



The Challenger

October 2010

From the Desk of the DOM:

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF GOODNESS
AND MERCY

The last verse in Psalm 23 says, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life". The word "follow" means to pursue, track down and overtake. Someone has compared this to a speeding police car chasing us down, with siren on and lights flashing. It would not be to give a ticket or place us under arrest. It would be to tell us something so good that it couldn't wait. It perhaps could be called a goodness and mercy emergency message. Right this minute, God is so anxious and delighted to do us good and show us mercy that He's quickly running us down to share the good news. He can't wait till later. Notice that it is a daily occurrence. There's no such thing as a bad day for a Christian. We often think so but, in God's sight, our days are always good.

When I think of 100 years of Southern Baptist work in Bryan County, I think of God's overwhelming goodness and mercy. It would be impossible to try and adequately tell or to recount all His amazing blessings. How we praise His glorious Name!!!!

Don't forget! Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, Oct. 17 at First Baptist Durant. Church elected messengers will meet from 2:30 to 5:00, after which supper will be served. All our churches are requested to dismiss their evening activities and gather, we hope by the hundreds, at First Baptist at 7:00. Dr. Anthony Jordon will be preaching and Bill Green will be leading a 140 voice choir. It will be a glorious time of worship. Booths will be set up before and after the service for all to observe the various ministries of the Association and some from the BGC0.

Terrell

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October Prayer Emphasis for Peru

Continue to pray for the Iquitos people. The next team going will go October 22 -November 5. Please pray for their safe travel.

Pray that the people of the villages will have their hearts and minds ready to receive God's blessings. Pray that the team will have their hearts and minds ready to follow God's will and the strength to act on His lead. The team as of now is; Terrell Suggs, Roy Lanten, Helen Hicks. Please pray for these team members by name daily. Please also pray for the boat situation. The boat still needs a new motor. Just pray for safe and reliable transportation the whole trip.



Stacie Phillips & Pamela Rutherford with Iquitos children, playing in the rain!



One of the most blessed events of our Christian walk is to lead someone to the Lord Jesus Christ. God gives us opportunities to share the good news with the lost and dying frequently. The trouble with most of us is that we are focused

on other things that we miss out on these unique opportunities to share Christ with those in desperate need.

Recently our Benevolence Committee met with a young man who was in need of help. During the process of discussion regarding his needs, he accepted the Lord as his personal Savior. I share this story with you because I am thankful someone on that committee was sensitive to the opportunity to share Christ. On another occasion, one of the counselors at the BBA pharmacy called me and shared how a lady invited Christ into her heart when she came to get some medicine. These are just two occasions that someone was led to the Lord because one of our BBA church members was sensitive to share the Gospel.

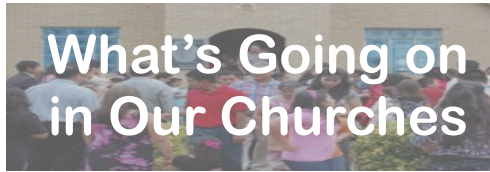
My dear friend, if they can share, you can share. Share Christ with someone this month, you will be blessed!
Bro. Anthony

meant to be lived in seasons...at least for those of us who live here in Oklahoma...we are meant to live in community...with people...fun people...difficult people...joyful people...hurting people...all types of people...and while it is more difficult to live AFFECTED...it is a much more honest way to live in the long run. Maybe that is why our students seek to trek, and journey through mountains and jungles...maybe that is why Glorieta is such a hit with our students...because we experience it relatively unprotected...we live in the primitive cabins...with holes in the walls from which you can see and hear the bears. When it rains...sometimes our stuff gets wet. We stay in those primitive cabins TOGETHER. Lying awake at night listening to our brothers or sisters process the things they are hearing from God...and in these moments we are reminded that we are alive.

The following churches are scheduled to serve meals at the BCM Wednesday Noonday Meals

- October 6th - Armstrong
 - October 13th - FBC Caddo/Robinson
 - October 20th - Mead/Yuba
 - October 27th - Albany/Red River Valley Cowboy
- Thank you so very much for your service!

- November 3rd - FBC Calera
- November 10th - FBC Colbert
- November 17th - FBC Platter
- November 24th - Thanksgiving Break
- December 1st - Church Needed to Serve



Grace Baptist Church has a vacancy for a **bi-vocational Music Minister and a bi-vocational Children's Minister**. Please contact by mail at 206 E. Main, Durant, Ok. 74701 or e-mail at lifeplus@simplynet.net. You may also call pastor Anthony Williams at 916-0221.

Calvary Baptist Church is presenting **JUDGEMENT HOUSE**
59 Minutes a Judgment House performance.
Mon. - Thurs. Oct. 25 - 28 at 6:00 - 8:30pm
Sat. Oct. 30 at 12:00 - 3:00 & 6:00 - 8:30
Reservations 580-924-0862 Suggested donation - \$2



It's raining. I have come to a new awareness. We experience a much protected existence...protected from weather, community, virtually anything we want to protect ourselves from. Kind of a shame. Life is



Our new year is here! I hope you are as excited as I am! There are many great blessings to be found in the coming events this year. Please pray, seeking God's face to show you where He wants you to join Him at His work. Watch the Challenger for these events coming in November! "Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer" will be held at First Baptist Church of Calera. Please call me, Sally Ashley any time. In His will I serve, Sally Ashley, WMM Team Leader 580-367-2295

