

The Challenger

October 2005



From the Desk of the DOM

A HUGE THANK YOU

Bryan countians were ready to help when the call came to do whatever was necessary in the hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Our Disaster Relief team was on site with the DR trailer and supplies at Falls Creek shortly after the call came. Many more volunteers helped in various ways. Donations of money, food, clothes, etc. came in from many different sources. I was amazed at the way so many people stepped up.

As I write this article, nine men from our Disaster Relief team are at Camp Gruber helping feed the evacuees there. Several others have gone or will soon be going to Louisiana and other areas to serve on the chain saw team and in various other capacities, such as Jim Baker as a DR chaplain. We have loaned our tractor to the chain saw team. It will come in very handy in removing trees and debris.

What an honor to serve our Lord in this way. What a blessing to see so many helping in this massive relief effort. The need is ongoing. We are looking at months and even years of recovery. We are called to do our part in what is not just a Gulf Coast but a national crisis. It is being called the worst disaster in our country's history. It is unprecedented. Let's continue to pray, give, go and do.

ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU

Gary Fielding, General Manager of Falls Creek called me several weeks ago and offered our Association an old but well-kept metal building (31 by 77 by 10) for \$2500. At first we decided we couldn't accept the offer. However, we told Jim Brunk and Ted Lam from the BGCO about it. They immediately offered to give us \$2000 toward its purchase. The additional \$500 was given through private donations. We simply couldn't turn down the offer. But there was one big condition. We had to dismantle the building by September 15th. With the generous help and hard work of about 20 men, we were able to take the building down well before the 15th. Dub Porterfield has been very gracious in letting us store the building on his property.

Deepest appreciation is expressed to all who helped. We're praying that the Lord will soon give us direction in exactly how he wants us to use the building.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
Let us serve you. Terrell Suggs



August Financial Report



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Achille, 1st -Bob McLean --- \$ 54.89	Cartwright - Ray Earley ----- \$ 308.83	Kemp -Roger Spears ----- \$ 0	Streetman Rd ----- \$ 484.41
Albany - Jackie Robinson -- \$ 126.57	Community - Bob Stevens - ----- \$ 0	Kenefic -Hillery Dean ----- \$ 264.74	Utica --Jay Perry ----- \$ 436.46
Armstrong ----- \$ 103.92	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin ----- \$ 0	Lake Point - Jared McIntire ----- \$ 42	Wade - Charles Williams ----- \$ 0
Bennington - Neil O'Donnell ----- \$ 0	Colbert - Les Roberts ----- \$ 513.33	Lee Heights -Harry Boydston ----- \$ 0	Western Meadows ----- \$ 0
Blue - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 108.33	Durant,1st-James Robinson \$ 1104.03	Mead - Kerry Groce ----- \$ 342.44	Yuba -Joe Smith ----- \$ 276.62
Bokchito,1st - Preston Burns-\$ 206.00	Emmanuel - Charles Loyd ----- \$ 0	Platter, 1st --Bruce Almy ---- \$ 180.35	Account Balances as of July 31:
Brown ----- \$ 216.60	Fairview - Darrell Edwards -- \$ 730.42	ReynoldsChapel--Roddy Arnold -- \$ 539.00	BBA Checking ----- \$ 7055.78
Bushnell - Kim McGehee ----- \$ 0	Faith,Bokchito-Stephen Clark \$135.11	Roberta - Bud Jenkins ----- \$ 494.50	Falls Creek ----- \$ 2170.07
Caddo -- Jim Baker ----- \$ 310.41	Grace - Anthony Williams - \$ 1119.57	Robinson - Donald Ford ----- \$ 196.46	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 1640.99
Calera - Jacob Toews ----- \$ 297.22	Hendrix - John Max Cox ----- \$ 0	Silo -Buddy Johnson ----- \$ 618.27	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 1743.34
Calvary - Darel Bunch ----- \$ 330.52	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito ----- \$ 0	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz ---- \$ 216.13	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 3440.69

