



The Challenger

February 2018

From the Desk of the DOM

In his devotional book *From this Verse*, Robert J. Morgan tells a story about a young pastor who asked a member of his church if he knew what the Urim and Thummim (Exodus 28:30) were. The man, a stout student of Scripture, replied that he could not explain with any certainty what the Urim and Thummim were, except to note that they were used to discern the will of God (Numbers 27:21). He then declared that he could discern the will of God, too, but not through the Urim and Thummim. Instead he found the will of God by the Usin' and Thummin' of God's Word!

How true that is. In 2 Peter 1:5 we are instructed to add to our faith virtue and knowledge. Virtue involves living according to God's will. To be able to do that, we need to know what God's will is. That knowledge is to primarily be discovered through faithfully reading and studying Scripture. It's the usin' and thummin' that make the difference. Usin' all of the Bible and not just our favorite parts. Thummin' through for truth to be applied to our lives and not just information to be stored away. The will of God is to be found there.

Let's be faithful in doin' both!

Tim Bowen

What's Going on in Our Churches

Western Meadows is seeking a P/T Worship Minister. Send resumes to: j6420@yahoo.com

Streetman Rd is in search of a Music Leader/Pianist. If you're interested in leading our services, please contact us! We would love to hear your God given talent. Kent Moore 1-405-623-6666

FBC Cartwright is searching for a Bi-Vo Worship Minister. Send resumes to: stacierphillips@yahoo.com or P.O. Box 264 Cartwright, OK 74731

Utica is seeking a P/T Youth Minister. For more information, contact Leann Bishop. 580-920-9929

Stone Creek is seeking a Bi/Vo Pastor with a family to help us grow in God's grace. Send resumes to: Pastor Search Committee, P.O. Box 1262 Durant, OK 74702

FBC Colbert is seeking a music minister. Send resumes to fbccolbert@gmail.com

Hendrix Baptist has a 1993 Dodge Ram 15-passenger van in need of TLC. It will be given to an interested church who would put it to use. Contact Charles @ 580-838-2362

FBC Yuba is seeking a P/T Youth Pastor. Send resumes to mlmood@yahoo.com or losttoadeerhunter@yahoo.com or call 580-285-2121 or 903-647-6495

HAPPY ♥ VALENTINE'S ♥ DAY

ABOVE ALL,
LOVE
EACH
OTHER DEEPLY,
BECAUSE LOVE
COVERS
OVER A
MULTITUDE
OF SINS.

Greetings from the LTBRM!

So far, 2018 has been a busy one for LTBRM. We have been involved in training and meetings this past month to be able to better minister through LTBRM. The grounds at the Helm have been slowly undergoing some improvements. Thanks to donations from some very special friends of the ministry, we have been able to upgrade some furniture and kitchen supplies. Remodel and cosmetic work is underway at the Decker cabin. We are anticipating getting the equipment to begin working on the multitude of dead fallen trees as well as upgrading and creating more prayer trails. Fencing is also a project being planned.

If you have a group with the ability and equipment to help us with some outdoor cleanup or maintenance, please give us a call.

(580) 916-2181 —Monty Wood

Birthdays

Roddy Arnold	Feb. 01
Billie Hamilton	Feb. 04
Jay Perry	Feb. 09
Cole Newton	Feb. 09
Kay Groce	Feb. 13
Ken Bartholomew	Feb. 16
Donald Robinson	Feb. 19
Zona Loyd	Feb. 20
Alvie Thornton	Feb. 21

Wedding Anniversaries

Donald & Billie Robinson 2/23/63

Ministry Anniversaries

Cole Newton	2/01/15
Jeff Self	2/08/15

Operation Christmas Child

"A Heartfelt Thank-You from Franklin Graham" tells stories about folks who pack shoe boxes. Find it online. One lady is 101-years old!

Here's why 16-year old Hannah Wood from Armstrong Baptist packed more than 50 boxes this year!

"In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus commanded that we go and make disciples of all nations. These words have stuck with me my entire life. I may not be able to physically go to other countries, but I CAN send the Gospel to other countries.

Through OCC, the Gospel is shared in dozens of countries around the world. This is more than people alone could ever accomplish! This is through Christ alone! I thank God for the millions of shoe boxes that have been delivered since 1993!

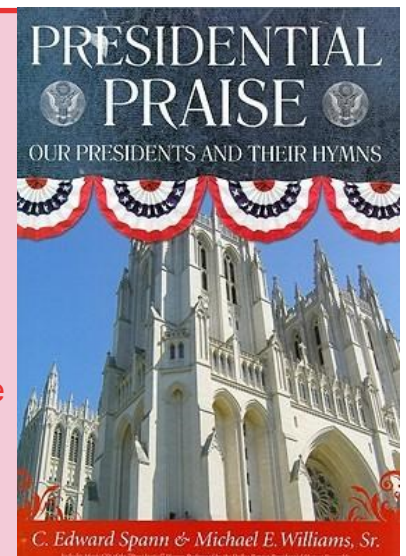
How will you respond to Jesus' command to go?"

--Dolores Kiser

**Please pray for our
pastorless churches:**

Kenefic, Brown,
Colbert, Stone Creek

FBC Durant will be hosting Dr. C Edward Spann on Sunday night, February 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm in their Student Worship Center as he presents ***Presidential Praise: Our Presidents and Their Hymns*** based on a book written by Dr. Spann. This is a non-political presentation of the favorite hymns of our nation's presidents. Please come out for this exciting event! For more information, contact Ken Bartholomew at FBC Durant.



Senior Adult Luncheons

Feb. 14—Albany
Mar. 14—Armstrong

From the BBA Prayer Ministry Team Leader

Oswald Chambers stated, "Prayer is not preparation for the battle, it is the battle." So, don't become discouraged when you lack evidence that your prayers are moving Heaven or changing anyone, or a given situation. There are three things that we need to understand regarding being discouraged because prayers aren't answered as quickly as we think they should be. Spiritual warfare is serious, Our Adversary is serious, and Our Armor is serious. As we stand firm, unmovable and unshakeable in our position as children of God, we are to put on... the belt of truth... the breastplate of righteousness... feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace... the shield of faith... and the helmet of salvation. While these are defensive in nature, we have two offensive weapons: the sword of the Spirit which "is the word of God," and prayer, real prayer, our direct communications with the Commander. We are to pray "on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and requests," and "be alert and always keep on praying."

In His Grip, Bro. Anthony



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We love to have your church's events in the Challenger. If you or your church have any announcements or news you would like to be included in next month's Challenger, please contact the BBA office before **February 19th**.



FEBRUARY 3, 2018 MEN'S WILD GAME SUPPER

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mead, OK

Join the men of the Bryan Baptist Association for their annual Wild Game Supper and Fellowship. Open to men of all ages!

Bring your favorite wild game dish (or not wild game dish!) or dessert!

Worship:
Trent Rose

Testimony:
Dennis Bowen

Speaker:
Michael Moody,
Pastor, FBC Yuba

Feb. 3, 2018
6 p.m.

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February 2018

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

February is True Love Waits Month				1	2	3 Men's Wild Game Supper @ 6 p.m.
4	5	6 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am at Calvary	 Rose Day Pro-Life Rally @ OK Capitol	8	9	10
11	12	13 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am at Calvary	14 Sr. Adult Luncheon @ Albany	15	16	17
Racial Reconciliation Sunday	WMU Focus Week Feb. 12-18					Children's Ministry Day
18 BBA Closed Feb. 19 for President's Day		20 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am at Calvary	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am @ Calvary	28			
Priority of Preaching Conference @ OKC Quail Springs						