



The Challenger

February
2010

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CONFERENCE

Never before has it been so important for churches to have well written, up-to-date Constitutions and By-Laws. Steve Lewis, an attorney especially committed to helping churches in this vital area wrote in an article posted on the internet by LifeWay: Biblical Solutions for Life, September 14, 2007:

We live in a litigation-happy society. Assuming your church is safe from lawsuits is a set-up for disaster. While many suits are unjustified, way too many suits against churches are appropriate because of inadequate ministerial practices. The very good news is that the majority of such lawsuits are preventable.

One of the most important documents a church can have in its "legal arsenal" is a church ministry plan set forth in a clearly written, proactive set of by-laws drafted especially for a church in America today....when their bylaws are inadequate, churches face a higher risk of being dragged into extensive and expensive litigation, having their ministry greatly disrupted and being ordered to pay damages, or suffering a variety of serious consequences.

If your church's bylaws are not current and properly written, your church has opened itself up to some...serious consequences.

The BBA is joining three other Associations (Johnson-Marshall, Atoka-Cole, Frisco) for a special Conference to help our churches either write or update their Constitutions and By-Laws. It will be held at First Baptist Boswell on Monday, February 22 from 6:30 to 8:30. We are strongly encouraging our churches to send at least 2 or 3 key representatives. Please call the BBA office for more details.

In His service,
Terrell

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1188 prescriptions filled
approx. retail value \$94,131
Plus many, many over the counter medications

Servant: a person devoted to a cause

According to James 1:1, James was a servant of God. At the Great Physician's Pharmacy/Medical Clinic we have many faithful servants of God. Each week we have from 10-12 servants working diligently to meet the physical and spiritual needs of many people. Floors must be cleaned, people greeted, registered and counseled, prescriptions filled, and labels peeled. Entertainment is great while the people have to wait! I cannot say often enough how thankful I am for each person that serves the Lord through the pharmacy/medical clinic.

January was a very busy month with the opening of the medical clinic. Doctor Shah is in the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. An appointment **must** be made and can be done by calling 580-924-1MED (1633) beginning at 7:30a.m. on the Wednesday before the Thursday that the clinic is open. Leave a message and the first 10 callers with the proper information will be called back for an appointment.



I was reading an article by Luis Palau and he said, "When I'm trying to reach my world, there's a phrase in the Bible in 1 Peter 4 that always gets my attention. St.

Peter said, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God." What a phrase that is! When you and I can share the Good News of Jesus Christ, trying to reach our friends, it's not just us speaking. When we speak, and especially when we quote passages from the Bible, we speak as the oracles of God.

The words we say, the quotations we take from the Word of God, carry a punch, a power and a sense of sacredness that is absolutely astonishing. Who would have thought, that you and I, puny little human beings who repented, can speak as the very word of God. That makes it sacred and holy and exciting. So go reach your world."

So taking Luis's suggestion, let's go reach Bryan County. Have you witnessed to anyone this month? Has your church baptized anyone this month? Is your Sunday School Class praying for specific people to be saved? We have a lost county. May God give us a burden for lost souls.

My 3:16 is coming soon! Will let you know more as details come out.

Bro. Anthony



A warm welcome goes out to the new pastor of Yuba Baptist Church. David Malphrus and his family, wife Kandi, and sons, Andrew and Simon, were called to Yuba on December 20th.



Men's Retreat March 26 - 27th

Hosted by:
Calvary Baptist Church
Held at Calvary's cabin at Falls Creek
Cost is \$20.00 - Deadline for registration March 12th.
Contact Darel Bunch at Calvary BC to register.

580-924-0862 or BroDarel@calvarydurant.com

All Men Invited

We eat really good!! Come join us!

Please pray for our pastorless churches

Blue River, Brown, Lakepoint

A Volunteer Drummer is needed at Grace Baptist Church.

If you can help please contact Bro. Anthony Williams at 580-916-0221.

Western Meadows Baptist Church is seeking a part-time youth pastor.

Send resume or recommendations to pastoradarell@earthlink.net or Western Meadows Baptist Church, Darrell Edwards, 53 E Shawna Dr, Durant OK 74701

Who uses the "Group VBS" curriculum?

This is a VBS curriculum for small churches. Albany BC uses this and would like to share ideas with others using the same program. Please contact Janet Boston at jboston@austincollege.edu



Grace Baptist Church has some pews

for a needy church. If someone is interested they can contact Bro. Anthony at 916-0221.



The BBA has been blessed with a huge supply of two kinds of toy kits for young girls between ages 7-9. One is a Spa Factory, a fun kit to create your own



spa essentials. The other is a silk screener to design your own t-shirts. If you know some young girls that would enjoy these or are planning an event that you could use these as an activity

they could take home afterwards, please come get some. We have over 300 so there are plenty to go around.



Women's Ministries & Missions



**WMU Focus Week Banquet
Called to Love**

February 11th at 6:30pm

First Baptist Church of Colbert

Meat provided by the Association

Bring a side dish

Speakers - JD & Sue Harlin

Call Sally 580-367-2295 for further information

BBA Other Accounts for Dec 2009

Account	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Falls Creek	1643.72	1376.33	7648.73
Disaster Relief	193.72	175.00	6177.88
Carrell Hooper	317.20	1195.00	2717.26
Sunset Cove	259.93	617.07	906.75
SC Building	.01	0.00	32.95
Roadrunners	25.00	878.47	2298.40
Block Party	0.00	0.00	1517.31
Pharmacy	605.00	0.00	2219.17
Ethnic Ministry MM	.94	0.00	3163.83
On Mission CD	.83	0.00	773.50

