It is remarkable how the use of block parties is wonderfully effective in providing a tool with which to build relationships and present the gospel. An atmosphere of openness is created to share Christ with people who are otherwise very resistant to listening to a gospel presentation, and would never go to church. The Lord was pleased to use this means in Penjamo to bring many to Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support through the Hooper Offering for volunteers in missions. Plans are already underway for another trip next summer. Let me know if you are interested in going. In His service, Terrell Suggs

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### June 2007 Financial Report

<b>Achille:</b>	Bushnell - Kim McGehee ----- \$ 0	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz ----- \$ 227.72	Silo -Buddy Johnson ----- \$ 415.79
Community -Bob Stevens----- \$ 0	Caddo - Charles Loyd ----- \$ 0	Sunset View-Harry Boydston ----- \$ 0	Utica --Jay Perry ----- \$ 128.15
First ----- \$ 0	Calera - Jacob Toew----- \$ 0	W. Meadows-Darrell Edwards----- \$ 0	Wade - Charles Williams ----- \$ 45.50
<b>Albany:</b>	Cartwright - Ray Earley ----- \$ 135.22	Hendrix - Roddy Arnold ----- \$ 101.47	Yuba -Joe Smith ----- \$ 220.26
Albany - Jackie Robinson ---- \$ 75.21	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin----- \$ 75.18	Kemp -Roger Speer ----- \$ 0	<b>Account Balances as of</b>
RRV Cowboy - George Toma \$ 110.32	Colbert - Tobey Clements----- \$ 446.27	Kenefic - Royce Couch ----- \$ 131.10	<b>June 30, 2007:</b>
Armstrong -Monty Wood ---- \$ 167.94	<b>Durant:</b>	<b>Mead:</b>	BBA Checking ----- \$ 3979.06
Bennington----- \$ 360.35	Calvary -Darel Bunch ----- \$ 320.51	Mead - Kerry Groce ----- \$ 380.49	Falls Creek ----- \$ 3288.70
Blue - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 214.43	Fairview - Bill Ledbetter ----- \$ 654.00	Emmanuel-James Wigginton----- \$ 0	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 3876.42
<b>Bokchito:</b>	First -James Robinson----- \$ 2374.51	Streetman Rd-Darren Wallace-\$ 255.37	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 1075.20
Faith -Scott Melton----- \$ 76.71	Grace - Anthony Williams ----- \$ 0	Platter, 1st ----- \$ 168.53	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 6077.47
First- Preston Burns----- \$ 250.85	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito----- \$ 0	Roberta - Bud Jenkins ----- \$ 0	Roadrunners ----- \$ 2309.90
ReynoldsChapel-Bob McLean\$ 172.40	Lake Point - Jared McIntire----- \$ 0	Robinson - Donald Ford ----- \$ 0	
Brown -Dale Ballard ----- \$ 155.00			

**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.



Dear Supporting Churches, Pastors, and Wonderful Noonday Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me begin by saying that I am very grateful for the investment Bryan Baptist Association churches made in the Southeastern BCM last year. One of our most consistent ministries to the students, staff, and administrators was and will continue to be Noonday. It is a privilege to have 100 to 200 people in our building every Wednesday of the school year. During these lunches we have the opportunity to meet a felt need, develop relationships, love on people and in all of this share Jesus with those at Southeastern. On behalf of the numerous students I speak with each week, thank you very much for your continued investment in this ministry.

The fall semester begins soon so it is time to gear up for another great year. Listed below is a noonday schedule for the 2007-2008 school year. Please take a moment to note the date(s) your church is scheduled to serve. If there is a conflict with that date, it is possible that we could make a change or two, just give me a call.

### Fall Semester 2007

Aug 22 – FBC Durant  
 Aug 29 – Calvary  
 Sept 5 – Fairview  
 Sept 12 – Western Meadows  
 Sept 19 – FBC Bennington  
 Sept 26 – Silo & Brown  
 Oct 3 – Kemp  
 Oct 10 – Armstrong  
 Oct 17 – Fall Break  
 Oct 24 – FBC Caddo & Robinson  
 Oct 31 – Yuba & Mead  
 Nov 7 – Albany  
 Nov 14 – Calera  
 Nov 21 – Thanksgiving  
 Nov 28 – FBC Colbert  
 Dec 5 – Utica  
 Dec 12 – Platter (Finals Week)

### Spring Semester 2008

Jan 16 – FBC Durant  
 Jan 23 – Lake Point CC  
 Jan 30 – Brown & Silo  
 Feb 6 – Calvary  
 Feb 13 – FBC Calera  
 Feb 20 – Western Meadows  
 Feb 27 – FBC Bennington & Roberta  
 Mar 5 – Kemp  
 Mar 12 – Armstrong  
 Mar 19 – Spring Break  
 Mar 26 – Robinson & FBC Caddo  
 April 2 – Mead & Yuba  
 April 9 – Albany  
 April 16 – FBC Colbert  
 April 23 – Faith & First Bokchito  
 April 30 – Fairview

**Larry Metts** is the new pastor of **Achille First Baptist Church**. May God bless you and the church as you all follow God's leading!

