



# *The Challenger*

## *January 2017*

From the Desk of the DOM

Well, as I am writing this article it is cold outside. Of course that is to be expected since it is mid-December. But a few weeks ago I wasn't so sure that it was ever going to get cool, much less cold! Thank God it did.

I realize that some of you are thinking or even whispering to yourselves something about my mental state. I get that a lot when I express my affinity for winter. But there is a very encouraging spiritual aspect to the coming of winter ...or spring ... or summer ... or autumn. The regular appearance of the seasons reminds us that our great God is on the throne! He is still in control and He continues to honor His promise to Noah (Genesis 8:22). His creation continues to submit to Him. The seas come only so far up the shore (Job 38:11), the dawn still knows its place (Job 38:12), the heavens still declare the glory of God and the firmament still shows His handiwork (Psalm 19:1).

I personally don't care for summer. The heat is not a friend to me at all. But it, too, declares God's power and presence. Perhaps we would do ourselves a favor if the next time we are inclined to gripe about any season, we stop to thank God for it and praise Him in all His glory and dominion. In fact, if we were to practice this we might do a favor for more than just ourselves. We might just possibly offer a testimony to those around us who need the hope and peace of Almighty God. Just a thought.

Tim Bowen, DOM

**Birthdays**

Tommy Green      January 04  
Chloe Richards    January 08  
Kerry Groce      January 12  
Jeff Self          January 19  
Stacie Phillips    January 29

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Darel & Cindy Bunch    01/11  
Dusty Rhodes            01/08/77  
Donald & Cindy Ford 01/28/77

**Ministry Anniversaries**

Billie Robinson        01/01/00  
Sonya Pass              01/01/01  
Darel Bunch             01/01/99

**Please pray for our  
pastorless churches:**

Albany Baptist  
Brown Baptist  
Kenefic Baptist  
Stone Creek Baptist

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**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. Please 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

**New Mailing Address:**

**Bryan Baptist Association  
P.O. Box 970**

**Durant, OK 74702**

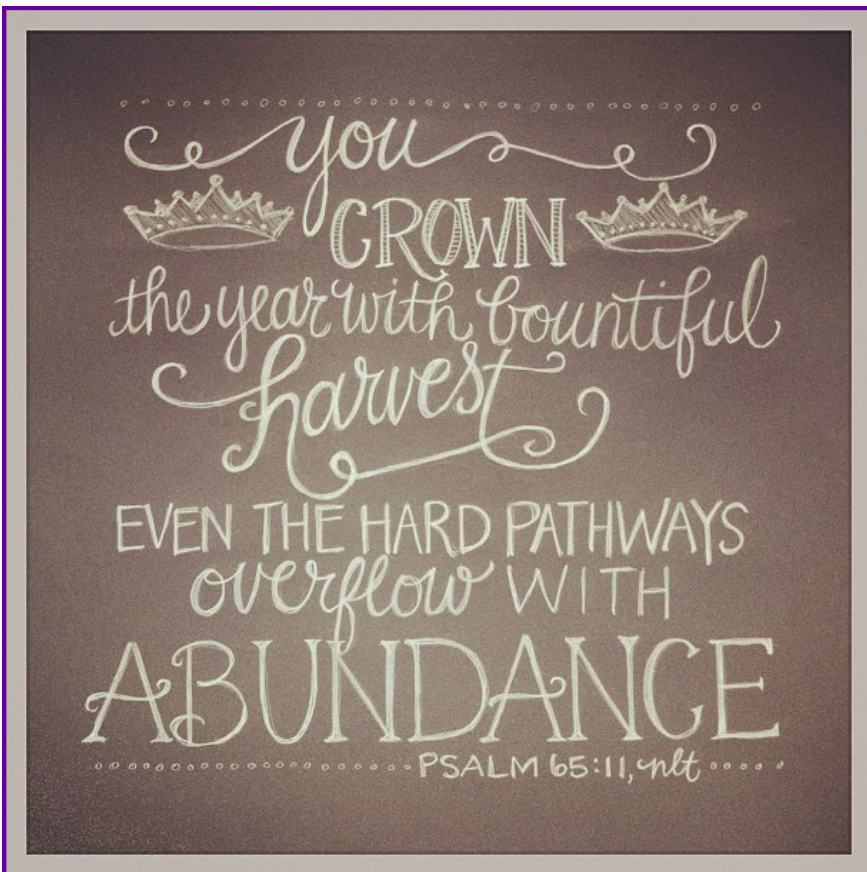
The BBA will be receiving its mail at this address now.

**Pastor/Staff Conference**

Jan. 10                Ryan Perry  
Jan. 17                Jessie Hopkins  
Jan. 24                Mike Wingfield  
Jan. 31                N/A: SEC  
Feb. 07                Jimmy Moore

**Senior Adult Luncheons**

**Jan. 11 at Stone Creek  
Feb. 8 at Streetman Road**



## What's Going on in Our Churches



Please join us for our annual Men's Ministry Wild Game Supper! Bring your favorite dish, and enjoy of time of food and fellowship with the men of the Bryan Baptist Association.

Men of all ages welcome!

**Saturday, January 28, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**The Helm, 2034 Max Rd., Mead, OK 73449**

**Speaker: Pastor Greg Thralls, Reynolds Chapel**  
**Worship: Clifford Cox, FBC Durant**

**United '17** is February 3-5! Contact Garrett Scott for registration details and more info! [Gscott@fbcdurant.org](mailto:Gscott@fbcdurant.org)

**From the BBA Prayer Ministry Team Leader**

**Colossians 4:2-4** Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Our first duty is to pray and continue in prayer. Four important instructions are given, instructions that desperately need to be heeded. 1. Continue steadfastly in prayer, that is to be constant, persevering in unbroken prayer. Be in constant and unbroken fellowship and communion with the Master. 2. We are to watch in prayer. That is to stay awake, be alert, be sleepless, be active, concentrate. Fight against distractions, drowsiness, sluggishness, wandering thoughts and useless daydreaming. 3. We are to pray with thanksgiving. He has done so much for us, thank Him! 4. We are to pray for others. Prayer is one of the laws of the universe. God has established the spiritual law that He works in response to prayer. So, if we want the blessings of God upon our lives and ministries, if we want the work of God going forth in power and bearing fruit, we must pray for our churches, our association and for each person that will avail themselves to be used of the Master.

**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 January 19th.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 BBA Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Pastor/Staff Conf. 10:30am at Calvary BBA Exec. Comm. Meeting 5:30 p.m.	11 Sr. Adult Luncheon @ Stone Creek	12	13	14
15 BBA Closed Jan. 16	16 MLK	17 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am at Calvary	18	19 Budget & Finance Comm. Meeting 5:30 p.m.	20	21
22	23 BBA Exec. Board Meeting @ Western Meadows	24	25	26	27	28 Wild Game Supper @ The Helm
29	30	31				
State Evangelism Conference First Southern Del City						