

# The Challenger

April 2006



## From the Desk of the DOM

**“Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”  
(Luke 11:1)**



It is interesting to note that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. What a marvelous petition to bring before the throne of God! The occasion for this request by the disciples was when they saw Jesus Himself praying. There was something about Christ when He prayed that so impressed His followers that they wanted to learn to pray effectively. No doubt it grew out of a deep sense of their own inadequacy and a real desire to be like Jesus in His special ministry of intercession.

The most important spiritual exercise of the Christian life is prayer. It is unspeakably important for each Christian to learn to pray. Our Christian lives will never rise above the level of our prayer lives. We cannot expect to be fruitful for God until we personally learn prayer power.

If Christians and churches would get a fresh glimpse of the power of prayer and utilize it, what a revival we would have! The devil is not as bothered when we preach or teach or carry on other Christian activity, but he trembles in fear when Christians come boldly before the throne of God. The devil can and will easily defeat a Christian who is weak in prayer. But he can't contend with a Christian who has a strong prayer life.

It has been said many times that it is better to teach one man to pray than ten men to preach. The gifts and abilities we possess are useless unless they are saturated and used in much prayer.

How well do you pray? Every Christian should be able to say that he prays better than he does anything else in his Christian life. Why not examine your prayer life? Then make your earnest request along with the disciples: “Lord, teach us to pray.”

Let us serve you. Terrell Suggs

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## February 2006 Financial Report

Achille:	Caddo - Jim Baker -----\$ 285.54	W. Meadows-Darrell Edwards -----\$ 0	Silo -Buddy Johnson -----\$ 550.99
Community -Bob Stevens-----\$ 0	Calera - Jacob Toews -----\$ 718.19	Hendrix - Roddy Arnold ----- \$ 125.84	Utica --Jay Perry -----\$ 197.60
First ----- \$ 41.49	Cartwright - Ray Earley -----\$ 351.73	Kemp -Roger Spears ----- \$ 0	Wade - Charles Williams ----\$ 158.50
Albany - Jackie Robinson -- \$ 124.91	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin-----\$ 0	Kenefic ----- \$ 0	Yuba -Joe Smith -----\$ 178.33
Armstrong -Monty Wood ---- \$ 165.22	Colbert - ----- \$ 553.53	Mead	<b>Account Balances as of Jan.31:</b>
Bennington-Neil O'Donnell----- \$ 0	Durant:	Mead - Kerry Groce ----- \$ 249.31	BBA Checking ----- \$ 4475.44
Blue - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 86.32	Calvary -Darel Bunch ----- \$ 300.32	Emmanuel - ----- \$ 0	Falls Creek ----- \$ 2869.86
Bokchito:	Fairview - ----- \$ 647.98	Streetman Rd ----- \$ 208.86	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 5084.09
Faith ----- \$ 157.43	First -James Robinson----- \$ 1120.69	Platter, 1st --Bruce Almy ----\$ 201.86	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 3183.57
First - Preston Burns----- \$ 489.52	Grace - Anthony Williams --- \$ 616.12	ReynoldsChapel-Bob McLean-\$518.15	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 1669.07
Brown -Dale Ballard ----- \$ 111.12	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito ----- \$ 0	Roberta - Bud Jenkins ----- \$ 296.90	Roadrunners ----- \$ 2156.33
Bushnell - Kim McGehee ----- \$ 0	Lake Point - Jared McIntire ----- \$ 42	Robinson - Donald Ford ----- \$ 97.25	
	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz ----- \$ 70.05		
	Sunset View -Harry Boydston ---- \$ 0		

## BBA Disaster Relief (DR) News



Cooking for the Baptist Singing Men's group went very well. The DR team prepared dinner for approximately 240 people and served it just prior to the concert Tuesday night, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We prepared the meal in the parking lot of the BBA office where our trailer is parked, then delivered it to the High School where the concert was held. We transported the food in cambros (large, well insulated containers) which maintain the temperature for hours. We had food left over so we took it to the county jail and shared it with the inmates. They were thankful for it. Praise God for His abundance.

Disaster Relief training was held March 11<sup>th</sup>. We conducted the training session at the First Baptist Church in Durant. A total of nineteen people were trained. Five of them were from within the BBA and the remainder were from other parts of Oklahoma. The training went extremely well. The weather was beautiful so the trainees got to help cook the noon meal. Thanks to all the team members that showed up to help with the training. The meal was excellent. FBC Durant has a wonderful location for training. They have allowed us to use their facilities for the last two training sessions and we are very grateful to them. Their classrooms are excellent and parking, water, and sewer clean-out are all very convenient to where we need to place the trailer. Praise the Lord for their willingness.

