

# Bryan Baptist Association

## The Challenger-January 2008

### From The Desk Of The DOM:

#### THE IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTIC OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN

What is a Christian? It is one who has been born again by the Spirit of God and is a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. When seeking to identify a Christian, what is the most obvious mark to look for? Jesus tells us in John 13:35: "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." In this text Jesus was actually giving the world – unbelievers - the right to decide whether or not we are true disciples. Unbelievers are to see love among us. If they don't, there's no reason to believe we are the real thing.

All Christians need to have a basic assurance of salvation. Do we know we are Christians? What's more, the unbelieving world needs to also know we are Christians. Do those who observe our lives know we are Christians? The most obvious way to tell is love. How else will they know? They can't see inside us. However, they can hear what we say, watch how we conduct ourselves, and see how we treat people, especially our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

The greatest proof of our Christianity is most observable in our relationships. Do we demonstrate I Corinthians 13 love? Remember, the world is looking on.

#### URGENT REPAIR WORK NEEDED FOR BBA FALLS CREEK CABINS

As most of you know, our Falls Creek cabins are very old and stay in constant need of maintenance and repair. Some of those repairs need urgent attention. The floors in cabin #1 need to be completely stripped and redone. Both cabins need to be painted inside and out. Other repair jobs include replacing ceiling tile, patching roof leaks, sealing walls, window pane replacement, digging water run-off ditches and front door replacement. There's always a need for a lot of scrubbing and cleaning. Please announce this in your church and seek to recruit people that will make themselves available for these important tasks. Call the BBA office for details.

In His Service, Terrell Suggs

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### November 2007 Contributions

Achille, First -Larry Metts -----	<b>Durant:</b>	<b>Mead:</b>	Utica --Jay Perry -----
\$ 19.80	Calvary -Darel Bunch -----	Mead - Kerry Groce -----	\$ 227.29
Albany - Jackie Robinson -----	\$ 326.23	\$ 474.11	Wade - Charles Williams -----
\$ 85.08	Fairview - Bill Ledbetter -----	Emmanuel-----	\$ 60.75
Armstrong -Monty Wood -----	\$ 568.00	\$ 180.67	Yuba -Marty Hutchings-----
\$ 112.66	First -James Robinson-----	Streetman Rd-Darren Wallace---	\$ 256.30
Bennington--Heath Murrah-----	\$ 970.68	\$ 481.05	
\$ 334.98	Grace - Anthony Williams-----	Platter, John Heath-----	<b>Account Balances as of</b>
Brown -Dale Ballard -----	\$ 1078.74	\$ 159.19	<b>November 30, 2007:</b>
\$ 162.81	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz -----	RRV Cowboy - George Toma ----	BBA Checking ----- \$ 7687.74
Calera - Jacob Toew-----	\$ 144.42	\$ 24.37	Falls Creek ----- \$ 6026.88
\$ 303.69	Faith -Scott Melton-----	Roberta - Bud Jenkins -----	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 4601.15
Cartwright - Ray Earley -----	\$ 168.60	\$ 126.25	Carrell Hooper Mission - \$ 4862.57
\$ 1102.79	Hendrix - -----	Robinson - Donald Ford -----	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 6968.36
Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin-----	\$ 120.31	\$ 61.20	Roadrunners ----- \$ 2332.91
\$ 48.42	Kenefic - Royce Couch -----	Silo -Buddy Johnson -----	
Colbert - -----	\$ 137.93	\$ 426.44	
\$ 460.63			

**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.

# SUNSET COVE

God is blessing Sunset Cove. Hopefully we will begin working on the building project this month! If you would like to help in anyway please let us know. We need all kinds of help from clean up to construction and professional help. Please continue to pray for God's direction and blessings on this very worthy project.

The Cove is a perfect place to take your family, Sunday School class, youth group, senior group, etc. for a hotdog roast or hike or just watch the sunset (the most beautiful place for that).

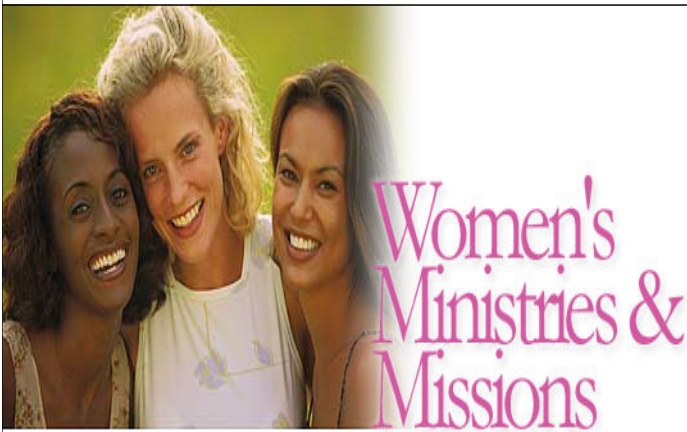
Try it some time!

May God Bless You Abundantly! Dennis Pena

## Mexico Mission Trip Coming Soon!



An orientation meeting will be held at First Baptist Church of Cartwright on Friday, February 1 at 6:00pm. The church will be providing a meal so please let us know if you plan to attend. This meeting is for anyone that thinks they might be interested in going on this mission trip. We will be going to Guanajuato, Mexico on June 20 through 29. Last year we saw 90 adults make decisions for Christ and countless numbers of children. Wouldn't you like to be a part of something like that! Come check it out!



Please let us know if there is any way we can be of assistance to your women's groups.