Members of the **Bryan County Disaster Relief team** have been serving hot meals to the several hundred victims of Hurricane Katrina at Camp Gruber, near Muskogee, OK. They are working in conjunction with members of other Disaster Relief teams within southeastern Oklahoma. Each team served approximately a week, overlapping schedules with other teams to provide continuous support to the relief effort. This means a revolving participation every few days. Chain Saw clean-up crews have been going to Louisiana since the onset of the devastation. Several members of the BBA team have been to Louisiana as part of a chainsaw team and some will be going more than once. The State feeding unit went to Louisiana immediately after Katrina's land fall. Teams from other zones within Oklahoma have been on a rotating schedule since the effort was initialized. Members of the southeast Oklahoma Disaster Relief zone, of which the BBA team is a part, were scheduled to go to Louisiana September 26th but now may not have an opportunity to go to Louisiana directly. Instead they may be called upon to provide hot meals to victims in south Texas.

Many churches, organizations, and individuals have made financial contributions to the Katrina relief effort by presenting funds to the BBA office. These funds are greatly appreciated and will be used to cover costs associated with the Katrina and Rita ministry. Expenses are great in a disaster of this magnitude and all funds are received with extreme gratitude. Our sincere thanks go to all of you who continue to make this ministry possible. Whether we give financially or give of our time and physical abilities, let us always remember the real motivation is to glorify our Lord and Savior. The Disaster Relief teams motivation is to provide a positive witness of the love of Jesus Christ to the victims of disaster. The BBA Disaster Relief team will be holding its fall **training October 29th** at the BBA office. Any active member of a Southern Baptist Church that is interested in participating in future events is invited to come for training. You cannot participate in relief efforts without becoming a certified Disaster Relief volunteer by attending the one day training session. This is a men's ministry but women are welcomed as well. The feeding unit training includes chainsaw training and child care training for those who feel called to help in those areas. If you have an interest in this ministry you may call the BBA office at 580-924-2351 or toll free at 866-751-9345 or the Unit Director (Blue Cap), Clark Harp at 580-847-2571. Training will be from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm. Come and join us. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Associational Watchman Conference

“Counterfeit Christianity”

First Baptist Church of Durant
October 9 - 11

Sunday: Sunday: Counterfeit Christianity (2Co11:34) 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sunday: Jehovah's Witnesses and the Dating Game 6 PM

Monday: Mormonism – The Law of Eternal Progression 7 PM

Tuesday: New Age Spirituality: A Christian Perspective 7 PM

James K. Walker, president of Watchman Fellowship, is a former 4th generation Mormon who has a nationwide ministry equipping tens of thousands of Christians each year to understand the beliefs of new religious movements and to reach those of other faiths with the true gospel of Christ. Mr. Walker holds a BA in Biblical Studies and an MA in Theology.

For more information visit: www.watchman.org

Revivals & Rallies in this Great Association

Wednesday, Oct. 5, FBC of Durant is sponsoring The Upward Bound Ministry with Charlie Bancroft & Rachel Sanchez leading the **“Kids Praise Rally”** 6:00 - 8:00pm. For more info contact Barbara Hearon 580-924-3573.

Oct 9-14th, Mead Baptist will have a **revival** with Bill Ledbetter (pastor of FBC, Munster, TX) speaking and Daniel Wesley ministering in music. Times: 11:00am & 6:00pm Sunday and 7:00pm Monday - Friday.

Oct. 22 -26, “Silo Baptist Church Fall Roundup Revival” Saturday 22, 1-5pm, food, fun, and family events. Come hear the **“Cowboy Preacher”** starting Sunday 23rd at 6:00pm and 24-26 at 7:00pm

Saturday, October 29th, Grace Baptist Church will be hosting it's **5th Saturday Night Gospel Singing**. Our featured group for this event will be **Shiloh Quartet** from out of Arlington, TX. For more information you can contact Daniel Wesley at 580-775-2683 or you can visit the Grace Baptist Church website at www.gbcdurant.com. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Senior Events

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

Oct. 20 - 22 - Heavener, OK then on to Ft. Smith, AK Call by Oct. 12 - Bus fee \$25 each, room approx. \$25 each, Leaving at 7:00am, breakfast on the way. We will ride in a covered wagon in Heavener.