We took our third trip to New Orleans. A limited number of team members went on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The FBC of Durant loaned us a van. Thanks again to FBC Durant. The van was a real blessing to us. The van left Durant at midnight Tuesday night and we arrived in New Orleans at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The LeFlore Association team was already there with their trailer. We relieved them so they could come home to conduct training at their location on Saturday. One of our team members took his truck to pull the LeFlore trailer back to Oklahoma. Brother Charles Loyd and his wife Zona took the BBA trailer to Poteau to be used in LeFlore's training. We prepared meals for about 125 people. Most of them were college students from Oklahoma that were helping with cleanup and recovery efforts during spring break. The remainder of the people were disaster relief personnel that continue to help with the clean up effort. It was an inspiration to see the very young giving of themselves to help those in need. The entire trip went exceedingly well. The team functions very well together now and every meal was a success though we still learn something from each one. We had a little rain the last night as we served the meal and later as we packed the trailer, then we had a blowout on a trailer tire on the way home. The trip had gone so well we may have been in danger of patting ourselves on the back. The Lord just gave us a little reminder that it is He that does all things and He that gets the praise. He delivered us from those little inconveniences with minor consequences. Praise God for His mercies and thanks to Him in all things.  
Clark Harp, BBA DR Blue Cap

Over the last few months I have been explaining our mission at the BCM...Investing in LIVES. I have shared that we exist to encourage and inspire students to Love God, Invest in Others, and Value Biblical Living. We exist also to Equip them to reach those they encounter each and every day with the great news of Jesus Christ. Finally, we want to be a sending ministry, sending students out to reach the world, beginning with the world around us and then to the Nations.

I want to instill in the students at the Southeastern BCM that every follower of Jesus is called to be involved in missions. We pray, we give, and we go as God allows us. This year we are going to be doing something new to support BCM Mission work. On April 3, 2006 we will host the First Annual Go Open Golf Scramble at the Durant Country Club. The Four-Man Scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The entry fee is \$50 per person or \$200 per team and includes green fee, cart, soft drinks, lunch and prizes. All proceeds will go to send Oklahoma BCM students around the world sharing the good news about Jesus. Can you think of a better reason to play a round of golf? We will also hold a Silent Pie, Cake, and Cookie Auction during the awards presentations that will allow those present to further support missions by purchasing some of the best sweets in Bryan County. (This silent auction will replace the annual pie auction held each March.) I am excited about this event because it will give more people an opportunity to become aware and to be involved in what God is doing through college students here at Southeastern and around the world. If you would like to play in the tournament, sponsor a hole for \$100, or if you would like to bake goodies for the Silent Auction, please contact me, Brandon Brister, at 916-0908 or Drew Beard at 230-9010. Thank you for...Investing in LIVES!

## Sunset Cove News

Now that we have four RV spots finished that are available to be used. Call Winston Smith at 580-920-3723 or the BBA office to reserve a spot for the night or several nights.

Our charges are as follows:

Senior Citizens - \$10.00 a night

Member of a supporting church in the BBA - \$12.00

Member of a non-supporting church in the BBA - \$15.00

All spots have full hookups with water, sewer, and electricity. Each site has 30 amp or 50 amp electricity available.

Churches are beginning to invite me to speak in their services. I am telling them of our progress and the hopes we have about it. Presently there are eight churches that are sponsoring us and we greatly appreciate your help. If your church is not one of them please prayerfully consider making a contribution. Plans are being made for a Sunrise Service on Easter, April 16. Freedom Day will be on May 21.

Come see us!

Winston Smith



For great gospel listening go to 88.3 FM. The Gospel Station also has a great website which is

[www.thegospelstation.com](http://www.thegospelstation.com). Check it out!!

We have two churches in the BBA that have called new pastors in March. **Roddy Arnold**, former pastor of Reynolds Chapel, is the new pastor of **Hendrix Baptist Church**. **Dale Ballard** is the new pastor of **Brown Baptist Church**. Please take time to welcome these men of God and pray for their smooth transition into these new positions.

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## Women's Missions & Ministries

### "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalms 46:10a NIV).

Ladies, this month of April gives us two opportunities for drawing aside and fellowshiping with God and each other in two special settings. First, April 21-22 is the State Women's Retreat at Falls Creek. Hopefully you have received information on this from the State office and if not, contact Betty or Ethel and info will be forwarded to you. Of course, the Retreat at the Helm will be our main focus. Mary Smith will be our speaker on Friday evening. Many of you know her and her husband, Winston, and that they are ministering and working at Sunset Cove. She will be sharing about the volunteer work in which they have been involved. Friday night also will have some surprises, door prizes and special events which you can't miss. Saturday morning, Deborah Janssen will be sharing God's word and her heart for missions volunteering. She has blessed us before and we look forward to seeing her again. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday. Bring a sack lunch for Friday evening as well as bedding and personal items. Pray for the retreat and all who will be involved and that each one who comes will leave with a renewed sense of who she is in the Lord. (Please keep the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in your prayers also. Encourage and model sacrificial giving that others might come to know Jesus Christ as Savior.) "God is ready and waiting to give us good things, but our hands are too full to receive them." Ethel Gray and Betty Stout, Co-Consultants

