

The Challenger

February 2006

From the Desk of the DOM

SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR

It will be our great privilege to have Allen Quigley, BGCO Evangelism specialist, with us on Tuesday February 21, to lead in a SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR Conference. The place will be Western Meadows Baptist Church at 6:30. This is part of an ongoing effort to provide witness training for as many of our people as possible. The Conference will provide remarkable help in overcoming what is probably the number one obstacle in talking with others about Jesus. Please promote this in your church. I want to strongly encourage you to gather a good representation of your people and come. It will be well worth the effort.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

The BBA has sponsored a mission trip to Guanajuato, Mexico for the last three years. We're planning another for June 11-20. It has proven to be a very productive, meaningful and exciting venture. We have seen the Lord do some wonderful things. We expect this year to be better than ever. The cost is only about \$300 per person, which is probably more affordable than any foreign mission trip you may ever take. Much appreciation is expressed to all who have been involved either by going, praying or giving. Please give me a call if you are interested in going or helping in some way.

A PRAYER PROMISE TO FREQUENTLY CLAIM

Here is a prayer promise I want to encourage each of you to claim and stand on, **BUT WHEN HE SAW THE MULTITUDES, HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE THEY FAINTED, AND WERE SCATTERED. THEN SAITH HE UNTO HIS DISCIPLES, THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST. (MAT.9:36-38)**

Let us serve you. Terrell Suggs



December 2005 Financial Report

Achille:	Caddo - Jim Baker -----	\$ 557.21	Western Meadows -----	\$ 324.93	Silo -Buddy Johnson -----	\$ 726.99
Community -Bob Stevens-----	Calera - Jacob Toews -----	\$ 0	Hendrix -John Max Cox ----	\$ 105.19	Utica --Jay Perry -----	\$ 314.66
First -Bob McLean -----	Cartwright - Ray Earley ----	\$ 306.91	Kemp -Roger Spears -----	\$ 0	Wade - Charles Williams -----	\$ 0
Albany - Jackie Robinson --	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin-----	\$22.11	Kenefic -Hillary Dean -----	\$ 94.16	Yuba -Joe Smith -----	\$ 231.83
Armstrong -Monty Wood -----	Colbert - Les Roberts -----	\$ 823.23	Mead		Account Balances as of Dec. 31:	
Bennington-Neil O'Donnell--	Durant:		Mead - Kerry Groce -----	\$ 302.01	BBA Checking -----	\$ 7282.08
Blue - Randy Lewis -----	Calvary -Darel Bunch -----	\$ 631.62	Emmanuel - CharlesLoyd ----	\$ 461.00	Falls Creek -----	\$ 1739.72
Bokchito:	Fairview - Darrell Edwards ---	\$ 655.19	Streetman Rd -----	\$ 144.84	Disaster Relief -----	\$ 5428.59
Faith -----	First -James Robinson-----	\$ 1047.89	Platter, 1st --Bruce Almy ---	\$ 134.87	Carrell Hooper Mission ----	\$ 2457.11
First - Preston Burns-----	Grace - Anthony Williams ----	\$ 650.32	Reynolds Chapel-----	\$ 587.23	Sunset Cove -----	\$ 2104.63
Brown -----	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito -----	\$ 0	Roberta - Bud Jenkins -----	\$ 203.20	Roadrunners -----	\$ 2156.33
Bushnell - Kim McGehee -----	Lake Point - Jared McIntire -----	\$ 42	Robinson - Donald Ford -----	\$ 80.84		
	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz -----	\$ 0				
	Sunset View -Harry Boydston ----	\$ 0				

Bryan Baptist Association

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BBA Disaster Relief (DR) News



We are in full swing with the spring semester at SOSU and God is doing great things. This semester we are doing several new things, including hosting four lunch bible studies on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Tuesday nights we've started a three week course on "Decision Making". Noonday is going great and at CrossRoads we are in the middle of a four week series on "Doing Something Big". In this series we are focusing on the Kingdom principle that the greatest, or the biggest people in the Kingdom are the ones who serve. As a part of our mission here, "Investing in LIVES", the E stands for "Equipping Students to Reach their Peers", the best way to do that is to serve and love those around us. For many students a summer mission trip or leadership opportunity provides a new perspective and a great jump start to serving those around them, so we're working hard to mobilize students for summer 2006. As a part of this effort we will be holding our annual "Summer Missions Cake, Pie, and Cookie Auction" on Monday Night March 6 at 6:30 p.m. We need you to donate items for the auction and to come and be a bidder and buy some goodies. All proceeds will go to send students around the state, nation, and world. God is maximizing your investment here on the campus. He is at work and we're continuing to search out where and how we can be involved. Keep praying for the work at your BCM.