Nov. 12 - Eat at Beef & Bean



Luncheons:

Oct. 12 - Mead Baptist

Nov. 9 - Silo

Women's Missions &



“...and what does the Lord require of you..”. Micah 6:8. As we start a new year in our own churches as well as associational and convention wide, may we look at this scripture and consider what God requires of each of us. To...“do justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with God.” With prayer, His word the precious Holy spirit and all the resources available to us may we make that commitment to Him this coming year. On Oct 13 we will be going to the State WM&M council Meeting representing our association. We will make plans for the coming year's work in WM&M. Pray that these will be God's plans and not our idea



of what we should do. We continue to pray for each church and make ourselves available to come to and assist you in any way we can. Our prayers, Betty and Ethel WM&M Co-Directors

Living Proof Live

featuring **Beth Moore** is coming to the Big Apple on

October 7-8 and you can see and hear every minute of it right here—via satellite—in a live-feed hook-up. At:

First Baptist Church, 124 West Evergreen, Durant

Oct. 7 at 6:00 - 8:30pm

Oct. 8 at 8:00 - 11:30am

Tickets are \$25.

A boxed lunch is available for an additional \$3.

Ticket availability is limited, so purchase yours today.

Call 580-924-3573.

For more information, visit www.lifeway.com/livingproof

Sunset Cove

We continue to work on the current plans at Sunset Cove. We have selected a building style to be used for the cabins. A three dimensional model is being built so you might be able to visualize the building. Thanks to all the support that is coming in from the churches and individuals. Have you considered personally supporting this ministry. What a marvelous outpouring it would be if 100 people would personally give \$20.00 a month to this ministry. Will you be one of the 100?? That would enable us to immediately begin our building project. Please pray about giving to this ministry in this manner.

Jerry Rethford

Driver's Christian Center

PO Box 1034, Durant, OK 74702

903-271-2707

How much do the people of the nation take for granted in their everyday lives? Do they consider the needs in their homes, work and fun-time, not thinking about what they would do if it were not there when they require it? What if you got up one day and realized that there was no power for your home, no food to eat, no clothes to wear, and no gas for the car? What might cause this to happen? Well, maybe God just removed one of his blessings that this nation takes for granted.

The blessing I am talking about is the American trucker, who moves God's provisions which you and I need in our daily lives. Maybe you have heard this statement "If you have it, a trucker brought it." How true this statement is, because everything you have has been hauled by a truck at some point in its reaching you.

As these drivers give up their time from their homes in moving God's provisions, they are sometimes gone for up to 2-4 weeks. As a fellow driver and pastor, I understand what they face everyday on the road.

Here at Driver's Christian Center, our mission is to provide the truck driver and travelers with good biblical material. We also aim to help them grow in their walk with the Lord, at no cost to them. We believe God is leading us to do more for these drivers, but we can not do it alone. We need you to partner with us to provide them with a safe, comfortable, Christian atmosphere to relax in. Our goal is to provide them with hot showers, TV rooms, bunk rooms, laundry room, a hot meal, and a well lit parking lot. The top priorities of course are a place to pray, worship and have bible study.

As a partner, an individual, church, or business owner would not face a large financial burden in making this possible. A suggested donation of \$5 per week or \$260 a year would provide a driver with a year's subscription to this service. All donations would be tax deductible and a receipt would be given upon request.

Our goal is to reach around 12-15,000 drivers and travelers with the gospel of Christ. This would be done by planting seeds, watering them or seeing the harvest. The glory and praises would all be to God.

