



# *The Challenger*

*May 2009*

*May 18th - 24th is  
Bryan Baptist Association's  
Missions Week  
with special emphasis on  
The Carrell and  
Pauline Hooper  
Mission Fund.*

*This fund was established to help volunteers in missions which have been approved by the BBA.*

*This year it will be primarily used for the volunteers going on the Peru Mission trips. The BBA has partnered with the Iquitos un-reached people group in the Amazon Basin.*

*You can send your offerings through your church or directly to the BBA. If you would like special offering envelopes in your church, please call the BBA office and we will send you as many as you need.*

*Thank you and may God's love be spread further because of your offerings.*

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## From the desk of the DOM

Mrs. Denise George, wife of Dr. Timothy George, Dean of the Beeson School of Divinity, has written an excellent book entitled WHAT PASTORS WISH CHURCH MEMBERS KNEW. I wish this book could be read by many church members. Few of us really stop to sincerely consider what kind of struggles and anxieties pastors and staff experience. Because of fear of embarrassment, loss of support, being misunderstood and a number of other reasons they tend not to tell. Mrs. George, in conducting a survey with 400 clergymen representing more than 40 denominations, discovered the following facts:

- Pastors/staff are often lonely and in need of close friends and encouragement. There are few, if any, true friends they can trust enough to share their struggles and hurts.
- They want to feel needed in their congregations.
- Like every other human, they possess personal inadequacies and limitations.
- They aren't immune to life's problems or personal fears.
- They get discouraged and experience self-doubt.
- They need understanding, acceptance and support just like their church members.
- They can be hurt by criticism, insensitivity or lack of appreciation. Because their families live in "glass houses" they are sometimes hurt deeply by unfair criticism.
- They sometimes get angry.
- They often struggle to live up to expectations that are sometimes unrealistic and impossible to fulfill.
- They don't possess every spiritual gift. Some areas of ministry may be difficult for them.

Have you told your pastor/staff lately how much you love and appreciate them? Take time often to encourage them and their families. Invite them to dinner. Give them a special gift. Listen to their hurts and concerns. Show them that they can trust you. Affirm and celebrate their work. Complement them for their giftedness and refrain from criticism. One of the best ways is to find your place of usefulness in the church. Work hard and watch them rejoice. Let them know that you pray regularly for them.

In His service, Terrell



The Ladies Retreat was awesome! We received showers of blessings in several ways. The fellowship in the Lord was very exciting. We were filled with great messages by our mission report, songs of praise and testimonies. I want to thank everyone who attended and those who had a hand in helping in any way. We all came home with some great memories and I hope everyone was blessed as much as I was. I thank those who were unable to attend. We could feel your presence through prayer. Thanks again and let's give God the Glory.

Remember the BBA Missions Week and Carrell and Pauline Hooper Mission Fund Emphasis Week May 18th - 24th. This offering goes directly to help volunteer missions from this area.



Your Evangelism Committee met on April 16 at Grace Baptist Church with Brice Watkins, Dale Watkins, Geralyn Watkins and Anthony Williams present. Our main discussion centered around an Associa-

tional Children's Crusade on August 5th at Calvary Baptist Church. Also being involved in the children's section at the Magnolia Festival in Durant. We will need volunteers from our churches to help at the Magnolia Festival. If you can help please let Dee Dee know at the associational office.

Keep living Godly lives and tell someone about Jesus this month.

Bro. Anthony

### Please pray for our pastorless churches

Blue River, Brown, Lakepoint, and Yuba

### A Volunteer Drummer is needed at Grace Baptist Church.

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



The "buzz" around the association is that much progress is being made on our Activity Building. Soon we will be showing it off! You will be able to view it when you come to Sunset Cove for the Freedom Day celebration. Thanks to our Lord for making it possible. It is for His honor and glory. To the churches and individuals who are supporting us financially we say thank you very much for your contributions. Volunteer helpers are making an outstanding effort to see this project become a reality.

In this final stage I appeal to you to help with the kitchen appliances and tables and chairs. Contact us through the BBA office and help us make a dream come true!

Come to Freedom Day Sunday May 17th!!  
2:30 - 6:00. Music, preaching, food, play, fellowship!

Winston & Mary Smith



We love to have your church's events in the Challenger. 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 **May 15th. 580-924-2351**

### BBA Other Accounts for March 2009

Account	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Falls Creek	2554.56	146.79	7900.83
Disaster Relief	184.76	56.27	5667.51
Carrell Hooper	385.5	314.53	1068.34
Sunset Cove	189.91	593.51	3890.71
SC Building	500.90	2707.83	1660.41
Roadrunners	29.53	25.06	2170.63
Block Party	0	0	1297.54
Ethnic Ministry MM	1.22	0	3516.73
Ethnic Ministry CD	10.81	0	7059.26
On Mission CD	1.09	0	515.64



### Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

#### Wedding Anniversaries

- 5/13/49 - Jean & Corky Stinnett
  - 5/17 - Terrell & Jan Suggs
  - 5/21 - Maudell & Wesley Barfield
  - 5/22 - Phillip & Neta Wesley
  - 5/24/97 - Alex & Heather Benito
  - 5/29/99 - Jim & Rebecca Pena
  - 5/31 - Ray & Amy Earley
- #### Ministry Anniversaries
- 5/1/05 - Jared Howard - Utica
  - 5/20/02 - Vickie Jordan - Colbert
  - 5/21/06 - Bill Ledbetter - Fairview

#### Birthdays

- 5/1 - Lisa Osuna
- 5/4 - Fred Resz
- 5/9 - Harold Garrard
- 5/11 - Bethany Whitehurst
- 5/15 - Barbara Wiginton
- 5/18 - Cindy Burns
- 5/20 - Clark Harp
- 5/23 - Bruce McLaughlin
- 5/24 - Jimmy Moore
- 5/28 - Jim Pena
- 5/29 - Joan Williams
- 5/31 - Charles Williams
- 5/31 - Darrell Edwards

### Bryan Baptist Associational General Fund Financial Report for March 2009

<b>4000 · INCOME</b>	
<b>4100 · Income From Churches</b>	
4110 · Albany	143.86
4114 · Armstrong	108.03
4116 · Bennington	463.34
4118 · Blue	62.74
4126 · Bushnell	1,459.16
4134 · Cartwright	380.15
4138 · Colbert	486.37
4140 · Durant, Calvary	577.23
4142 · Durant, Fairview	845.00
4144 · Durant, First	1,901.25
4146 · Durant, First Hispanic	280.00
4148 · Durant, Grace	809.92
4152 · Durant, Stonecreek	79.67
4158 · Hendrix	153.01
4164 · Mead	351.69
4166 · Mead, Emmanuel	100.00
4168 · Mead, Streetman	105.76
4170 · Platter	59.81
4180 · Wade	40.00
4182 · Yuba	215.22
<b>Total 4100 · Income From Churches</b>	<b>8,622.21</b>
4200 · BGCO	305.83
4400 · Monthly Interest	7.39
4500 · Other Contributions	680.00
<b>Total 4000 · INCOME</b>	<b>9,615.43</b>

5205 · BCM	250.00
5210 · LTBRM	100.00
5215 · Hispanic Mission	229.16
<b>Total 5200 · JOINT MIS-SIONS</b>	<b>579.16</b>
<b>5400 · PAYROLL EXPENSE</b>	
<b>Total 5435 · Federal Tax</b>	<b>106.78</b>
<b>5455 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/SALARIES</b>	
5460 · DOM Salary	1,311.34
5465 · Admins Assistant Salary	1,531.84
5470 · Maintenance Help Wages	317.50
5485 · Staff Insurance	906.82
5455 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/SALARIES - Other	11.94
<b>Total 5455 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/SALARIES</b>	<b>4,079.44</b>
<b>Total 5400 · PAYROLL EXPENSE</b>	<b>4,186.22</b>
<b>5500 · DOM ALLOWANCES</b>	
5510 · DOM Housing	1,987.90
5520 · DOM Medical	1,164.22
5530 · DOM Retirement Annuity	433.33
<b>Total 5500 · DOM ALLOWANCES</b>	<b>3,585.45</b>
<b>Total 5600 · ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE</b>	<b>945.95</b>
<b>5800 · STAFF &amp; DOM REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	
5810 · Travel/Professional Expense	138.46
<b>Total 5800 · STAFF &amp; DOM REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>138.46</b>
<b>Total 5000 · EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,435.24</b>

### Upcoming Senior Events

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

**May 29 - Braum's Dairy at Tuttle, OK Leave at 8:00am, Tour is at 12:00. There is one flight of stairs and a lot of walking. Plan to be home around 5:30pm.**

June 19 - Evening Picnic  
(Details coming soon)

#### Luncheons:

- May 13 - Red River Valley  
Cowboy Church
- June 10 - Robinson
- July 8 - Bokchito FBC





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The Baptist Association  
**Live with Urgency:**  
*Sowing Together*  
 for Harvest

*Please give your offering to the Carrell and Pauline Hooper Mission Fund to help the volunteer missions from Bryan Association.*

Director of Missions-----Terrell Suggs  
 Moderator-----Bill Ledbetter  
 Vice-Moderator-----Heath Murrah  
 Clerk-----Darrell Edwards  
 Treasurer-----J.C. Curtis  
 Administrative Assistant ---DeeDee Pena  
 Office Hours - Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 - 4:30  
                   Fri. 8:30 - 1:00

**May 2009**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am Fairview	5	6	National Day of Prayer 	8	9
10  Happy Mothers' Day	11 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am Fairview	12	Roadrunners Luncheon at Red River Valley Cowboy Church	14	15	16
17 Freedom Day @ 	18 Pastor/Staff Conference	19	20	21	22	23
Bryan Baptist Associational Missions Week & Carrell & Pauline Hooper Fund Emphasis Week 18th - 24th						
24 	BBA Office Closed 	26 Camp Session #1	27 24th - 27th	28 Session # 2	Roadrunners trip to Braum's Dairy	30 
31				27th - 30th		