## CALLING ALL RETIREES

The Senior Adults Road Runners are in need of new members. If you have a CDL license and would like to drive the bus once a month to take the group on their trips, that would be fantastic! This is a fun group that has lots of entertaining trips planned. The trip in April is to go to the Azalea Festival at Muskogee, OK. They will leave at 7:30am and stop for breakfast. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic at the park. Come join the Fun!! Call Betty Trammell at 580-847-2293 or the BBA office for more information.

### BBA Church News

**Associational Bible Drills** - We will have a local contest for 4th - 6th graders on April 23 at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church, Durant. Please contact Jean Fortenberry at 580-775-0875 if your church is participating in Bible drills.

**Revival - First Baptist Church of Platter** will be having a revival from **April 9 - 12**. The evangelist is **Richard Bailey** from Ada. The music minister is **David Pettet**. Sunday will be at 11:00am & 6:00pm. Monday - Wednesday will start at 7:00pm.

**Cowboy Crusade for Christ** - Sponsored by the **First Baptist Church of Caddo**. April 23 - 26 at the Caddo Rodeo Arena. Gate opens at 5:00pm nightly. Free Admission. Lots of Food, Fun & Worship!

## Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary !!

### Birthdays:

4/1 - Peggy Howard  
4/1 - Cindy Ford  
4/2 - Jane Loper  
4/3 - DeeDee Pena  
4/10 - Bobbie Curtis  
4/10 - Anthony Williams  
4/12 - Bob McLean  
4/12 - Tony Simmons  
4/15 - Tommy Fults  
4/21 - Lon Bolen  
4/23 - Annie Broder

4/26 - Jacob Toews  
4/26 - Jane Dunegan  
4/28 - Monty Wood  
4/29 - Cora Holloway  
4/30 - Carla Robbins  
**Wedding Anniversaries**  
4/7 - Joey & Carri Gosnell  
4/7 - Jacob & Sharon Toews  
4/19 - Danny & Lisa Spoon  
4/25 - Jim & Vesta Baker

4/26 - Bill & Shirley Paddock

### Ministry Anniversaries

4/95 - Vicki McLarry - Silo  
4/02 - Danny Spoon - Emmanuel  
4/1/02 - Jay Willoughby - Calvary  
4/76 - Gene Jackson - Armstrong  
4/6/03 - Joe Smith - Yuba



## Upcoming Senior Events

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

April 21 - Azalea Festival, Muskogee (This is a change from the schedule)  
May 4 & 5 - Granbury, TX  
Jun 23 - Greenville, TX

### Luncheons:

April 12 - Calera FBC  
May 10 - Durant FBC  
June 14 - Grace Indian BC



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 April 21. 580-924-2351**



## Positions Needed

**Pastors are needed at the following churches:** Achille First Baptist, Streetman Rd, Fairview, Faith Bokchito, Emmanuel, FBC Colbert.

**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.

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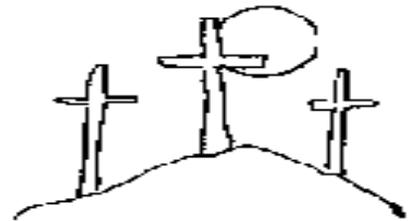
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## April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b>Easter Blessings!</b>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Daylight Savings Time Starts  <b>FFF Open House 2-4 pm</b>	<b>3</b> <b>BCM 1st Annual Golf Tournament &amp; Silent Auction</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>10</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Senior Luncheon at Calera FBC	<b>13</b> Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	<b>14</b>  BBA Office Closed	<b>15</b>	
 Sunrise Service at Sunset Cove	<b>17</b> Executive Board Meeting 7:00 @ Platter	<b>18</b> OK Southern Baptist Secretaries Association Spring Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Sunset Cove Meeting 12:00	<b>21</b> Roadrunner Trip, Azalea Festival, Muskogee	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b> VBS Clinic @ Colbert FBC, 2-4pm	<b>24</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>25</b> Falls Creek Assn. Organization Meeting 7:00pm at BBA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	<b>28</b> OK Baptist Men's Retreat @ Falls Creek <b>WMU Retreat at the Helm</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b>	Prayer Conference at Fairview BC with Matthew Skirah						