



The Challenger Challenger



FIREPROOF is coming. It is a feature-length action-packed movie. It is a love story about a firefighter, his wife, and a marriage worth rescuing. It dramatically presents the gospel in a most powerful way. Produced by the Sherwood Baptist Church in south Georgia, the movie has already received top ratings. About seventy-five of us were privileged to see a private showing at First Baptist Durant, and it had us on the edge of our seats. I am very excited about it.

Even though we are not yet sure about an exact date, it will be coming to Bryan County sometime in November. This movie has amazing potential for reaching multitudes for Christ. We must take full advantage of this opportunity. We are expecting tremendous response. Individuals and churches are asked to do the following:

*Pray for the Lord to use this movie in a powerful way.

*Ask your church for financial support. There is a 1000 ticket pledge requirement to reserve the movie.

*Ask for volunteers to help. We will need several on site for each showing. We will be giving out gospel tracts and Bibles.

I will let you know more detail as the time approaches. Call the office for more information.

A HUGE THANK YOU

The BBA Annual Meeting went great. Deepest appreciation is expressed to First Baptist Calera for doing such a great job in hosting the meeting. There are so many people that work together that make the BBA such a great Association. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! I feel so wonderfully honored and blessed to be your Director of Missions. God is doing some incredible things among us, for which we give Him all honor and praise.

In His Service, Terrell

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September 2008 Contributions

Albany: Albany—Jackie Robinson — \$ 67.02 Armstrong—Monty Wood — \$ 114.54 Bennington - Heath Murrah ----- \$ 819.19 Blue - Tony Fields ----- \$ 135.50	Cartwright,First-Ray Earley ----- \$ 408.05 Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin ----- \$ 59.46 Colbert - Roy Vinson — \$ 630.24	Stonecreek - Fred Resz - \$ 102.85 WesternMeadows---Darrell Edwards --- \$ 195.80 Hendrix - Olan Bullard --- \$ 139.91 Kenefic—Royce Couch—\$ 152.03	Roberta—Bud Jenkins — \$ 366.55 Robinson - Donald Ford - \$ 144.00 Silo - Buddy Johnson --- \$ 599.06 Wade—Charles Williams \$ 113.75
Bokchito: Faith - Scott Melton ---- \$ 157.99 Brown - Dale Ballard ---- \$ 174.84 Calera—Jacob Toews----\$ 327.57	Durant: Calvary - Darel Bunch--\$ 783.32 Fairview - Bill Ledbetter ----- \$ 843.00 First-James Robinson-\$ 1,326.19 Grace - Anthony Williams----- \$ 769.00	Mead: Mead - Kerry Groce -- \$ 241.79 Emmanuel - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 1151.49 Streetman Rd - Darren Wallace - \$ 236.30 Platter—John Heath—\$ 145.01	Account Balances as of Sept 30, 2008: BBA Checking ----- \$ 1435.90 Falls Creek ----- \$ 2943.17 Disaster Relief — \$ 4965.08 Carrell Hooper Mission \$ 1746.43 Sunset Cove ----- \$ 4049.53 Roadrunners ----- \$ 2108.84 Block Party ----- \$ 1184.51

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.



News around Bryan Baptist Association



EVANGELISM

It is an honor to serve our Lord and the Bryan Baptist Association this year as your Evangelism Team Leader. It is my desire and prayer that we as an association will see more souls saved this church year. I shared at our annual

meeting that for this to happen we must have a passion to love our Lord with all our heart. We must realize the great exchange that happened on the cross of Calvary. I pray that God will give each of us a burden for lost souls, for without that burden we will not be soul winners. It is imperative that we be sensitive to witnessing opportunities to share the love of Christ to those in need.

Let me encourage each of us to witness to someone this month. Join me in prayer that this will be our greatest year for our Lord ever.

In His Service,
Bro. Anthony



Revival at Mead Baptist Church
November 2 - 7 Evangelist will be Brandon Reynolds from Mountainview Baptist Church in Pierce, Idaho

Kenefic Baptist Church will have a revival **November 9 - 14** with **Bro. Anthony Williams** as the evangelist.