In His service, Ethel Gray and Betty Stout

## Church News



"DivorceCare, a divorce recovery seminar and support group continues at **First Baptist Church**, 124 W. Evergreen, Durant, with a new 13-week series starting **January 9, 2008**. Weekly sessions are Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Room 205. There is no obligation to attend First Baptist or any church to participate in this seminar/support group. All persons in the area who are currently experiencing separation or divorce or have experienced divorce even years ago are encouraged to attend. DivorceCare features on DVD nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Some of the session topics include: 'Facing My Loneliness,...My Anger...My Depression,' 'New Relationships,' 'Kidcare,' 'Single Sexuality,' 'Financial Survival,' and 'Forgiveness.' The cost to attend is \$15.00, with scholarships available. **DC4K (DivorceCare for Kids)**, designed for children ages 5-12, will meet during the time parents are meeting for DivorceCare, at no cost. Free childcare will be provided for preschool children.

Pre-registration is requested. For more information, or to pre-register, call the church at 924-3573, Katherine Brown at 924-1472, or Amy Tubbs at 924-0675 for DC4K." Katherine Brown and Stacy Shepherd, DivorceCare leaders Amy Tubbs and Vicki Russell, DC4K "Safe-Keepers" First Baptist Church, Durant



### Impact Oklahoma

- Did you know that over 1,200 Oklahomans have received Disaster Relief training and have served the victims of major disasters around the world? Thank you for giving through the Cooperative Program.
- Did you know that your Cooperative Program dollars are at work in 8 Strategic Focus Cities in America? To date, the evangelistic emphasis has yielded more than 48,000 professions of faith and 420 church plants. Vancouver, British Columbia will be the 2006 Strategic Focus City.
- Did you know that within 10 weeks, the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Teams served over 10 million meals following Hurricane Katrina? Thanks for giving through the Cooperative Program.



FAITH Training will be from February 13 - 16 at Calvary Baptist Church. The cost is \$99.00 per church but the BGCO will sponsor half the cost. Please make plans at your church to be a part of this excellent training. You can call the BBA office to register or get more information.

**Announcing the winners of the RA Racers Tournament**

<b>Lads</b>	<b>Crusaders</b>
<b>1st Lucas Williams</b>	<b>1st Chris Taylor</b>
<b>2nd Zack Potts</b>	<b>2nd Tristan Trahan</b>
<b>Best Design Bradley Baxter</b>	<b>Best Design Dillon Bowen</b>



The RAs Basketball Tournament is coming very soon! This is open for anyone. **You do not have to have an RA program to participate in this tournament.** All churches that can form a team are welcome you don't have to be in an RA program. The tournament will be on January 12th beginning at 8:00am, it will last all day. It will be held at the Durant Middle School gym. There will be four divisions Lads, Crusaders, Jr High, and Sr High. Please call Jason Lowery at 580-775-1313 or email him at [jason@salitas.com](mailto:jason@salitas.com) or you can call or email the BBA office to register and/or get more information.

**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! If you can get a group to go do some work on them it would make a better place for us all to go to. Your cabins are in a prime location, close to the new tabernacle and we sure would like for it to reflect our great association by being great cabins. If you can clean, paint, do repairs on stuff, or anything else that you might could do to improve your cabins please consider helping us get your cabins looking sharp! 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!

**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary !!**

**Birthdays**

- 1/4 - Bernice Davis
- 1/12 - Kerry Groce
- 1/13 - Alton Lynch
- 1/19 - Bob Fuller
- 1/20 - Ethel Gray
- 1/23 - Patricia Mock
- 1/30 - Jeff Weibling
- 1/31 - Gail Jackson



**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1/11 - Darel & Cindy Bunch
- 1/28/77 - Donald & Cindy Ford

**Ministry Anniversaries**

- 1/99 - Darel Bunch - Calvary
- 1/01 - Lon & Judy Bolan - Utica
- 1/01 - Sonya Geiger - Calera
- 1/1/00 - Billie Robinson - Silo
- 1/1/05 - Ashley McLarry - Silo
- 1/26/04 - Lisa Osuna - Fairview



**O·B·U**

**New MT/OBU CLASS**

Starting January 8th  
Meeting at the BBA at 9:00am - 12:00  
The class is titled  
**"Life and Literature of Paul"**  
The cost is \$60.00 per hour, \$50.00 if you are ordained.  
Plus book and study guide for \$25.00  
If you would like more information, please call Terrell Suggs at the BBA office.

**Upcoming Senior Events**

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

- Jan 18 - BG's in Kingston
- Feb 22 - The Pit in Madill

**Luncheons:**

- Jan 9 - Achille Community
- Feb 13 - Armstrong
- Mar 12 - Caddo



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

**Jan 18th. 580-924-2351**



**Positions Needed**

**Please pray for our pastorless churches:**

Colbert, Emmanuel, Hendrix and 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.

**Kitchen Manager** needed **part-time**. Must be able to cook as needed for 125-300 people. Clean kitchen on nightly basis, assist in food orders, pickup and menus. Assist in various food service areas as the need arises. 580-775-0015

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## Happy New Year!

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## January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>  BBA Office Closed	<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> MTI Class Begins	<b>9</b> Roadrunners Luncheon at Achille Commu-	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  RA Basketball @ DMS Gym
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
					Roadrunners to BG's in Kingston	
<b>20</b> Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	<b>21</b> Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Wild Game Cook-Off Calera FBC
	Executive Board Meeting @ Achille Community					
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Mexico Mission Trip Orientation Meeting 6:00 @ Cartwright FBC	
Baptist Men's Day	State Evangelism Conference					