Brandon Brister, BCM Director

RA Basketball Tournament Results

A great time was had by all but there had to be some winners and losers. These are the teams that will go on to District play-offs.

Crusaders - First Place;
First Baptist of Durant
Jr High Challengers - First Place;
Mead Baptist
Sr High Challengers - First Place;
Emmanuel

Congratulations Boys!

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Relief effort for Hurricane Katrina continues. Ten members of the BBA DR team joined other members of the southeast zone in Hugo at 3:00 A.M. Saturday morning, December 17th, to go to New Orleans. The southeast zone is comprised of the associations within the area south of I-40 and east of I-35.

We went to the Calvary Baptist Church in Algiers, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans, to help out on the Missouri DR Feeding unit. Remember, Oklahoma's feeding unit was brought home just before Thanksgiving. We relieved a team from Tennessee that had been working on the Missouri unit for a week then we returned home on December 23rd. A team from Florida relieved us so the Missouri team can continue having a break for a while.

In six days we fed a little over 61,000 meals. Normally, the cooks are up earlier than other team members but this time everyone was up around 2:00 A.M. The effort expended in producing over ten thousand meals a day takes a toll on one's physical condition but God can and does energize the body and lift the spirit to meet the needs. In fact, in the wee hours each morning you could hear the men singing gospel songs during a flurry of activity that would continue for the next 6 to 7 hours or more. They were busily opening hundreds of cans, filling 40-gallon kettles with vegetables, stirring huge tilt skillets that hold twenty-five or more gallons of a meat dish, preparing food containers, emptying cooked food into the containers, sealing and labeling the containers, the efforts are transporting filled containers to the Red Cross vehicles, and many more tasks. Tasks that would be repeated many times that day. The praise belongs to God and all the efforts for His glory.

The week was a good experience and I believe it touched the hearts of all members, especially those that were with us for the first time. We always have a devotion, prayer time, and song each night but this time we had Bible study, prayer requests, group prayer, a special singing praise, and testimonies each night. The session would last an hour to an hour and half. It was almost like having church each night and the men really benefited from it.

Some were able to help distribute bibles and tracts to the families coming through the serving line at the church. Each family that came through the serving line got a Bible in the language best suited for them; English, Spanish, or Vietnamese. The men were touched by the people's reactions to getting Bibles and by the opportunity the Lord had prepared for them to be a witness for Him.

We also got to tour the Ninth Ward district of New Orleans. That is where the levees broke and the water completely swept over the houses. It was a moving scene, especially for those that had not seen it before, even now some 3 1/2 months after the event.

Each call-out provides a new experience and this time we had something different in our sleeping arrangements. Many of us slept on church pews. I know, Baptists all over the country do that each Sunday morning, but this was different. We spread our sleeping bags on them and slept comfortably. Exhaustion could have added to our blissful sleep. Praise the Lord for padded church pews!

As the BBA Disaster Relief Unit Director, I especially want to acknowledge the men from the BBA. Each time we have gone this year, to Alabama, Falls Creek, Camp Gruber, Belle Chasse, and now to New Orleans, volunteers from the BBA have outnumbered those from other associations within the southeast zone.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to our team members. Not just to those that are making the trips but to each and every one. Some are unable to make the trips but they are invaluable in giving support through prayer and by helping out at local events and training sessions during the year.

The BBA is fortunate to have such a dedicated and eager Disaster Relief team. At the risk of being prideful, I must say I am very proud of our team and would not hesitate to go any where we are needed with this group. Praise the Lord!

The Lord is blessing us with funding and equipment that is allowing this ministry to increase its activity and outreach. I ask that the associational members just give praise and thanksgiving to God, pray for our safety each time we go out, and pray that He is glorified in a mighty way by our presence, words, and actions.

Clark Harp, BBA Blue Cap

Women's Missions & Ministries

Then Jesus said to all the people: "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me" (Luke 9:23CEV).