Stonecreek Baptist Church is hosting a **4th Sunday Concert** featuring **Grandpa's Neighbors** on **November 23rd** from 6:00 - 7:00pm. Everyone is invited. Snacks to

Durant's Ministerial Alliance will be sponsoring the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

On November 23rd
At Durant First Baptist Church
Beginning at 6:00pm

This is a wonderful time that we can gather with other Christians from other denominations to worship and fellowship. Pastor Jim Hodson from Community Christian Church will give the sermon and First Baptist's Praise Team will lead the worship. Everyone is welcome!



The Joy of Giving

FORT WORTH, TX

From a volunteer:

We had been hosting packing parties in our neighborhood and had really been blessed by being part of Operation Christmas Child. When we reached the collection center to drop off our boxes, we saw many people had brought a lot more boxes than we had. It inspired me to involve more families for the next year.

I loaded my two boys, ages 3 and 4, into the car to drive home. We had just pulled onto the highway, and I heard the voice of my youngest son from the back seat. He told me that he wanted to ask Jesus to live in his heart. I was so surprised and tried to keep focused on my driving! I knew that the Lord had touched his heart. We prayed right then, and he received Christ as his Savior.

Through the packing of gifts for children in need, my son got to see the Lord's hand at work. Many prayers and circumstances prepared him for this. However, Operation Christmas Child played an important role in his salvation. This program ministers to and blesses all those who participate, whether preparing boxes or receiving them. Thank you for allowing the Lord to minister through your example of His sincere love.

Won't you consider filling a shoebox to share God's love with a child that needs to hear about Him and to see Him in action? Simply go to samaritanspurse.org or come by the BBA office to find out what to do and have your shoebox to the BBA office before November 21st.

Thank you



GOD'S CARE

Hello,

My team and I are busy getting ready for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Please be in prayer for this event and try to send someone from your local church to attend. I know you will receive a blessing as you join with others in praying for our missionaries in the South West Pacific. Hope to see you at Fairview Baptist Church Monday, November 3rd from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Sally and Team

So...I took my friend Ty's advice and availed myself to the New York Times

freebies in the Student Union...I didn't get very far into the paper before I made an observation that has stirred me to post a note and ultimately to do much more, though I am not sure exactly what. So. At the top of the front page, "above the fold", as you might imagine given recent events was an article about the American economy..."36 Hours of Alarm and Action as Crisis Spiraled"...partnered with two others on the same subject "Senate Approves Bailout Proposal by a Wide Margin" and "Small Business Frozen by Crisis". These articles were juxtaposed with an article entitled: "LIFE in Zimbabwe: WAIT FOR USELESS MONEY, THEN SCOUR FOR FOOD."

Did you catch that???...We rich Americans are the ones in Crisis and for those waiting and starving in Zimbabwe that is just LIFE. Ours is the CRISIS? Come on. Shame on us. Shame on me and all who complain that we are starving, or that we are poor, or that we don't like spaghetti or sloppy joes or spinach or cheesecake or whatever. We are blind to our wealth and we have the gall to make such outrageous complaints about the price of gas for our cars, or about how our blessed retirement accounts are being temporarily reduced because of market volatility...seriously? I have money set aside for retirement and others in the world wake at 2:30 am to go to stand in line to withdraw two dollars from the bank to buy a bag of corn meal...that's if they have two dollars in the bank and they can find corn meal! Remember we are being led to believe that WE are the ones in Crisis. We are in a CRISIS because we can't get a loan to live the "American dream" which more and more seems to mean a life way above my means, in debt to the eyeballs so that we can keep up with those we want to impress in the community. The fact is that we may have a crisis on our hands but it certainly is not a crisis that has anything to do with poverty in America. Our poverty is a poverty of compassion for a world that clearly needs for the fat to share a bit. Actually alot more than a bit...alot.

So what am I going to do? I MUST make a commitment to some kind of financial life change, something sacrificial, not just for those in Zimbabwe, but for all they represent....the poor (really poor), those oppressed by tyrannical governors, those afflicted with diseases that are curable if only they had access to medicines. My first commitment is to pray for vision to know how to walk forward with God on this issue. God is aware and he is making me aware. He is compelling me to act with Him, what is he telling you to do? Being aware and bothered is the start. If you are not there...pray that God will open your eyes. But if we are bothered and do not act, the very hands of Jesus, those entrusted to you and your stewardship and those entrusted to me and my stewardship, will remain in our all too full pockets and the world will die in ignorance of the living God with empty souls, stomachs and pockets. I am grieved and cannot be silent.