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

Birthdays

- 10/1 - Billie Robinson
- 10/2 - Bud Jenkins
- 10/12 - Deana Bartholomew
- 10/12 - Neta Wesley
- 10/13 - Peggy Williams
- 10/14 - Daniel Lashley
- 10/16 - Bob Stevens
- 10/18 - Dennis Bowen
- 10/19 - Frances Lewis
- 10/21 - Scott Melton
- 10/23 - Reba McLaughlin
- 10/25 - Randy Cloyd
- 10/25 - Janell May
- 10/26 - Heather Benito
- 10/26 - Carrie Gosnell
- 10/30 - Craig Whisenhunt

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/1/83 - Andy & Lindy Hanson
- 10/17 - Kerry & Kay Groce
- 10/20/90 - Tony & Shelly Fields
- 10/26/79 - Randy & Cindy Cloyd

Ministry Anniversaries

- 10/1/99 - Randy Cloyd - Emmanuel
- 10/1/03 - Preston Burns - Bokchito, First
- 10/1/88 - Jacob Toews - Calera
- 10/12/04 - Kelli Wilson - Lakepoint
- 10/15/06 - Joshua Smith - Emmanuel
- 10/19/08 - Roy Vinson - Colbert
- 10/21/00 - Buddy Johnson - Silo
- 10/22/06 - Scott Melton - Bokchito, Faith

**Bryan Baptist Associational
General Fund Financial Report for
August 2010**

4000 · INCOME	
4100 · Income From Churches	
4112 · Albany, Red River Valley Cowboy	35.00
4114 · Armstrong	222.34
4116 · Bennington	376.90
4118 · Blue	65.43
4120 · Bokchito, Faith	229.52
4122 · Bokchito, First	402.00
4124 · Brown	134.04
4126 · Bushnell	1,630.48
4130 · Caddo, Blue River	350.33
4134 · Cartwright	376.41
4138 · Colbert	515.00
4140 · Durant, Calvary	566.43
4142 · Durant, Fairview	598.00
4144 · Durant, First	1,075.54
4148 · Durant, Grace	680.02
4150 · Durant, Lake Point	600.00
4152 · Durant, Stonecreek	81.45
4158 · Hendrix	331.16
4164 · Mead	348.53
4166 · Mead, Emmanuel	50.00
4168 · Mead, Streetman	180.11
4170 · Platter	48.52
4174 · Robinson	115.96
4176 · Silo	509.74
4180 · Wade	67.00
4182 · Yuba	221.63
Total 4100 · Income From Churches	9,811.54
4200 · BGCO	255.83
4300 · Printing	50.00
4400 · Monthly Interest	4.98
4500 · Other Contributions	100.00
Total 4000 · INCOME	10,222.35
Total Expense	10,672.17

Disaster Relief Feeding Unit

The Disaster Relief Feeding Unit has plans to go to the Kiamichi Baptist Assembly in Talihina October 8 and 9 to help the LeFlore Association feed at the men's retreat there.

Our training session is set for October 16 at FBC Durant. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will last until about 1:00 p.m. There is a \$5.00 charge for new volunteers to take the training. The feeding unit is in need of more volunteers. Please consider joining this ministry.

We will be attending the BBA annual meeting on October 17 with a booth demonstrating what the feeding unit is about.

On November 5 and 6, we will prepare meals for the Blue Cap meeting at Falls Creek. This is something we did last year and were so well received they have asked us to do it again.

We have purchased a new trailer for Disaster Relief. It is a small trailer, 6' x 12', dual axle, and will serve to carry our convection oven, grill, food items, luggage and a few other necessities when we take the large trailer, or it will act as a stand alone when we go to help like at the KBA. It will be painted with our name and logo.

I have been asked to coordinate the food order for Shreveport with Oklahoma Emergency Management and Sysco. I am currently working on those details. Remember the training. We look forward to seeing you there.

Clark Harp, Blue Cap for the BBA Disaster Relief Feeding Unit



What: Feeding Unit Training

When: Saturday, October 16, 2010 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Where: FBC Durant

Cost: \$5.00 for new trainees

Who: Everyone that desires to go out with Disaster Relief and for those already trained who have not attended a training session in the last 3 years.

**Please pray
for our
pastorless
churches
Blue River,
Brown,
Cartwright**



August:

**Number of prescriptions filled:
298**

Approx retail value: \$17,253

We have been told the county is going to sell the building we are currently in. Please be in prayer with us as we seek God's leadership in where He would have us be located.

Thanks to all of our volunteers. We have had another great month.

Karen Horn

BBA Other Accounts for August

Account	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Falls Creek	906.34	1763.48	10077.35
Disaster Relief	156.34	4576.79	2783.41
Carrell Hooper	1364.19	265.12	2720.43
Roadrunners	26.00	0.00	2586.25
Block Party	150.00	0.00	1767.31
Pharmacy	60.00	449.98	2238.88
On Mission CD	.88	0.00	1030.25

Upcoming Senior Events

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

Meet at Fairview BC parking lot. Leave at 8am Total cost will be about \$125

October 22-23 - Bricktown, OKC

November 19 - TBA

Luncheons:

October 6 - Kemp

November 10 - Utica





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 Fri. 8:30 - 1:00

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 call the BBA office before **Oct. 15th. 580-924-2351**



October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Cooperative Program Fall Focus - October 1 - 31						1	2
3	4 Pastor/Staff Conference - 10:30	5	6 Roadrunners Luncheon at Kemp	7	8	9	
10	11 Pastor/Staff Conference - 10:30 at Fairview BC	12	13	14	15	16 Training @ Durant FBC	
BBA Annual Meeting	18 Pastor/Staff Conference - 10:30 at Fairview BC	19	20	21	22 Roadrunners Trip to	Bricktown	
24	25 Pastor/Staff Conference - 10:30 at Fairview BC	26	27	28	29	30	
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