



The Challenger

October 2018

From the Desk of the DOM

The Lord is always good to us isn't He? It is such a pleasure to give thanks and praise to Him every day, multiple times a day. Psalm 118 is filled with such expressions of praise and thanksgiving. Many of these expressions are familiar and well-used.

Verses 1 and 29 declare, *Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, because His mercy endures forever.*

In verse 6 we read, *The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*

Who can forget verse 24? *This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

But the greatest statement which causes our praise and thanksgiving to overflow is found in verse 22; *The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Of course this is speaking of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who was rejected and crucified by man, but through that sacrifice made a way for us to be forgiven of our sin and saved from the penalty of that sin.*

Indeed, we in the BBA have more to celebrate in thanksgiving and praise than we can possibly enumerate. But every October we have the opportunity to come together to do all we can to offer that praise and thanks. I hope you will make it a priority to join us at our Annual Meeting on October 14th. Details are listed in this copy of the Challenger.

Tim Bowen

As the BBA offices have now moved, please update our mailing address in your records.

**P.O. Box 970
Durant, OK 74702**



We are updating the Challenger mailing list! If you receive the Challenger and need to update your name or address, be removed, or would prefer to receive it via email, please call the BBA office at 580-924-2351 by January 1, 2019!

BBA 108th Annual Meeting Sunday, October 14, 2018

Business will be held at Roberta Baptist at 3:30p.m.

Kemp Baptist will host the evening celebration. Ministry Booths will open at 5:30 p.m. and Worship will begin at 7 p.m.

What's Going on in Our Churches

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.
Jody Shires 580-931-3086

FBC Cartwright is searching for a Bi-Vo Worship Minister. 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

FBC Colbert is seeking a music minister. Send resumes to
fbccolbert@gmail.com

FBC Yuba is seeking a P/T Youth Pastor. Send resumes to
mlmood@yahoo.com or
losttoadeerhunter@yahoo.com
or call 580-285-2121
or 903-647-6495

Grace Baptist is seeking a Bi-Vo Youth Pastor. Send resumes and inquiries to
lifeplus@simplynet.net

Upcoming Events

Robinson Revival: Oct. 7-10
FBC Platter Youth Revival: Oct. 17-21
Armstrong Fall Carnival: Nov. 3

Senior Adult Luncheons

Oct. 10—Blue
Nov. 14—FBC Cartwright

Greetings from LTBRM!

This past few days I've been thankful for the promise from God that He would never flood the WHOLE world! Some parts of our great land endured 36" of rainfall! One thing is sure: the water WILL subside! In its wake will be that familiar musty smell and a cleanup effort will begin. I am also reminded of Jesus' provision of living water. Instead of massive destruction however, new life is the after effect! So as we dry out let's look to the "author and finisher of our faith" to give us living water!

Monty Wood

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**Operation Christmas Child
Bryan Baptist Association**

Drop-Off Schedule

**1914 E. Highway 70
Durant, OK 74701**

November 12:	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
November 13:	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
November 14:	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
November 15:	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
November 16:	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
November 17:	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
November 18:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
November 19:	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Drop offs will not be accepted at our location after 12:00 p.m., November 19, 2018. If you have a late donation, you may send it to the National Drop-Off Location.

Attn: Operation Christmas Child

801 Bamboo Rd.

Boone, NC 28607

Birthdays

Billie Robinson	Oct. 01
Deana Bartholomew	Oct. 12
Neta Wesley	Oct. 12
Peggy Williams	Oct. 13
Shirley Chambers	Oct. 15
Bob Stevens	Oct. 16
Frances Lewis	Oct. 19
Reba McLaughlin	Oct. 23
Janell May	Oct. 25
Ryan Perry	Oct. 25
Heather Benito	Oct. 26
Carrie Gosnell	Oct. 26
Craig Whisenhunt	Oct. 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Andy & Lindy Hanson	10/01/83
Alvie & Shirley Thornton	10/05/57
Roddy & Jeana Arnold	10/05/84
Kerry & Kay Groce	10/17/70
Dale & Nancy Ballard	10/19/62

Ministry Anniversaries

Preston Burns	10/01/03
Mack Chambers	10/01/—
Jacob Toews	10/01/88
Tommy Green	10/12/14

**Please pray for our pastorless churches:
Brown, Silo, Bushnell, Achille Community, FBC Durant**

Operation Christmas Child

Vikki Franks, a missionary from Poland, wrote that she enjoys helping distribute OCC shoeboxes. She said Baptists are often regarded as a cult in Poland and shoebox distribution opens doors. When missionaries give boxes, they tell Bible stories and the kids act them out. Entire families are present.

Vikki met a young couple who had become Christians by watching Bible lessons on the internet. They were looking for a Baptist church. They offered to help with shoeboxes. The woman immediately recognized the boxes! When she was in the 1st grade, she received a box with a note tucked inside!