**Jeff Arnold** is now the youth and music minister of **Fairview Baptist Church**. Jeff grew up at Fairview. How wonderful that the Lord chose the Fairview family for him to serve.

**Bennington First Baptist** has a new pastor, **James Heath Murrah**. Welcome and may the Lord bless you all!!

**The Truckers Ministry** has about 60 theatre chairs they would like to give away. If you have a use for some or all of these please, call John Cotton at 903-271-2707.



**A Disaster Relief Story from this winter.** When I got back from another 4 days on the chain saw crew cleaning up after the ice storm in McAlester, frankly, I was surprised that there was still that much work to do up there. But a quick survey of the town revealed that there is still enough work there for a couple of crews to stay busy for another month or so. Over the years, I've seen a LOT of storm damage, but I don't think I've ever seen as much tree damage as I've seen in McAlester and Muskogee. It's just mind boggling! Thank God the 1st Baptist Church there has taken it upon themselves to do all they can! They've got their own ad hoc, impromptu crews and they hope to involve their kids in it as well. What a marvelous Church that is! We've all seen lots of Churches who preach the Gospel, but how many have we seen which actually go out of their way to meet the needs of the people of their town? That one sure does, with everything from meals to yard clean up to shelter for the homeless during bad weather. Please keep them in your prayers as they are truly doing God's work in McAlester!

Anyhow, we were on our way to what we THOUGHT was our last job, and our "Blue Hat," Jim Barker, wanted a cup of coffee, so we wheeled in at a convenience store to get it. I got to talking with a woman at the store and guess what? SHE had a chain saw need which she didn't know what to do about. She is a single Mom, who works 6 full days a week, and she had a yard full of fallen and broken limbs and Monday is the last day on which the city will pick up debris. She told us she had planned to trim all that wood herself, with a hand saw, on Sunday, her only day off. All I could say was, "Good luck!" It took a crew of five with two chain saws nearly an hour to clean her yard!

Here's the really neat part: I asked if she'd ever accepted Christ and she admitted she'd been saved and baptized at the age of 12 and she profusely apologized for not attending church. That told me that she's been under conviction for a long time about returning to Christ's fold and getting active in the Lord's work and (this is really neat), we had a guy from the 1st Baptist Church standing right there who invited her to "come on down" and join in the work! She hemmed and hawed a little, so I encouraged her to seek out Christ, as He'd surely sought her that day, and I think the message went home. She was visibly agitated and had tears in her eyes as we left to clean up her yard! There in NO doubt that the Holy Spirit led us to her at precisely the right moment to achieve His purpose! See? Just when you think you've done all the Lord has

for you to do, He surprises you with what He REALLY has in mind.

I've seen this happen sooooo many times during deployments with the chain saw crews, that it makes me fully assured that this is one of the most powerful ministries God ever created. We touch SO many lives in SO many ways that you have to experience it to believe it! And, it's not just chain saws, but the whole disaster relief ministries! If you haven't seen it in action, you can't imagine the effect we have for Christ! The wonderful thing about chain saw, as opposed to the rest of our disaster ministries, is that we get to make PERSONAL contact with people in dire need and show the love of God by our work, but whether it's food service or child care or the shower ministry for relief workers, it's that true, Agape love for our fellow man in action and people DO respond to it!

When something like that happens, just seeing average, normal people responding to real, genuine, needs advances the Kingdom of God in ways that you just can't visualize. My youngest daughter lived in Slidell, LA during Katrina, and she reports to me that the Southern Baptist relief crews made a HUGE impression on people down there by their willingness to suffer and sweat when those folks needed it most. They called us "Bee's," or sometimes "God's Bees," because of our yellow hats and frenetic activity in Christ's name!

Written by Gary Capshaw



**Sweet Statewide Women's Enrichment and Education**  
**SATURDAY Training**  
 August 25 Arrow Heights Baptist Church  
 3201 S Elm Place, Broken Arrow

Register online at [bgco.org](http://bgco.org) or call Stephanie Pruitt at 405-942-3000 ext. 4318.  
 Who is S.W.E.E.T. for? WM Leaders & Teams, WMU Directors, WOM Leaders, SS Teachers, Mission Friends, GA & Acteen Teachers, Bible Study Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Any woman who senses God's call to lead!



# SEBCM

...Investing in LIVES.