Give us this day our daily bread. (That means all of us in the world.) Has he given you some he wants you to share with someone else?

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary !!

Birthdays

11/3 - Denise Willis
 11/6 - Betty Arnold
 11/6 - Randy Lewis
 11/7 - Joyce Shives
 11/18 - Leandra Jestis
 11/24 - Betty Garrard
 11/26 - Donald Arnold
 11/28 - Peggy Ford
 11/29 - Phillip Stephens
 11/29 - Lesa Spoon



Wedding Anniversaries

11/1/82 - Elaine & Daniel Lashley
 11/2/74 - Dennis & DeeDee Pena
 11/3/55 - Royce & Mary Couch

Ministry Anniversaries

11/1/88 - Jacob Toews - Calera
 11/1 - Buddy Johnson - Silo
 11/7 - Rusty Moles - Faith
 11/24/04 - Gerald Kelly - Fairview



This is not my Kingdom.
 Thy Kingdom come. Amen.
 Brandon Brister

Positions Available

Please pray for our pastorless churches:

Blue River, Hendrix, Yuba

ASSOCIATE PASTOR – MINISTER OF YOUTH:

On mission church seeks a shepherd to oversee and continue to develop a growing ministry to children, youth, and university students. Seeking fulltime or bi-vocational individual who is able to build relationships and gifted to teach. Some musical talent is helpful but not necessary. Send resume to **Fairview Baptist Church**, 1200 W University Blvd., Durant, OK 74701 or durant_fairview@sbcglobal.net.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR – MINISTER OF MUSIC:

On mission church seeks a shepherd to develop a blossoming program of music and worship. Prefer someone who can serve as a Minister of Education also, but not necessary. Seeking fulltime or bi-vocational. Send resume to **Fairview Baptist Church**, 1200 W University Blvd., Durant, OK 74701 or durant_fairview@sbcglobal.net.

First Baptist Church of Sherwood Shores, TX is

seeking a **couple as part-time youth directors**. Contact Wendell Glen at 903-815-5569 or 903-523-5056 or Mr. Clements at 903-523-4904.

Eastman Baptist Church in Overbrook , OK is

searching for a **part time youth/music minister**. Please send resume to Eastmanbaptist@gmail.com.

Upcoming Senior Events

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

Nov 14—Creation Museum in Bokchito
 Leave Fairview at 10:00am - Bus fee \$4.00

Dec 12 - Christmas Lights

Luncheons:

Nov. 12 - Mead
 Dec. 10 - Streetman Rd
 Jan. 14 - Silo



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

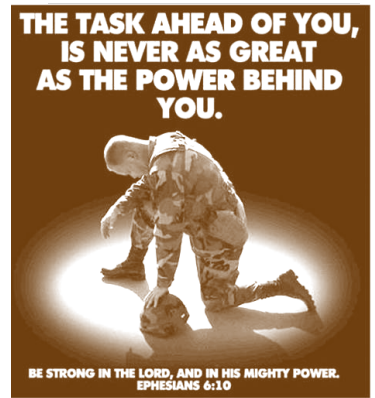
November 14th. 580-924-2351





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*Give Thanks to our Lord
 and the men and women that have and
 are giving of themselves
 to protect this Wonderful Land
 that He has given us!
 Happy Thanksgiving!!*



November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am Fairview			Collection Month Deadline to have to BBA is 21st		1
2	WMU Day of Prayer Luncheon 11-2 @ Fairview	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Pastor/Staff Conference	11 Veteran's Day	12 Roadrunners Luncheon at Mead BC	13	14 Roadrunners trip to Creation Museum in Bokchito	15
	BGC0 Annual Convention					
16	17 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am Fairview	18	19	20	21	22
Durant Community Thanksgiving Service Durant FBC 6pm	24 Pastor/Staff Conference 10:30am Fairview	25	26		28	29
30				BBA Office Closed		