Much later, she was excited to help spread God's Word through OCC. Vikki believes receiving the shoebox helped open the door to salvation for the young woman.

Packing a box and praying for the child who receives it is a real mission opportunity. Teachers, bring blank note cards and let your class members hand print notes to put in boxes.

Don't include toothpaste, candy, toy weapons, liquids, medicines, foods, or anything breakable: instead, send a note and do pray! **--Dolores Kiser**

Basic Tax Seminar October 2, 2018

9 a.m. FBC Durant \$59

The Basic Tax Seminar is a seminar intended to help churches with understanding payroll, taxes, compensation issues, charitable contributions and other financial issues in the church.

If you would like to attend, please contact Thomas Jordan:
405-942-3000 ext. 4505 or
tjordan@bgco.org



From the BBA Prayer Ministry Team Leader

Thoughts about prayer: To be the person we need to be in prayer it takes a love for Jesus. Our relationship with Him must be at the top of our priority list. This position in our lives must be guarded at all cost. We have all heard it said, that those we love, we want to spend time with them. One of the ways we spend time with the Lord is prayer and of course Bible Study. Of course, most of us probably pray throughout the day, but it is important to have a place and a time that you meet with the Lord. It will take discipline to get in the habit of going there daily to meet with the Lord. Again, this place and time must be protected because it is easy to get off track. I personally believe that starting your day with the Lord is the best time, but if that is not good for you, then find your place and time and worship our Lord in prayer. For, prayer is the heart of worship.

In His Grip, Bro. Anthony



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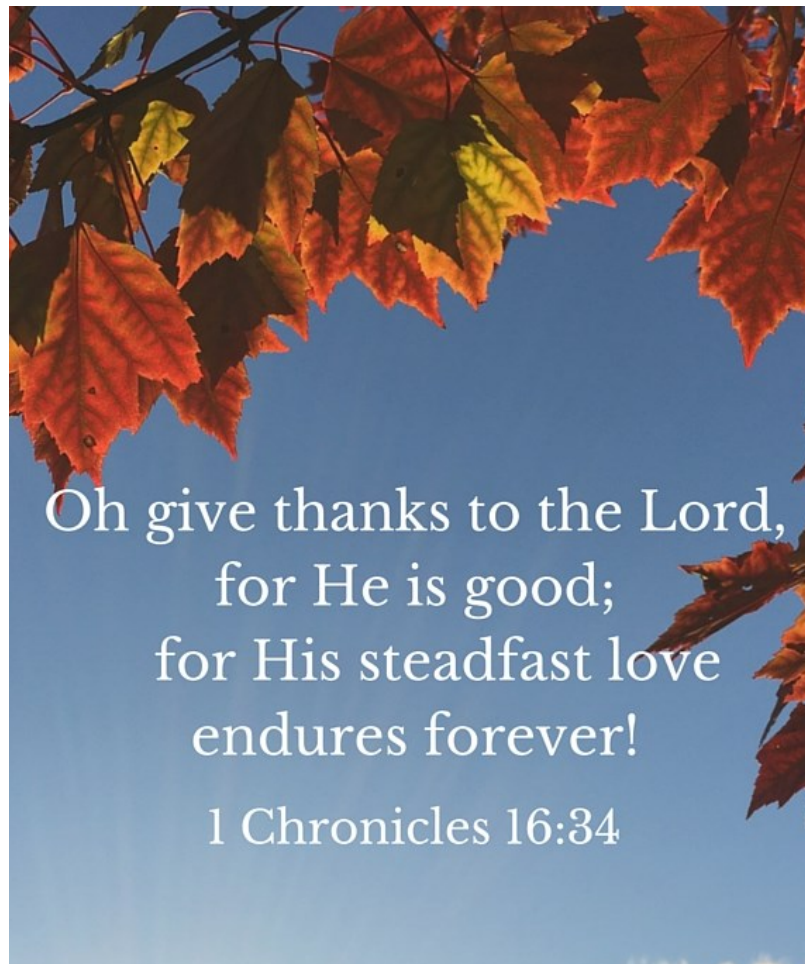
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Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 - 4:30

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 October 22nd.



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Basic Tax Seminar FBC Durant @ 9 a.m.	3	4	5	6
7 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day	BBA Offices Open 	9 Pastor/Staff Conf 10:30am at BBA Office	10  Sr. Adult Luncheon @ Blue	11	12	13
BBA 108th Annual Meeting Business @ Roberta Worship @ Kemp	15 BBA Offices Closed	16 Pastor/Staff Conf 10:30am at BBA Office	17	18	19 	20 FALLBACKWEEKEND
21	22	23 Pastor/Staff Conf 10:30am at BBA Office	24	25	26	27
	Legacy Sr. Adult Retreat @ Falls Creek					
28	29	30 Pastor/Staff Conf 10:30am at BBA Office	31	October is Cooperative Program Month!		