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

Birthdays

2/2 - Corky Stinnett

2/2 - Beverly Serner

2/2 - Cindy Cloyd

2/9 - Jay Perry

2/12 - Brad Willis

2/13 - Kay Groce

2/16 - Ken Bartholomew

2/8 - Brandon Brister

2/19 - Donald Robinson

2/20 - Zona Loyd

Wedding Anniversaries

2/23/63 - Billie & Donald Robinson

Ministry Anniversaries

2/1/06 - Darrell Edwards - Western Meadows

2/7 - Dennis Cullum - Kenefic

2/11/07 - Darren Wallace - Streetman Rd

2/18/07 - Garry McCain - Streetman Rd

2/18/84 - Norma Fullen - Colbert

2/18/04 - Elaine Lashley - Colbert



Upcoming Senior Events

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

February 19 Stonebrook visit and lunch leaving from Fairview BC parking lot at 11:15am. No bus fee, they are picking us up in their brand new bus!

March 19 - Madill Children Home Tour & Luncheon

Luncheons:

Feb 10 - Calera FBC

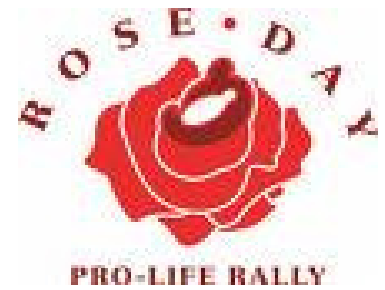
Mar 10 - Brown BC

Bryan Baptist Associational General Fund Financial Report for December 2009

4000 · INCOME	
4100 · Income From Churches	
4106 · Achille, Community	139.00
4110 · Albany	150.32
4112 · Albany, Red River Valley Cowboy	47.07
4114 · Armstrong	137.05
4116 · Bennington	366.92
4118 · Blue	79.48
4120 · Bokchito, Faith	195.33
4124 · Brown	262.46
4132 · Calera	363.66
4134 · Cartwright	769.47
4138 · Colbert	614.17
4140 · Durant, Calvary	1,158.45
4142 · Durant, Fairview	804.00
4144 · Durant, First	1,356.18
4148 · Durant, Grace	1,449.99
4152 · Durant, Stonecreek	83.45
4154 · Durant, Sunset View	140.00
4158 · Hendrix	163.18
4162 · Kenefic	272.03
4164 · Mead	378.84
4166 · Mead, Emmanuel	100.00
4170 · Platter	139.87
4172 · Roberta	133.15
4174 · Robinson	251.89
4180 · Wade	123.40
4182 · Yuba	270.24
Total 4100 · Income From Churches	9,949.60
4200 · BGCO	305.83
4300 · Printing	371.69
4400 · Monthly Interest	4.89
4450 · Payroll Tax Refund	167.18
4500 · Other Contributions	100.00
	10,899.19
Total 4000 · INCOME	9

5000 · EXPENSES	
5100 · ASSOCIATIONAL MINISTRIES	
5110 · RAs	88.00
5131 · Community Missions	191.73
5150 · WMU	72.54
5195 · Christmas Banq/Open House	575.00
Total 5100 · ASSOCIATIONAL MINISTRIES	927.27
5200 · JOINT MISSIONS	
5205 · BCM	250.00
5210 · LTBRM	100.00
5215 · Hispanic Mission	229.16
Total 5200 · JOINT MISSIONS	579.16
5400 · PAYROLL EXPENSE	
5425 · Annuity for Staff	60.00
Total 5435 · Federal Tax	121.78
5455 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/SALARIES	
5460 · DOM Salary	711.34
5465 · Admins Assistant Salary	1,531.84
5470 · Maintenance Help	60.00
5480 · Christmas Gifts	250.00
5485 · Staff Insurance	906.82
5455 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/SALARIES - Other	11.25
Total 5455 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/SALARIES	3,471.25
Total 5400 · PAYROLL EXPENSE	3,653.03
5500 · DOM ALLOWANCES	
5510 · DOM Housing	2,587.92
5520 · DOM Medical	1,173.36
5530 · DOM Retirement Annuity	433.33
Total 5500 · DOM ALLOWANCES	4,194.61
5600 · ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE	
Total 5610 · Copier Expense	431.40
Total 5630 · Postage	226.00
5640 · Supplies	38.83
5645 · Office Equipment/Furniture	6.82
Total 5650 · Utilities	328.91
Total 5600 · ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE	1,031.96
5700 · ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY	
5720 · Maintenance Expense	67.10
Total 5700 · ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY	67.10
5800 · STAFF & DOM REIMBURSEMENTS	
5810 · Travel/Professional Expense	291.53
5820 · Conventions/Conferences	72.89
Total 5800 · STAFF & DOM REIMBURSEMENTS	364.42
Total 5000 · EXPENSES	10,817.55





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 Office Hours - Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 - 4:30
 Fri. 8:30 - 1:00



WMU Focus Week
 8th - 14th

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 call the BBA office before **February 15th. 580-924-2351**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor/Staff Conf.	2	3 ROSE DAY PRO-LIFE RALLY	4	5 Pastor/Staff Fellowship - Mead BC	6
7	8 Pastor/Staff Conf.	9	10 Roadrunners Luncheon at Calera FBC	WMU Banquet @ Colbert FBC	12	13
WMU Focus Week "Called to Love" February 8 - 14						
14 Valentine's Day	15 Pastor/Staff Conf.	16	17	18	19	20 Roadrunners to Stonebrook in Denison
	22 Pastor/Staff Constitution & ByLaws Conference Boswell FBC	23	24	25	26	27 Children's Ministry Day @ Armstrong BC 4-6pm
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