Ladies, it is again time for us to FOCUS on WMU. The week of Feb. 13-19 is WMU Focus Week. Let us consider these areas of WMU work; prayer, witnessing, ministering, learning, and participation. We are privileged to be part of an association that encourages, nurtures and prays for missions and missions involvement.

The **WMU Focus Week Banquet** will be held at Bokchito, Faith on Feb 16 at 6:30pm. Kelly King, the new Women's Missions & Ministry Specialist for the BGCO will be the keynote speaker. Kelly is a joy to know and has a heart for missions and women's ministry. You will enjoy meeting her and hearing her share her vision for WMU in OK. We will of course have good singing, food and fellowship. Let's load up the church vans and all make our way to Bokchito, Faith on the 16th!

Many of you know of the passing of Linda Dorrough, our state WMU President. She was a blessing and mentor to many of us. Vice President, Pat Wagstaff will serve for the remainder of the term. Please pray for Linda's family and for Pat as she begins her new position. Both of these ladies would say, "To God be all Glory and Honor"

Ethel Gray and Betty Stout, Co-Consultants

Families Feeding Families

Thank you for your support over the holidays. Our community has fed over 13,000 meals from October through December and provided over 1700 weekend snack packs to our Bryan County children.

Upcoming Senior Events

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

Feb. 24 - Denison, TX

Mar. 17 - Noble Foundation, Norman, OK

April 20-21 - Granbury, TX

May 5 - Azalea Festival, Muskogee

Luncheons:

Feb. 8 - Bokchito, First

Mar. 8 - Bokchito, Faith

April 12 - Calera FBC



Do you or your group have events going on that would be of interest to the rest of the association? Would you like to have your event on the annual handbook calendar? Be sure to call the BBA office

BEFORE Feb 20. 580-924-2351



True Love Waits Celebration Rally 2006

Featuring: "The Freedom Worship Project"

And Speaker: **Kandy Newton**
from FBC Altus

Place: Calvary Baptist Church, Durant

Time: Doors open @ 6pm

Date: Feb. 15, 2006

More Info: Call BBA office at 924-2351

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary !!

Birthdays:

2/13 - Virgil Hill

2/6 - Jeremy Taylor

2/9 - Jay Perry

2/13 - Kay Groce

2/16 - Ken Bartholomew

2/18 - Brandon Brister

2/19 - Donald Robinson

2/20 - Zona Loyd

2/20 - Charles Howard

2/25 - Gary Robbins

2/27 - Crystal Gibby

Colbert

Wedding Anniversaries

2/10 - Bob & Norma

McLean

2/11/72 - Gary & Vicki

McLary

2/23 - Donald & Billie Robinson

Ministry Anniversaries

2/9/03 - Jeremy Taylor -

Bokchito, Faith

2/25/89 - Jay Perry - Utica

2/18/84 - Norma Fuller -



Positions Needed

Pastors are needed at the following churches: Achille First Baptist, Brown, Streetman Rd, Fairview, Faith Bokchito, Emmanuel, Hendrix

Music Ministers Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mead, OK - For their traditional Sunday services and to work with their adult choir. Please send resume to Emmanuel Baptist Church, P.O. Box 235 Mead, OK 73449.

Caddo First Baptist - part time - Contact Pastor Jim Baker at 580-367-2235.

Youth/Music Ministers Albany Baptist Church is searching for someone that could possibly do **music and/or youth**. Please send your resume to Albany Baptist church, PO Box 97, Albany, OK 74721.

Faith Baptist Church is looking for a youth/music minister. Please call 580-295-3488.

Secretary/Treasurer - Caddo First Baptist - part time - Contact Pastor Jim Baker at 580-367-2235.

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 Fri. 8:30 - 1:00



February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	3	4
	DOM Planning Retreat at Falls Creek					
5	6 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview	7 Sunset Cove Meeting	8 Senior Luncheon at Bokchito, FBC	9 Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	10	11
12	13 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	14 <i>Happy Valentines Day</i>	15 True Love Waits Commitment Day	16 WMU Focus Week Banquet 6:30	17	18
19 Presidential Prayer Sunday, Please Pray for our President!!	20 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	21 'Share Jesus without Fear' Evangelistic Training @ Western Meadows 6:30pm	22	23 Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	24 Roadrunner Trip Denison, TX	25
26 Baptist Men's Day	27 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	28		Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am		