At the BCM, summer is a key time for ministry and personal growth. Though there is little activity at the building on campus, Southeastern BCM students have been serving in Kingdom ministries literally all over the world. Beginning here in Durant, we have students serving on campus with the Upward Bound program, as youth ministry interns and sponsors, and going to school and working jobs for the glory of God. We have students serving with the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Girls in Madill and several on staff at Falls Creek. Other students have been serving with their youth ministries at home. We have students who have worked at Super Summer Oklahoma, FCA camps, at Shepards Fold Ranch, Kamikaze Youth Camp, Kanakuk, and many other camps. We had a young lady attend Project Impact Chicago which is a Mission/Discipleship Project. We have a guy serving in New England for the summer, primarily in New Hampshire...sharing the gospel there. We had a one young lady go to Malawi in Africa to share the gospel and teach abstinence education in the schools. Six students accompanied Paula and me to Venezuela where we saw over a hundred people pray to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Two of our guys spent the better part of their summer in India going village to village telling the story of Jesus. And we have one young man who spent six weeks in India and is now serving in another Southeastern Asian country, carrying the message of the gospel of Jesus to the people who have never heard. This is why I love my job. God is doing some amazing things. Praise God for his work through college students and pray specifically for boldness for our students as they return to campus to begin school on August 20th. Pray that we will see many new college students come to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior this school year and pray that his followers will become reproducers for the ministry of the Kingdom. This ministry exists because of your Cooperative Program, Associational, and Church Support. Celebrate that your ministry is making a difference on the Southeastern Campus and literally around the world.

Investing in LIVES, Brandon Brister

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary !!

### Birthdays

- 8/5 - Vickie Jordan
- 8/6 - James Robinson
- 8/7 - Nikki Wallace
- 8/11 - Dennis Pena
- 8/12 - Nancy Ballard
- 8/13 - Alejo Benito
- 8/15 - Daniel Wesley
- 8/17 - Norma McLean
- 8/19 - Chappy Mabrey
- 8/20 - Karen Horn
- 8/21 - Joey Gosnell
- 8/21 - Ange Edwards
- 8/23 - Sonya Geiger
- 8/29 - Lanelle Goodin
- 8/31 - Jan Suggs



### Wedding Anniversaries

- 8/2 - Hillary & Diane Dean
- 8/2 - Jimmy & Marla Harwood
- 8/3/96 - Ashley & Quintin McLarry
- 8/4 - Jimmy & Francie James
- 8/10 - Lon & Judy Bolan
- 8/13 - Buddy & Nancy Johnson
- 8/13 - Bruce & Reba McLaughlin
- 8/15 - Karen & Bill Horn
- 8/16 - Alton & Linda Lynch
- 8/24/91 - Darren & Nikki Wallace

### Ministry Anniversaries

- 8/1/98 - Crystal Gibby - Colbert
- 8/91 - Brenda Rowland - Emmanuel
- 8/01 - Anthony Williams - Grace
- 8/7/77 - Ruth Ann Marlin - Calvary
- 8/86 - Karen Damron - Durant, First
- 8/1/05 - Brandon Brister - BCM

### Upcoming Senior Events



The Roadrunners have decided to take a break for the summer. They will start up again in September. If you have a CDL license and/or would consider leading this group please pray about it, then call the BBA. We are in great need of some-

one to passionately lead a fun, active, mission minded group of senior citizens. Thank you.

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

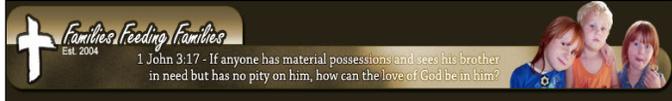
**August 17th. 580-924-2351**



# O·B·U

OBU sponsors Ministry Training Institute (MTI). Class will start at the BBA office on Tuesday,

August 21 for "Apocalyptic Literature" (The study of Revelation, Daniel & Ezekiel). If you are interested in attending this class taught by Terrell Suggs, just call the BBA office to speak with him. This class is 3 hours of credit and costs \$60 per hour (if ordained, \$50). There is a \$25 registration fee and the costs of books and study guides. You should be registered by August 15th, so call or come by soon.



Are you a great cook?  
Do you love to cook for a crowd?  
Do you love to serve the Lord?  
Do you feel the desire to help the less fortunate in our community?  
Do you enjoy planning meals?  
Would you like to use a commercial dish washer?  
Can you make a dessert occasionally?  
If you answered yes to ANY of these questions, Families Feeding Families needs you!

Call Brian Burkhalter at 580-230-1828 to get started!

## Positions Needed

**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.

**Youth Ministers** Western Meadows Baptist Church is searching for a **part-time youth minister**. Please send your resume to Western Meadows BC, 53 Shawna Dr., Durant, OK 74701 or call 580-924-6006.

**Cartwright First Baptist Church** needs a **part-time youth minister**. Send resume to church in care of Larry Hall, PO Box 264, Cartwright, OK 74731.

**Music Ministers Faith Bokchito** is searching for a **part-time music minister**. Contact Scott Melton at 580-295-3488.

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## August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Indian Assembly at Falls Creek						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Day of Prayer for Students	13	14	15 FFF Meeting @ 10:00	16	17	18
19	20	21 MTI Class Starts	22	23	24	25
26	27 Executive Board Meeting Bokchito FBC Supper 6:00 Meeting 7:00	28	29	30	31	
					Directors of Missions Retreat	