May the Lord lead you in your decision regarding this request. Feel free to call me if you have any questions or suggestions to improve this plan. Your pastor friend, John Cotton

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary !!



It is time to start collecting shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child. The Samaritan's Purse collects shoe boxes filled with goodies and decorated as a gift, to send to needy children. The BBA office will be a Relay Center again this year. We will take your decorated filled shoe boxes or if you have several empty shoe boxes we also need them to give to people that want to fill them.

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Letter from Families Feeding Families;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of FFF. We see God growing this ministry. If you, as a church or an individual would like to be a part of FFF please call me, Sue Cherry at 580-795-9965 or 580-677-0039. We will have information at the annual meet-

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
OCTOBER 17.
580-924-2351



Birthdays:

10/1 - Mildred Bullard
10/1 - Billie Robinson
10/2 - Iva Kelly
10/2 - Bud Jenkins
10/4 - Joni Jones
10/7 - Neil O'Donnell
10/9 - Stephen Clark
10/13 - Peggy Williams
10/14 - Daniel Lashley
10/16 - Bob Stevens
10/18 - Dennis Bowen
10/19 - Frances Lewis
10/21 - Bobbi Hutchings
10/23 - Gerald Kelly

10/25 - Francie James

10/26 - Heather Benito

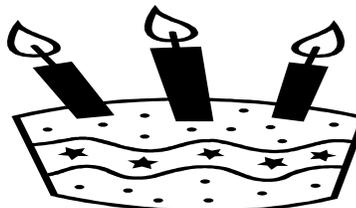
10/30 - Craig Whisenhunt

Wedding Anniversaries

10/17 - Kerry & Kay Groce
10/17 - Olan & Mildred Bullard
10/18 - Bo & Barbara Hearon
10/19 - Dale & Nancy Ballard
10/21 - Johnny & Ann Mock
10/30 - Bill & Lanelle Goodin

Ministry Anniversaries

10/88 - Bernice Davis - Faith
10/85 - Jane Dunegan - Wade
10/01 - Randy Lewis - Blue
10/99 - Tony & Becky Simmons - Utica
10/88 - Jacob Toews - Calera
10/64 - Terry Whisenhunt
10/12/04 - Kelli Fluellen - Lake Point
10/12/04 - Jimmy Harwood - Lake Point
10/12/04 - Kit Klein - Lake Point
10/12/04 - Jared McIntire - Lake Point
10/21/00 - Buddy Johnson - Silo
10/28/02 - Les Roberts - Colbert



Supplies Needed for Disaster Relief Ministry

Gallon Cans of:

Stew, Soup, Chili, Vegetables (peas, beans, corn, carrots) Fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)

Other Supplies Needed:

Paper Plates, Cups, Bowls, Saucers, Napkins, Plastic Utensils, Bleach, Paper Towels, Trash Bags, etc.

Please do not bring Perishable items



Positions Needed

Pastors are needed at the following churches: Armstrong Baptist, Brown, Reynolds Chapel, Streetman Road, Western Meadows

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.

Streetman Road Baptist Church - part time - Contact Dan Baskin after 4:30 at 580-924-5451, Jolene Reid at 580-924-8567 or Gayle Kinnett at 580-434-7702.

Calvary Baptist - interim - Just call the church at 580-924-0862

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.



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 Fri. 8:30 - 1:00

Check out the Challenger plus lots of
 other things on our new website
www.bryanbaptistassociation.com

October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview	4	5	6	7	8
9	Associational Watchman Conference "Counterfeit Christianity" @ FBC, Durant		12 Senior Luncheon at Mead Baptist	13	14	15
16	17 BBA Annual Meeting @ Utica Baptist 7:00pm Monday & 6:00pm Tuesday		19	20 Roadrunner Trip to Heavener, OK & Ft. Smith, AK		22
23	24 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	25	26	27	28	29 Disaster Relief Training 9:00am @ BBA office
30	31 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30					